



St Anthony's Parish

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28th November 2021

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MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S 29/11-5/12 MELTON SOUTH

MASS TIMES: WEEKDAYS (no booking required)

Monday 29/11	6.30pm
Tuesday 30/11	9.30am
5.30pm Holy Hour followed by Mass at	6.30pm
Wednesday 1/12	7.30am & 9.30am
Thursday 2/12	9.30am
Friday 3/12	7.30am & 9.30am
First Friday Devotions	7.30pm & Midnight
First Saturday 4/12	8.30am

MASS TIMES: WEEKENDS

No booking required. Proof of double vaccination required

Saturday Vigil 4/12	5.00pm
Sunday 5/12	8.30am & 10.30am

Booking essential. Proof of vaccination NOT required

Sunday 5/12	5.00pm
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[St Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish | Melton South](#)

Confession available 30 minutes prior to each Mass.
No Confession available on Monday

ST BERNARD'S 29/11-5/12 BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES: WEEKDAYS (no booking required)

Tuesday 30/11	7.30am
7.30pm Holy Hour	
Wednesday 1/12	9.30am
Thursday 2/12	7.30am
Friday 3/12	9.30am
Saturday 4/12	9.00am

MASS TIMES: WEEKENDS

No booking required. Proof of double vaccination required.

Sunday 5/12	8.30am
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Bookings essential. Proof of vaccination NOT required.

Saturday Vigil 4/12	5.00pm
Sunday 5/12	10.30am

[St Bernard's Catholic Parish | Bacchus Marsh](#)
(stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au)

Confession available 30 minutes prior to each Mass.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

KOROBET

MASS TIME

6.30pm

If you need a Priest in the case of an emergency please call 0403 435 471

PARISHIONER'S FIRST COLLECTION/SECOND COLLECTION

Parishioners who normally give cash each weekend for the collections, if they wish to donate, are now able to go to the link below and make their payments online.

The link to the St Anthony's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMeltonSouth>

The link to the St Bernard's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayBacchusMarsh>

Please put your name and thanksgiving number if you know it as a reference.

REFLECTION ON WAITING

When we are waiting, we are filled with expectation, questions, eagerness – e.g. children waiting for Christmas Day. After Jesus left, the Christian community looked forward with great eagerness for his return, thinking it would soon occur. They were, therefore, full of expectancy.

Two thousand years later, we are still waiting, and this Advent time gives us the opportunity to look forward to the second coming of Christ. So, we celebrate his first coming, his birth and look forward to his second coming. How? We have no idea. The only thing we can be sure of is the coming of Jesus at our death. Some of us will have signs – illness, old age; for others it will be totally unexpected – an accident, a fire, flood, sudden unexpected illness, even our own carelessness.

Advent is a time of joyful preparation – not just for Christmas festivities – but for the day we meet Christ in death and St Paul tells us the way – it is an invitation to God to come and share the journey of my life.

"I hope that Jesus comes into the heart of each of you, blesses you and gives you strength to go forward." Pope Francis

Sr Mary Fermio rsj



ADVENT DINNER AND FORMATION SERIES

What are you doing to prepare for Christmas? Perhaps you are buying gifts, planning meals, or cleaning the house. These things are important, but after the difficulties of the last couple of years we all need something more. Our parishes are hosting a four-week Advent formation series to help you prepare your heart and mind for the birth of the Lord Jesus.

St Anthony's Church Meeting Room

7.00pm – 8.30pm Mondays of Advent
29/11/21 – Session 1: Prepare the Way
6/12/21 – Session 2: Trust in God
13/12/21 – Session 3: Watch and Pray
20/12/21 – Session 4: The Gift

St Bernard's Parish Centre

7.00pm – 8.30pm Thursdays of Advent
2/12/21 – Session 1: Prepare the Way
9/12/21 – Session 2: Trust in God
16/12/21 – Session 3: Watch and Pray
23/12/21 – Session 4: The Gift

Each session will begin with dinner at 7.00pm. Please bring a dish to share with the other participants. Please bring a pen for the formation sessions.

THE ADVENT WREATH BOOKLET

We have a booklet available for families with young children.

The booklet has activities and scripture reflections for the season of Advent.

Available in the Church foyer.



PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

SPECIAL COLLECTION– ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

We will be having our annual Father's Day Appeal this weekend. Due to lockdown this appeal has been delayed. The money raised through this special collection supports our retired Priests in the Archdiocese. Please give generously. Thank you.

ST ANTHONY'S

MEMORIAL MASS

Our Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday 30th November at 6.30pm. A light supper will be served after the service.

PARISH PHOTOS

Dear Parishioners we would like to archive and put photos on our website of our Parish, if you have any photos that you would like to share with us of Parish events please send them to judyparishnews@gmail.com or contact Lillian 0400 441 257 Please add names, dates and occasions if possible. Many thanks.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The Columban Calendars are now available from the Piety Stall for \$10.00 each.



THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection in the Church foyer.



St Anthony's Bingo is back! Start time: 7.00pm Finish time 9.45pm. We have 3 sessions per evening with a cost of \$9.00 a set (45 games).

Come and have a great social evening with your fellow parishioners and friends. Coffee and tea is provided and there are canteen services available.

ST BERNARD'S

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This year our Conference is providing a hamper of essential pantry items to families we have assisted during the year. Through the generosity of St Bernard's Primary School families, we will have sufficient items to make up the hampers, although we do require funds to purchase gift cards for the children of the families we are assisting. Donations towards these can be placed in the poor box in the Church or by contacting President Margot Short 0419 507 438 or Treasurer Peter Kennedy 0407 778 119.

ST BERNARD'S FINANCE CO REPORT -NOV 2021

Covid restrictions have curtailed many parish meetings and activities, however, Thanksgiving Offerings have generally met pre-covid levels. While the financial difficulties being experienced by many of our families are acknowledged, the running costs of our parish continue. Meeting these costs is a full parish responsibility so it behoves us all to have respectful discussions with fellow parishioners re this responsibility. It was also noted that there are parishioners who have not returned to Mass attendance and any offerings normally paid at Mass are being lost. It would be helpful if reasons for non-return, where known, could be advised.

Two matters discussed related to confessional works and church lighting. With confessional works, the safety of children and young people is the priority. A decision was taken to allow a narrow curtain to aid sound issues and alterations to provide separate entrances for the priest and person availing themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Cost \$4280.00.

The lighting in the nave will be replaced with cylindrical LED lights to reduce ongoing maintenance expenses. Cost \$7430.00. Donations gratefully accepted.

Decisions relating to the development of church land are dependent on MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools) determining their needs in relation to the old convent land. Margaret Love

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall will be open after the Sunday 8.30 Mass.

PROVIDENCE AND FRIENDS MASS

Parishioners are invited to the monthly Providence and Friends Mass on Friday 10th December at 11am.

Please bring a plate for morning tea/lunch.

If transport is required, please let the Parish Office know or call Margot Short 0419 507438.

Reminder: All attendees must be double vaccinated.

FORMED

We now have a parish FORMED subscription

FORMED is a Catholic streaming service. We have purchased a parish subscription that you can access for free at home. Please limit yourselves to one account per household. To register under our subscription, follow these steps:

1. Visit <https://signup.formed.org/>
2. Input St Anthony's & St Bernard's Catholic Parishes in the "Find your Parish" box.
3. Input your name and email address.
4. Visit formed.org on your preferred device to begin watching.

If you enjoy using FORMED, consider making a donation to our parish to help us keep providing this service.

WORSHIP NEWS

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT AND VALID WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 4th & 5th December

Please present yourself to the Mass Coordinator

15 minutes before the scheduled Mass time or a replacement will be found. Thank you.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm Vigil: Lisa Fernandes
8.30am: Amy Honrade
10.30am: Karina Dunne
5.00pm: Dolores Turcsan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Vigil: Gavin Pereira
8.30am: Lillian Christian
10.30am: George Bonello
5.00pm: Not rostered

If you are unavailable for these dates please contact Lesley at the Parish Office Thank you

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm Vigil: Leonia & Godwin
8.30am: Julie & Godwin
10.30am: Lillian & Deepa
5.00pm: Leonia & Annonika

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Tom Dagge, Martin Giordmaina, Lorenz Sapulovic, and Damina Sciberra

Please pray for the Sick: Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Melanie Fue, Bruce Hynes, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Lisa Melia, Damien Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Maiava Kuno Nickol, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri, Janko Stojanovic, Uatoa Tuigamala, Dolores Turcsan, Clint Abela Wadge & Wai Walsh and all those who have requested our prayers.

(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father we lift up all those who are facing illness. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. Amen



ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 4th & 5th December

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm:
8.30am: To be advised
10.30am:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm:
8.30am: To be advised
10.30am:

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

December: Jan Carragher

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for those who are recently deceased:

Carmel Andrews – (Griffith)

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Andrew Connell, Guinness Connell, William Delahey, Jean McGregor, Peter Mullins, Con Rigby, Roma Webster, and Kevin Unthank.

Please pray for the Sick:

Patricia Allison, Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Tina Bower, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Chris, Josephine Cilia, Robyn Cola, Ted Cooling, Marianne Cuskelly, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Theresa Dockter, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Adam Hillier, Leonie Kervin, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Chaiel Jackson, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Michael Larkin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Brian Marshall, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Mary Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Ken Shaw, Terry Sims, Marian Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, Catherine Time, Susan Trist, Dolores Turcsan, Stephen Van Eede, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Patricia Yazbek, & Betty Young.

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FAITH FORMATION

ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM– ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

Dear Parishioners

Keeping in line with the Archbishop's vision for Mission, the Parishes of St Anthony's and St Bernard's going forward will put together a new Baptism Preparation Program, for any parents who wish to have their child Baptised.



Preparations for Baptisms will take place on Saturdays alternating between both Parishes.

Parents must attend two sessions. Sessions will run from 12.00pm-3.30pm.

Baptisms will be held on Saturday mornings at 10.30am.

The new program will begin in February 2022. Bookings must be made to attend these sessions.

More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

ADULT PREPARATION Adult preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Fabian, Fr Marcus or Fr Lucas .

FATIMA STATUE—ST ANTHONY'S

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:



Group 1: Joseph & Caroline Da Rocha	0421 854 711
Group 2: Tune & Epi Kepu	0410 416 445
Group 3: Dragica Mladen Soldo	0466 482 035

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

1st Sunday of the Month-3.00pm

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



NEO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN 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,

[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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when
I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel
and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 24

Commentator: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

All: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my Saviour.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and
make you love one another and the whole human race as
much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts
in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our
God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with
all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the
Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind
of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants,
as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You
have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the
authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun
and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewil-
dered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men
dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for
the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will
see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and
great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand
erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is
near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with
debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and
that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it
will come down on every living man on the face of the
earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to
survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confi-
dence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield
its increase.

NEXT WEEK'S READING

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

—YEAR C

First Reading:	Baruch 5:1-9;
Second Reading:	Phil 1:4-6. 8-11;
Gospel:	Lk 3:1-6



Advent I

The History of the Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is a long-standing Catholic tradition. However, its origins are uncertain.

There is evidence of pre-Christian Germanic peoples using wreathes with lit candles during the cold and dark December days as a sign of hope in the future warm and sunny days of spring. In Scandinavia during winter, lighted candles were placed around a wheel, and prayers were offered to the god of light to turn "the wheel of the earth" back towards the sun to lengthen the days and restore warmth.

By the Middle Ages, the Christians adapted this tradition and used Advent wreathes as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. After all, Christ is "the Light that came into the world" to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God (cf. John 3:19-21). By 1600, both Catholics and Lutherans had more formal practices surrounding the Advent wreath.

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning that can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing.

Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells of how the cross was made of holly.

The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolise life and resurrection. All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who became true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His passion, death, and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Saviour.

Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolise the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete

Reverend William Saunders, www.catholiceducation.org

Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolises the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Some modern-day adaptations include a white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, which represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve. Another tradition is to replace the three purple and one rose candles with four white candles, which will be lit throughout Christmas season.

In family practice, the Advent wreath is most appropriately lit at dinner time after the blessing of the food. A traditional prayer service using the Advent wreath proceeds as follows: On the First Sunday of Advent, the father of the family blesses the wreath, praying: "Oh God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. Who live and reign forever. Amen."

He then continues for each of the days of the first week of Advent: "Oh Lord, stir up Your might, we beg You, and come, that by Your protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Your deliverance. Who live and reign forever. Amen." The youngest child then lights one purple candle.

During the second week of Advent, the father prays: "Oh Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Your only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve You with pure minds. Who live and reign forever. Amen." The oldest child then lights the purple candle from week 1 plus one more purple candle.

During the third week of Advent, the father prays: "Oh Lord, we beg You, incline Your ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Your visitation. Who live and reign forever. Amen." The mother then lights the two previously lit purple candles plus the rose candle.

Finally, the father prays during the fourth week of Advent: Oh Lord, stir up Your power, we pray You, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Your grace, Your merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Who live and reign forever. Amen." The father then lights all of the candles of the wreath.