



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR C

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9th November 2025

It has been one of those weeks where I have celebrated almost every Sacrament, plus a funeral. Every Sacrament except Confirmation and Holy Orders. Having said that, we have three adults being Confirmed at the end of the month, and I was at the ordination to the Diaconate of Reece Lowther last Saturday. We some very impressive young men training for the priesthood, thanks be to God, please pray for them.

— SAFEGUARDING 2025 —

As we are approaching the end of the year, I thought I'd attempt to give a summary of what our Parish has accomplished in the area of Safeguarding this year. A big thanks to our Safeguarding Committee for all their amazing work this year.

As you know, all employees and volunteers in our Parish must have a Working With Children Check (WWCC) and complete the Online Training (SET or Safeguarding Essentials Training) which includes a Commitment Statement. Some volunteer workers are also required to get a Police Check. We call this generally, 'compliance', to make it easier to talk about. I am happy to say, after a lot of work, our Parish is fully up-to-date in this.

One of the first things we did was update our website, which has a very comprehensive Safeguarding Page. On this you will find our Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy, our Commitment Statement, and also links to help Parishioners complete/update their WWCC and do the SET.

Our Newsletter/Bulletin has a short Commitment Statement each week at the bottom of the front page. Also, inside we have the names of the Safeguarding Committee and a notice regarding supervision of children. You will also find certain messages and observances such as on Safeguarding Sunday, and this current yearly update from me.

Speaking of some observances, you will notice that on some Sundays there will be a prayer of the faithful dedicated to pray for healing for victims and prayers that our Parish will remain safe.

In the Gathering Space you will notice also a visible, priority place given to Safeguarding. On this is a Reporting Flow Chart, a notice and link to our Safeguarding Policy, and an easily readable poster. You'll also find on the noticeboard occasional posters observing a particular event like Safeguarding Sunday. This week there is a letter from the Archbishop regarding a 'Service of Lament'.

This year a particular effort was given to bring our risk assessments up to date. We have completed risk assessments for our liturgical celebrations, regular events and Parish catechesis. We also continue to be better in establishing an habitual practice of completing risk assessments for Parish events.

In the Sacristy we have a sign up sheet for visiting Clergy, which is a practice Australia wide. For some background, if clergy visit from another diocese, clergy write to our Vicar General asking permission to minister in this Archdiocese. In this process, the clergy provide the Archdiocese with their ACMR (Australian Catholic Minister Register) number, and the Archdiocese check they are in 'good standing', communicate with the diocese they come from, and then give approval when all checks out. I, and the rest of the clergy in Australia, are very used to this process when we visit another diocese.

In regards to Altar servers, we ensure that two adults are always present. We also have a sign-up sheet, to keep records of who is present. And lastly, we provide Altar Servers' parents with a Safeguarding information pack.

I want to thank all in our Parish for your Safeguarding awareness and efforts. On behalf of our Parish, I want to thank all of our Safeguarding Committee members for their dedication to this important work in our Parish.

Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount

— SUNDAY MASSES —

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1st & 3rd Saturday	
15th Nov, 6th Dec	6:30pm (Vigil)

— WEEKDAY MASSES —

Mon	no Mass
Tue, Thu, Fri	7:30am
Wed	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)

— DIARY —

November

Sun	9th	Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass
Sun	9th	Baptism Preparation Session
Tue	11th	Remembrance Day
Tue	11th	Young Adults Group
Fri	14th	Providence & Friends Mass
Thu	20th	Sacrament of Reconciliation & Liturgy in Church at 6:30pm
Sun	23rd	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Thu	27th	Enrol for Sacraments 2026 in Parish Centre at 6pm

December

Sun	7th	Baptism Preparation Session
Thu	11th	Whole School End of Year Mass in School Gym at 9am
Sun	14th	St Bernard's Christmas Family Day

— DONATE —

To support our Parish,
scan the QR code,
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

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations of cakes, books and toys in support of this year's school fete. It was great to see so many parishioners there. Thanks for helping to make the event a success and for all your support and encouragement for the children all throughout the year. With gratitude, Sr Mary Sarah and the St Bernard's School Community.

KSC RAFFLE

The Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) is raising money to continue their annual scholarships at St Bernard's Primary School.

Raffle Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Space following all weekend Masses over the next few weeks, with four local prizes to be won.

Tickets – \$2 each, or 3 for \$5.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

St Bernard's Young Adults Group will be gathering again this Tuesday 11th 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 14th November 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 CHRISTMAS FAMILY DAY

Sunday 14th December

Save the date for this year's Christmas Family Day.

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

Iracema Assuncao

Death Anniversaries

Lorna Hives, Millie Thompson, Desmond Transk.

The Sick

Barry Anderson, Brendan Coburn, Kathleen Dally,
Dean Elms, Robert Elms, Nola Franklin,
Frances, Caleb Silas Ginger, Karen & Astrid
Karenpaula, Hannah & Molly, Michael Johnston,
John & Patricia Kelly, Michael Larkin,
Vivian Malubay, Joanne Mumford,
Chinenye Victoria Oriaku Nwalozie,
Peter Roberts, 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.

Bacchus Marsh

St Vincent de Paul Conference

We support people in need within our community by providing practical assistance such as food parcels, food vouchers, bill relief, clothing, furniture as well as offering person to person support.

Welfare assistance is available Monday - Friday,
10:00am - 3:00pm on 1800 305 330.

New members most welcome.

Contact 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

— NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS —

As we approach November, we have the opportunity to honour our departed loved ones in a special way. There is a clipboard in the Gathering Space for parishioners to enter the names of their cherished departed family and friends.

— ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL —

The Christmas appeal directly supports our conference to provide hampers to families in need in the local area. Our Parish is always greatly supportive, thank you all.

St Vincent de Paul is asking for your support through either cash donations to the poor box, gift vouchers to allow parents to buy presents, OR food items that can be added to hampers.

Peter Kennedy, our local St Vincent de Paul President, will speak after each Mass this week.

— PARISH RESOURCE WORKING GROUP —

The Parish RWG, a sub-committee of the Parish Finance Committee, first met in October 2024 to work with the Archdiocesan Property Strategy Process rationalising parish property; especially the former Josephite Convent, its land, and the land around the church. The group has met monthly since and will ultimately prepare a Master Plan which will be submitted to the Archdiocese. The Plan will be presented to the Parish before it is submitted to the Archdiocese. Work in hand for the RWG involves planning for the site around the church and will take the next few months to complete so the Master Plan is several months away. A more detailed explanation of the formation of the RWG and its work is in the Gathering Space.

— PIETY STALL —

2026 Columban Art Calendars are now available to purchase from the Piety Stall for \$11 each.

Christmas cards are also now in stock – \$4 for a pack of 5.

— 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 —

15th & 16th November

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Vicki Benson	Volunteer	Marj Tung
8:30am	Moira Ross	Tup Shea	Dianne Shelly
10:30am	Allan McManus	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

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

First Reading *Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12*

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9***R: The waters of the river gladden the city of God.**

God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress,
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea.

Response

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day

Response

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.

*Response***Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17*

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation *cf Philipians 3:20***Alleluia, alleluia!**

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!**Gospel** *John 2:13-22*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

Communion Antiphon

Be built up like living stones,
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

———— **NEXT SUNDAY** ————

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C*First Reading* *Malachi 3:19-20**Responsorial Psalm* *Psalms 97:5-9**Second Reading* *2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**Gospel* *Luke 21:5-19*