



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR C

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th October 2025

— SAINT CARLO ACUTIS —

When Pope Leo XIV canonised Italian teenager St Carlo Acutis on 7th September, the Church and the world gained its first millennial saint. Pope Leo told the 80,000-strong crowd in St Peter's Square for the canonisation of St Carlo, and St Pier Giorgio Frassati, that the new saints "are an invitation to all of us, especially young people, not to squander our lives, but to direct them upward and make them masterpieces".

But what does it mean to teenagers of today now that the Church has its first millennial saint? I asked this question of my 13-year-old daughter and niece. They told me that St Carlo's canonisation is important because he is "just like us" and he's "more relatable because he used technology".

St Carlo was born in London in 1991 to Italian parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, and was raised in Milan. He had a great devotion to the Eucharist from a young age. He received his first Holy Communion at the age of seven and attended daily Mass.

It was Carlo's love for the Eucharist that encouraged his parents to take their own faith more seriously. Before Carlo, Antonia said that she had only attended Mass for her first Holy Communion, confirmation, and marriage. But by Carlo's exemplary love for the Eucharist, "I started to go to Mass again," Antonia said. "And this was actually because of Carlo. Carlo, for me, was a sort of little saviour." Carlo's witness of faith also influenced his au pair, Rajesh Mohur, to convert from Hinduism to Catholicism. Later, Rajesh's mother also converted.

Much like teenagers today, Carlo loved playing video games, but his mother said he limited his time on his PlayStation to one hour a week "because he didn't want to become a slave" to gaming. Instead, he used his technological talents wisely, creating a website that catalogued and detailed Eucharistic miracles worldwide. The website led to an exhibition of Eucharistic miracles, and both the website and the travelling exhibition can still be viewed today.

Carlo described Our Lady as "the only woman in my life" and said praying the daily Rosary was his "most important appointment of the day".

On 1st October 2006, Carlo was suffering from an inflamed throat. Within a week, he was too weak to leave his bed and was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. He was rushed to intensive care and died on 12th October 2006. He was just 15 years old. Carlo was buried wearing jeans and Nike sneakers in Assisi, a place he had visited many times on holiday and due to his affinity with St Francis.

The miracles attributed to St Carlo's intercession and that led to his beatification and canonisation were the curing of a young Brazilian boy with a serious birth defect in 2014 and the healing of a Costa Rican woman after a life-threatening bicycle accident in 2022.

St Carlo Acutis may have been "just like us", but may we strive to be "just like him" in our own love for the Eucharist, Mary and a commitment to using technology for good. As Pope Leo says, may our millennial saint inspire us all to direct our lives "upward and make them masterpieces".

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— 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, 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)

— WEEKDAY MASS TIMES —

Tue, Thu, Fri	7:30am
Wed, Sat	9:30am

— DIARY —

October

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 —

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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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

School Term 4 commences this Monday 6th October. Weekday Masses 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 this Tuesday 7th October. Holy Hour begins at 7:00pm, 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 Providence & Friends Mass will be held this 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.

RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS

Parishioners please note that the 5:00pm Mass next Saturday 11th October will be a Commitment Mass for the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in November this year.

ST BERNARD'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday 24th October, 4pm - 8pm

Having a Spring Clean? St Bernard's School is seeking donations of good quality preloved books, toys, plush dolls and teddies for re-sale at the School Fete. Donations can be left at the front office at school until close of the day on Wednesday 22nd October. Please contact Ruth at admin@sbbacchusmarsh.catholic.edu.au or call 5366 5800.

All parishioners are welcome to the School Fete. Please see notices in the foyer for more information and a chance to win a \$3,000 travel voucher. All proceeds go toward school improvements. Thanks for your support!

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

Peter Bennett, Stuart Harvie.

Death Anniversaries

Justin Callaway, Carmen Farrugia, Shirley Stone (nee Duncan), Ida Suban, Edna Thorne, Edward Thorne, John Trask.

The Sick

Barry Anderson, Brendan Coburn, Kathleen Dally, Dean Elms, Robert Elms, Frances, Nola Franklin, 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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith is something we exercise dozens of times during the day. I turn on a tap and believe I shall get water. The car starts, the traffic lights work, I drive on the left side believing so will the rest of the motorists. But these are things we can see.

Our faith in an invisible God is something many find difficult. Many believe that if Jesus was here, it would be easy. But hundreds who lived in the same town and country as Jesus did not believe him, so they crucified him as a criminal.

Faith is about loving someone and developing a relationship with them. That means talking to them and listening to them. Faith in God is about developing a relationship with God through prayer, viz talking to each other. Prayer is about listening as well as talking to God.

Spending time in conversation with God will increase my love and personal relationship with God.

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.

SPONSOR A CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS

Soul Food Program Inc has seen a huge increase in our numbers of guests over the last few years. Last year, we provided Christmas gifts for 108 children in need. Soul Food are once again looking for generous people to be a sponsor for one of our children this Christmas. You will be given a first name and age, and asked to buy some presents for the child, to put into a gift bag (unwrapped) and deliver to Soul Food for distribution. The present will be handed to your child at our Christmas function, or to the parent for use on Christmas Day. For many of our children, these are the only gifts they will receive for Christmas.

We would like to collect the presents in the last week of November, so we can be organised early. If this is something you would like to do, please call Jenny on 0408 104 155, and you will be allocated a local child in need of a little help.

MINISTERS

11th & 12th October

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Vicki Benson	Colin Remedios	Carmel Shea
8:30am	Sam Butler	Volunteer	Margot Short
10:30am	Dominic van der Linden	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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things,
the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading 1:2-3, 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 94:1-2, 6-9*

**R: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Response

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

Response

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Response**Communion Antiphon**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that
God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's
gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of
power, and love, and self-control. So you are never
to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or
ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me,
bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News,
relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have
heard from me, in the faith and love that are in
Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after
something precious; guard it with the help of the
Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Peter 1:25**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!**Gospel** Luke 17:5-9

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'
The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a
mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree,
"Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would
obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding
sheep, would say to him when he returned from the
fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?"
Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper
laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat
and drink. You can eat and drink yourself
afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for
doing what he was told? So with you: when you
have done all you have been told to do, say, "We
are merely servants: we have done no more than
our duty."'

———— **NEXT SUNDAY** ————

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

<i>First Reading</i>	2 Kings 5:14-17
<i>Responsorial Psalm</i>	<i>Psalms 97:1-4</i>
<i>Second Reading</i>	2 Timothy 2:8-13
<i>Gospel</i>	Luke 17:11-19