



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



Year C

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th August 2025

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary stayed on earth after her Son's Ascension, in order to give birth to his Church; but she could not remain forever in exile. Yet she was not to take her flight to heaven until this new fruit of her maternity had acquired the growth and strength which it belongs to a mother to give. How sweet to the Church was this dependence! — a privilege given to her members by our Lord in imitation of Himself. As we saw at Christmas-time, the God-Man carried first in the arms of His Mother, gathering His strength and nourishing His life at her virginal breast; so the mystical body of the Man-God, the Holy Church, received, in its first years, the same care from Mary as the divine Child our Emmanuel.

No wonder that in Jerusalem, favoured with so august a presence, the first group of the faithful rose unanimously above the observance of the precepts to the perfection of the counsels; they persevered in prayer, praising God in gladness and simplicity of heart, having favour with all the people; and they were of one heart and one soul.

This happy community could not but be an image of heaven on earth, since the Queen of heaven was a member of it; the example of her life, her all-powerful intercession, her merits more vast than all the united treasurers of all created sanctities, was Mary's contribution to this blessed family where all things were common to all.

From the hill of Sion, however, the Church had spread its branches over every mountain and every sea; the vineyard of the King of Peace was extended among all nations; it was time to let it out to the keepers appointed to guard it for the Spouse. It was a solemn moment; a new phase in the history of our salvation was about to begin: Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the friends hearken: make me hear Thy voice [Cant. 8:13]. The Spouse, the Church on earth, the Church in heaven: all were waiting for her, who had tended the vine and strengthened its roots, to utter a word such as that which had heretofore brought down the Spouse to earth. But today heaven, not earth, was to be the gainer. Flee away, O my beloved [ibid. 14]; it was the voice of Mary about to follow the fragrant footsteps of the Lord her Son up to the eternal mountains whither her own perfumes had preceded her.

From "The Liturgical Year" by Dom Prosper Guéranger, OSB

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

OLHC, Korobeit

1st & 3rd Saturday
16th August 6:30pm (Vigil)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon no Mass
Tue, Thu, Fri 7:30am
Wed & Sat 9:30am

CONFESSION

30 minutes prior to each Mass
& during Holy Hour

DEVOTIONS

Mon 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tue 7:00pm Holy Hour
Fri 24 hours First Friday Adoration
Sun 10:00am Rosary (Chapel)

FEAST DAYS

& SPECIAL MASSES

August

Fri 15th The Assumption of BVM (no 7:30am Mass)
9:30am School Mass in church and
7:00pm Mass in church
Wed 20th St Bernard of Clairvaux (no 9:30am Mass)
9:00am School Mass at school and
7:00pm Mass in church (tea/coffee/cake after)
Sun 24th Sacrament of Confirmation
2:00pm Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral

DIARY

August

Sun 10th Morning Tea (after 8:30am Mass)
Fri 15th Providence & Friends Mass
Sat 30th Trivia Night
Sun 31st Baptism Preparation Session

DONATE

To support our Parish,
scan the QR code,
or contact the Parish Office
to set up recurring contributions.



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Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

PARISH NEWS

FR AURELIO FRAGAPANE

Thank you to Fr Aurelio Fragapane for celebrating Masses for us while Fr John Paul has been away.

MORNING TEA

This Sunday 10th August, morning tea will be available after 8:30am Mass. All welcome.

PROVIDENCE & FRIENDS MASS

Parishioners are invited to the monthly Providence & Friends Mass this Friday 15th August. It will be held at 11am in Providence Village. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea/lunch. All welcome.

If transport is required, please contact Margot Short on 0419 507 438.

MASSES CANCELLED

Parishioners please note the following Masses have been cancelled:

7:30am Friday 15th August

9:30am Wednesday 20th August

ST BERNARD'S TRIVIA NIGHT 2025

Saturday 30th August at 6:30pm

Tickets are now available for our annual parish trivia night. Come and enjoy a fun-filled evening as you challenge fellow parishioners. Book a whole table (8 players), or buy individual tickets and we'll find a team for you.

BYO food & drinks. Adults \$20. Youth \$10.

Scan the QR code to secure your tickets.

Contact person: Thomas Halloran – 0431 504 402



PARISH THANKSGIVING

1st Collection: Presbytery – supports our Parish Priest and priests of the Archdiocese.

2nd Collection: Church – supports our Parish.

The 'Tap & Go' device is now permanently available in the Gathering Space for any financial contributions to the Church/Parish.

Also, direct transfers can be made to the Church account:

Account Name: St Bernard's Bacchus Marsh Church Account

BSB: 083 347 Account No.: 651663131

LET US PRAY

Recently Deceased

Auxiliary Bishop-Emeritus, Peter John Elliott.

Death Anniversaries

Lena Carli, Leonard Condon, William Cook, Jack Dannatt, Judith Delahey, Billy Gleeson, Eileen Hutchinson, Milos Kratochvil, Moya McGonegal, Edward Tudball.

The Sick

Barry Anderson, Brendan Coburn, Kathleen Dally, Dean Elms, Robert Elms, Frances, (baby) Caleb Silas Ginger, Hannah & Molly, Matthew Hilbert, Michael Johnston, John & Patricia Kelly, Michael Larkin, Joanne Mumford, Chinenye Victoria Oriaku Nwalozie, Peter Roberts, Laurie Shelly, Liz Shelly, Anthony Tabone, Carmel Welsh, and all those who need our prayers.

COMMUNITY

Soul Food

Soul Food provides a free meal each Wednesday (excluding school holidays). This community service is held in St Bernard's Parish Centre and is a free event. All are welcome. No need to book – just come along.

St Vincent de Paul Society Vic

Welfare assistance is available Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 3:00pm on 1800 305 330.

Vinnies Store is located at 164-190 Main Street.

Donations can be dropped off 7 days a week.

New members most welcome to our Conference.

Contact President, Peter Kennedy on

0407 778 119.

The Neighbour's Place

The Neighbour's Place is a Christian not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to serve people of the Moorabool Shire who are disadvantaged, at risk, or temporarily unable to feed themselves or their family. They offer a No Interest Loans Scheme.

77 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh

(03) 5367 6222 office@neighboursplace.org.au

9:30am – 12:30pm, Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Infant Baptism

Baptisms are held on the second & fourth Saturdays of the month at 11:00am. Preparation sessions are facilitated on the second Sunday of the month at 11:30am. Application forms can be downloaded from our website.

Sacraments for Children

If your child does not attend a Catholic school but would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation, application forms are available on our website.

Becoming Catholic

For adults wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation, you can register your interest on our website or speak directly to Fr John Paul.

Children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Vicki Benson
Jennifer Costin

Ron Geurts

Margaret Love
0437 247 779

Madeleine McManus
Peter Kennedy

REFLECTION

Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Australian Catholics once observed as many as thirty-six holy days of obligation each year (outside of Sundays). In recent times, this has been whittled down to two. That the Feast of the Assumption remains (the other is Christmas Day) is a testament to the importance of this celebration. Fifty countries around the world grant this day public holiday status.

Assumption Day has been associated with many traditions across many cultures. Here are just a few of examples.

In many Eastern Orthodox churches, the faithful are encouraged to fast for two weeks leading up to the feast, while the day itself is marked with special church services, processions and often fireworks.

Catholics in the Indian state of Goa mark the feast by preparing Patoleo – a traditional sweet made from grated coconut, sugarcane and cardamom, wrapped in rice paste and turmeric leaves.

In Uganda, an annual pilgrimage of thousands of faithful concludes with a festival on Assumption Day, attended by the country's president and highest archbishop.

Many European countries, such as France, Spain, Italy and Malta, hold public processions and street festivals in honour of the Virgin Mary.

Closer to home, churches in Australia offer additional services and the day is often preceded by a novena. The local Ta Pinu Shrine (just outside Bacchus Marsh) hosts an annual Rosary Procession, Mass and Benediction.

Whether with prayer, procession, food, or quiet devotion, Assumption Day invites us to honour Mary and reflect on the hope of heaven. How does your family mark this beautiful feast?

Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

3rd – 10th August

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Also pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

FREE FIDELITY MAGAZINES

Please take and read the free Fidelity magazines in the foyer. This issue features St Bernard's and the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia. If you enjoy the read, please consider subscribing.

MUSIC MINISTRY

If anyone is willing to offer their musical talents to provide music at the 5:00pm or 8:30am Masses, please contact the parish office or Fr John Paul Mount.

For those wishing to join the 10:30am choir, please speak to Fr John Paul.

MINISTERS

16th & 17th August

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	John Thorne	Colin Remedios	Jackie Tabone
8:30am	Peter Kennedy	Tup Shea	Lyn Shea
10:30am	Allan McManus	Shannon Harvie	

CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
[all bow during the next line]
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

AMEN

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre is available for hire
and can be booked through our Hall
Managers – Marie & Terry Casey.
All use must be authorised by the
Parish Office.

Phone: (03) 5367 3427
Mon - Fri, 9:00am - 6:00pm

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading *Wisdom 18:6-9*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that,
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in,
they would joyfully take courage.
This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes
you made us glorious by calling us to you.
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:
that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22*

R: *Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.

Response

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Response

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Response

Second Reading *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the
existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith
that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that
was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out
without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in
the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac
and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there
in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by
God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made
able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the
promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man,
and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants
than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of
sand on the seashore.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 24:42, 44*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 12:32-48*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid,
little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the
kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves
purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in
heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it.
For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit.
Be like men waiting for their master to return from the
wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes
and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds
awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an
apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in
the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those
servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of
this, that if the householder had known at what hour the
burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break
through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready,
because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not
expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for
everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is
faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his
household to give them their allowance of food at the proper
time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at
this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over
everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to
himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets
about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating
and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a
day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know.
The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as
the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not
even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very
many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but
deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive
fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him,
a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had
a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected
of him.'

Communion Antiphon *Psalms 147: 12, 14*

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

———— NEXT SUNDAY ————

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading	<i>Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Psalms 39:2-4, 18</i>
Second Reading	<i>Hebrews 12:1-4</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 12:49-53</i>