



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



Year C

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd August 2025

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Friday, we celebrate the feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Here is a very brief bio followed by a letter she wrote which is found now in the Office of Readings (Matins) of the Divine Office.

Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne and worked as a governess and a teacher to support her family. In 1866, she founded St Joseph's School, the first free Catholic school in Australia. With Father Julian Tenison Woods, she founded an order of nuns, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. They opened many schools and other charitable institutions, and continue to this day. She was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on 17th October 2010: the first Australian saint.

Extract from a letter by Mary MacKillop to Monsignor Kirby

"Oh, Father, I cannot tell you what a beautiful thing the will of God seems to me. For some years past, my Communion, my prayers, my intentions have all been for God's will to be done. I can never pray for a particular intention, a particular person, or anything particular about our own Institute, but in God's loved will, that is – whilst I desire with all my heart to pray for these, I cannot help at the same time desiring that He only use my prayers for the intention that His own will most desires at this time. Thus I feel a joy when things go well, for I see His will in this, and an equal joy when they seem to go wrong or against our natural desire, for there again I see His will, and am satisfied that He has accepted my prayers and those of many more for some other object at the time nearer to His adorable will.

To me, the will of God is a dear book which I am never tired of reading, which has always some new charm for me. Nothing is too little to be noticed there, but yet my littleness and nothingness has often dared to oppose it, and I am painfully conscious that in many ways I still in my tepidity offend against it without perceiving what I am doing. But such dear lessons as you gave me the other evening then come to my aid and encourage me, for the love of my sweet Jesus is too strong, too beautiful, and His merits too great, for me not to cling to Him."

Fr John Paul Mount

SUNDAY MASSES

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1st & 3rd Saturday
2nd & 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

Fri 8th St Mary MacKillop (no 7:30am Mass)
Aug. 9:30am School Mass in church
Parishioners welcome
Fri 15th The Assumption of BVM (no 7:30am Mass)
Aug. 9:30am School Mass in church and
7:00pm Mass in church
Wed 20th St Bernard of Clairvaux (no 9:30am Mass)
Aug. 9:00am School Mass at school and
7:00pm Mass in church (tea/coffee/cake after)

DIARY

August

Tue 5th Young Adults Group (18-35 years)
Wed 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thu 7th Craft & Cuppa Group
Thu 7th KSC – "God & Beer"
Sun 10th Morning Tea (after 8:30am Mass)
Fri 15th Providence & Friends Mass
Sat 30th Trivia Night
Sun 31st Baptism Preparation Session

DONATE

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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

Fr Aurelio Fragapane continues to celebrate Masses for us while Fr John Paul is away until Tuesday 12th August.

PROVIDENCE & FRIENDS AUGUST MASS

The August Mass at Providence Village has been moved from Friday 8th August to Friday 15th August at 11:00am.

MASSES CANCELLED

Parishioners please note the following Masses have been cancelled:

7:30am Friday 8th August
7:30am Friday 15th August
9:30am Wednesday 20th August

MORNING TEA

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

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

Noeline Haeday Riaca, Anna Samy.

Death Anniversaries

Brian Blood, Ian Dominguez, Mary Evans, David Fava, John McMahon, Kevin O'Brien, Audrey Peasley, Mary Shea, Gerard Wheelahan.

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes we see houses or units for sale for seemingly extraordinary amounts. It is refreshing to see people happy with an ordinary house, which will provide them with comfortable housing and safety, instead of luxury homes and items.

In today's Gospel, Jesus points out to us where our real treasure lies, offering us much wisdom. Where Jesus speaks of harvests and barns, we could speak of a magnificent home, luxury car, mobile phones, expensive clothes and furniture. There is nothing wrong with having possessions. It is insatiable greed in wanting more and more, that is the point of the parable.

So today we might ask ourselves: Where does my treasure lie? What do I really value? Do I envy others? These are questions we might reflect on today. The old adage is true: You cannot take it with you.

Sr Mary Fermio

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

3rd – 10th August

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago.

Run over three days, the festival provides young people from all across Australia with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is excited to be hosting ACYF from 30th November – 2nd December 2025 and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne.

For more information, see more information on Parish noticeboard or visit <https://acyf.org.au/>

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world: receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen

MINISTERS

9th & 10th August

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Sonia Smith	Vicki Benson	Jan & Colm Carragher
8:30am	Maira Ross	Colm Carragher	Jan Farmelo
10:30am	Beatrice Younger	Jenny Kearney	

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

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skillfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 89:3-6, 12-14, 17*

R: *In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.*

You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

Response

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

Response

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

Response

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

Response

Second Reading *Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 5:3*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 12:13-21*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.' But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

Communion Antiphon *Wisdom 16:20*

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

———— NEXT SUNDAY ————

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading	Wisdom 18:6-9
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22
Second Reading	Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12
Gospel	Luke 12:32-48