



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR C

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th September 2025

— SAINT PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI —

Man of the Beatitudes

Catholic Saints serve as inspiring witnesses to the salvation and fullness of life offered by Jesus Christ. Their lives are testimonies of ordinary people – who became extraordinary and heroic – by living their lives in service of Christ and in service of others. The Church has given us two new shining examples of holiness in the modern world with the recent canonizations of Sts Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis, canonized on September 7, 2025, by Pope Leo XIV.

I first encountered Pier Giorgio (1901-1925) as a young man and was inspired by his joy and vivacity for life. He was the first Saint I had seen photographed laughing with friends (with a cigar in his hand no less!). He loved mountain climbing, skiing, sports of all kinds, practical jokes and socialising with friends. He is also one of those rare saints whose body is incorrupt (i.e. his body has not decomposed even though he died 100 years ago). Amidst his frequent outdoor adventures and active social life, Pier Giorgio had a deep and profound spiritual life which overflowed into sharing his faith with friends and serving the poor.

Pier Giorgio spent a lot of his time in the slums of Turin, moving from apartment to apartment, listening to the needs of, and befriending the poor. Being wealthy, he paid for clothes, medicine, food, furniture etc. and read the Bible, catechized, and encouraged families to pray and go to Church. At the age of 21, Pier Giorgio was financially supporting over 125 families.

One day, Pier Giorgio brought a friend along, and after visiting a few different families, his friend remarked, "How can you stand the stench of these smelly apartments?" Pier Giorgio responded, "Every morning Jesus comes to me in Holy Communion, and I repay Him by visiting his poor." Pier Giorgio had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, receiving Holy Communion daily, which was rare at the time, and often spent whole nights in adoration.

He also had a great devotion to Our Lady; in his journal he recorded praying the rosary 120 times in one month! He consecrated himself to Mary's Immaculate Heart as a teenager and once wrote to a friend, "The Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin are the two pillars of my prayer life."

Pier Giorgio died of polio at the age of 24. When he was beatified by St Pope John Paul II, the holy father named him, "The Man of the Beatitudes." Pier Giorgio lived a saintly life, and he provides an example on how to lead such a life.

"I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible. Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles, the struggles against passions and against all adversities, because Jesus Christ has promised to those who feed themselves with the most Holy Eucharist, eternal life and the necessary graces to obtain it."

St Pier Giorgio, pray for us!

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He and his family are Parishioners of St. Bernard's.*

— 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, Thu, Fri	9:30am
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)

— SCHOOL HOLIDAY —

— WEEKDAY MASS TIMES —

9:30am	Tue 30 th Sept – Fri 3 rd Oct
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— DIARY —

October

Thu	2 nd	Parish Office closed
Sun	5 th	Daylight Saving commences (advance clocks forward 1 hour)
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
Fri	24 th	St Bernard's School Fete

November

Sat	1 st	St Bernard's Bush Dance
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— DONATE —

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



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309 Myrniong-Korobeit Road
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— Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults. —

PARISH NEWS

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Daylight Saving commences next Sunday 5th October.
Don't forget to advance clocks forward 1 hour.

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.

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.

ST BERNARD'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday 24th October, 4pm - 8pm

Food / Stalls / Rides / Jumping Castle

Major Raffle – \$20 per ticket

\$3,000 Flight Centre Travel Voucher

Winner will be drawn at 7pm on the night.

Raising funds for school improvements.

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: Archdiocese of Melbourne Catholic Development Fund
St Bernard's Parish Bacchus Marsh

BSB: 083 347 Account No.: 651663131

LET US PRAY

Recently Deceased

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Death Anniversaries

Domenica Amato, Brian Dobson, Mark Densley,
Frank McMahon, Kerry Mullane, Nova O'Shea,
Patricia Pidoto, Alma Trask, Edward Wilkison.

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many of you, I am sure, have walked past someone on our city streets who was begging for assistance. Maybe just sitting there expecting, hoping for some help. One may wonder "Is he in genuine need, or not?"

Jesus tells a story in today's gospel of Lazarus sitting at the rich man's gate hoping for some help. Covered in sores, he would not have been a pretty sight and would have repulsed those who walked past. He died and went to heaven.

Many refugees have arrived on our shores looking for a better life, sometimes finding a welcome, sometimes being locked in detention centres, hoping each day to be allowed to leave, to provide an education for their children. Are they treated like Lazarus and ignored?

May our ears and hearts be opened to feel the discomfort of the Gospel.

Sr. Mary Fermio

ST BERNARD'S BUSH DANCE

Saturday 1st November at 6:00pm

St Bernard's will host our second bush dance on Saturday 1st November at 6pm in the St Bernard's Primary School Hall. Bring your family and friends to enjoy traditional Australian Bush tunes and guided dances by the Bakery Hill Band. No skills needed!

Please bring a plate to share for supper. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

Children are encouraged to dress as their favourite saint to celebrate All Saints Day. There will be a fashion parade with prizes to be won!

Book now by scanning the QR code, or by going to www.trybooking.com/DFVFJ

Adults (18+) – \$20

Youth (13-17) – \$10

12 and under – Free



The Social Committee is asking for donations to help create wonderful raffle prizes to be won at the bush dance. The proceeds will go towards supporting our parish. Donations can be left in the church Gathering Space after each Mass until Sunday 26th October.

FREE TO GOOD HOME

The Parish has 17 round tables, 1 rectangular table and about 50 chairs surplus. If interested, please enter your details in the notebook in the Gathering Space, and Vicki will contact you regarding pickup / collection.

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

4th & 5th October

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Maureen Zahra	Vicki Benson	Jackie Tabone
8:30am	Moir Ross	Colm Carragher	Lyn Shea
10:30am	Shannon Harvie	Cheryl Stevens	

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

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
 you have done with true judgement,
 for we have sinned against you
 and not obeyed your commandments.
 But give glory to your name
 and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading *Amos 6:1, 4-7*

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
 and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of
 Samaria.
 Lying on ivory beds
 and sprawling on their divans,
 they dine on lambs from the flock,
 and stall-fattened veal;
 they bawl to the sound of the harp,
 they invent new instruments of music like David,
 they drink wine by the bowlful,
 and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
 but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
 That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
 the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 145:6-10***R: Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
 who executes justice for the oppressed;
 who gives food to the hungry.
 The Lord sets the prisoners free.

Response

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind
 and lifts up those who are bowed down;
 the Lord loves the righteous
 and watches over the strangers.

Response

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
 but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
 The Lord will reign forever,
 your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Response**Communion Antiphon**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
 by which you have given me hope.
 This is my comfort when I am brought low.

NEXT SUNDAY**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

First Reading *Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4*
Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 94:1-2, 6-9*
Second Reading *2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14*
Gospel *Luke 17:5-9*

Second Reading *1 Timothy 6:11-16*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and
 religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the
 good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to
 which you were called when you made your profession and
 spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before
 God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up
 as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you
 the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or
 failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who at the due time will be revealed
 by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
 the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
 who alone is immortal,
 whose home is in inaccessible light,
 whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
 to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used
 to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every
 day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus,
 covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps
 that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked
 his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the
 angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and
 was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long
 way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father
 Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in
 water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames."
 "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good
 things came your way, just as bad things came the way of
 Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in
 agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has
 been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our
 side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus
 to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them
 warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too."
 "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them
 listen to them." "Ah, no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but
 if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent."
 Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to
 Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if
 someone should rise from the dead."