



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR C

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st September 2025

— PADRE PIO —

Tuesday is the feast of St Pio of Pietrelcina, otherwise known affectionately as Padre Pio.

St Pio of Pietrelcina was born in 1887 and died in 1968 after spending some 50 years in the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo as a Franciscan friar.

It is remarkable that one of the Church's greatest miracle workers and mystics only died 57 years ago. He has converted, strengthened and inspired the faith of countless people by his miraculous life. Unfortunately, with the emergence of the internet, stories and sayings attributed to Padre Pio have proliferated to the point that some research is needed to separate fact from fiction. In any case, there are good biographies out there.

From the youngest age, Pio loved God and gave his life to Him. At 16 years old, he joined the Franciscans. The postulant (first) year there was so aesthetic and hard that Pio later said it was far too penitential – that's saying something for him to say!! In any case, his life from that point would be filled with prayer – especially the rosary – spiritual warfare, mystical experiences, Mass and confessions, the care of his spiritual children, persecution, building a hospital and all the while bearing the very wounds of Christ – the stigmata.

In 1918, St Pio was praying in the Chapel when he describes having a vision of Christ on the Cross. At the cessation of this vision, he came to realise the wounds on his own hands and feet. Just like St Francis of Assisi, the founder of his religious order, Padre Pio carried these wounds, called the 'stigmata', the rest of his life. Amazingly, the wounds only healed after his death. St Pio lived in such union with Our Lord, that Jesus gave Pio the grace of being even further united with Him, even sharing the self-giving mission of bearing His wounds with Him. St Francis of Assisi similarly received the stigmata after a vision of Christ on the cross, if you'd like to research that. The grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral has a magnificent statue of St Francis with the stigmata.

It can be difficult to quickly sum up Padre Pio's life. St Padre Pio was tireless in praying for others, especially those in desperate need – even miraculously appearing to people far away. He, like St John Vianney, could 'read souls' who came to him for confession or advice. This means that he already knew what was happening in their life and could help them in making a good confession or direct them in doing God's will. Yet, for all the miracles, he is above all a saint because of his faithful love and service of Christ and the Church day-in day-out. When others spread false rumours and reports to Rome, Pio was banned from saying public Mass. If we were capable of great miracles and bore the stigmata, perhaps we would be proud enough to disobey. He obeyed, and a couple of years later the ban was lifted as the truth prevailed. He, and Mary Mackillop both, gave saintly example in this manner of trial.

I encourage anyone to research the life of Padre Pio. A biographical book would be best rather than internet clips in my opinion. In any case, if you need an intercessor, adopt St Padre Pio and you will find a reliable help in your journey to God.

Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount

— SUNDAY MASSES —

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1 st & 3 rd Saturday	
4 th & 18 th Oct	6:30pm (Vigil)

— WEEKDAY MASSES —

Mon	no Mass
Tue, Wed, Fri	9:30am (<i>school holidays</i>)
Thu 25 th Sept	7:30am
Sat 20 th Sept	9:30am Mass cancelled

— 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)

— SCHOOL HOLIDAY —

— WEEKDAY MASS TIMES —

9:30am	23 rd - 26 th Sept (<i>except Thu 25th</i>)
7:30am	Thu 25 th Sept
9:30am	30 th Sept - 3 rd Oct

— DIARY —

September

Thu	25 th	Parish Office closed
Fri	26 th	Grand Final Public Holiday (<i>Parish Office closed</i>)

October

Mon	6 th	School Term 4 commences
Tue	7 th	Young Adults Group
Fri	10 th	Providence & Friends Mass
Sat	11 th	Reconciliation Commitment Mass 5pm
Sun	12 th	Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass

— DONATE —

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

PARISH NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

During the school holidays, weekday Mass times will be at 9:30am.

When school Term 4 commences on Monday 6th October, weekday Masses will resume at 7:30am on Tue, Thu & Fri, and 9:30am on Wed.

PARISH OFFICE & MASS TIMES

The Parish Office will be closed on the following days next week:

- Thursday 25th September
Mass on this day will be held at 7:30am
- Friday 26th September – Grand Final Public Holiday
Mass on this day will be held at 9:30am

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

St Bernard's Young Adults Group will be gathering again on Tuesday 7th October. Holy Hour will begin at 7:00pm and this will be followed by social activities and a formation talk in the hall.

A meal will be provided at 6:00pm for those interested. For catering purposes, if you are coming for the meal, please text the number of people in your group to 0423 965 819. Also include the words "Young Adults Group" in the text.

PROVIDENCE & FRIENDS MASS

The next Providence & Friends Mass will be held on Friday 10th October at 11am in Providence Village.

All parishioners are welcome to attend and are invited to bring a plate to share for morning tea/lunch.

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

PARISH DONATIONS

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

2nd Collection: Church – supports our Parish.

A 'Tap & Go' device for donating to the Church account is in the Gathering Space.

Direct transfers can also 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

Betty Joan Tout

Death Anniversaries

Lindsay Dally, Francis McGlinchey, Leslie Scott, Gwen Tottle, Jack Walta.

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, 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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is an old song, "Money is the root of all evil". Greed leads to all types of crime, loss of friendships, loss of property. Some families keep a strict record of their income and expenditure to prevent poverty and to save for necessities, and it can overtake the rest of their lives.

The last words of the Gospel, "You cannot be the slave of both God and money", should be a warning to us. The word "slave" can imply a negative, controlling aspect to life. For some, money is the only thing they can think about, and all is done to obtain more and more – shares, possessions, deposits, etc. This can happen regardless of what hurt others might endure. Jesus gives us a choice – God or money. Some are able to live for God and possess riches.

How would I respond if I was asked to draw up a balance sheet of my relationship with God and money?

Sr. Mary Fermio

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.

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

27th & 28th September

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Sonia Smith	John Thorne	Jan Farmelo
8:30am	Nathan Costin	Tup Shea	Jan & Colm Carragher
10:30am	Beatrice Younger	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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading *Amos 8:4-7*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 112:1-2, 4-8*

R: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!

Response

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

Response

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

Response

Second Reading *1 Timothy 2:1-8*

My dearly beloved,
I urge that supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for
everyone,
for kings and all who are in high positions,
so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life
in all godliness and dignity.
This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our
Saviour,
who desires everyone to be saved
and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and the
human race,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all;
this was attested at the right time.

For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle,
a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.
I am telling the truth, I am not lying.

Gospel Acclamation *2 Corinthians 8:9*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
To make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 16:10-13*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'The man who can be trusted in little things can be
trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little
things will be dishonest in great. If then you
cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing,
who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you
cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will
give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he
will either hate the first and love the second, or
treat the first with respect and the second with
scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and
of money.'

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts
to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

————— NEXT SUNDAY —————

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading *Amos 6:1, 4-7*
Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 145:6-10*
Second Reading *1 Timothy 6:11-16*
Gospel *Luke 16:19-31*