



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR A

PALM SUNDAY

29th March 2026

— EASTER TRIDUUM —

My one purpose today is to encourage you all to come to the Holy Week ceremonies. These ceremonies are called the Easter Triduum, namely Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. This is the most sacred time of our year.

On Thursday at 7:00pm, we begin the Mass of Holy Thursday, often called the Last Supper. We sing the Gloria and ring the bells which will not be heard again until Easter. This night we celebrate the institution of the new and eternal Covenant (in Latin, Testament) – which is to say, the institution of the Mass. This includes the institution of the Eucharist and the institution of the Priesthood of Jesus Christ (it is a priest's feast day). We also have the ceremony of the washing of the feet (the 'mandatum'). And lastly, as Our Lord processed after Supper with the Apostles to the Garden, so we process with the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose to keep vigil with Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane during His agony. The Parish Centre for the altar of repose will remain open until midnight which is when Our Lord is arrested. Please spend some time with our Lord during this time.

Good Friday 3:00pm service begins in silence just as Holy Thursday ceremony ends in silence. This shows how the Triduum is indeed one Mass, one ceremony. We begin Good Friday service with a period of silence as we all kneel and the priest prostrates before the altar. Then we read the Passion from St John followed by the Solemn Intercessions. After that, we have the procession of the Cross and the Adoration of the Cross. The only music for this service will be sung during the adoration, including the 'Reproaches' which goes back to the 8th Century. And after uniting ourselves with the death of Christ with Holy Communion, we depart in silence, the Tabernacle empty. Good Friday ends in silence as the ceremony, the Triduum, continues to the Vigil which will begin in silence.

The Easter Vigil is on Saturday at **7:30pm** and is the greatest ceremony of the Church's year when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It begins in darkness. The Easter fire outside being the symbol of creation 'ex nihilo' (out of nothing) and also the symbol of a new, eighth day, of creation. The Paschal candle is lit and processed, stopping in the same places as the procession of the Cross on Friday. The priest sings the 'Exaltet' hymn in praise of the Paschal candle. In darkness we listen to the Scriptures, before singing the Gloria and the Church is filled with light. Thanks be to God we have many adults receiving Sacraments as I mentioned last week. We bless the Easter holy water at the font, renew our Baptismal vows, and are sprinkled with the water while the 'Vidi Aquam' is sung. Then Mass continues – the Mass which makes present on the altar, Jesus, alive, risen, ascended, offering for us the new and eternal covenant won for us over these last three days.

Fr. John Paul Mount

— SUNDAY MASSES —

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1st & 3rd Saturday
18th Apr & 2nd May 6:30pm (Vigil)

— WEEKDAY MASSES —

Mon no Mass
Tue 31st Mar 7:30am
Wed 1st Apr 9:30am
Thu 2nd Fri 3rd Sat 4th no Masses

*During school holidays (7th-18th Apr),
weekday Masses will be held at 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
Fri 7:00pm First Friday Holy Hour
Sun 10:00am Rosary (Chapel)

— DIARY —

March

Sun 29th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April

Wed 1st Last day of School Term 1
Thu 2nd Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7pm
followed by Altar of Repose
Fri 3rd Stations of the Cross – 10am
followed by Confessions
and Hot Cross Buns
The Passion of the Lord – 3pm
Sat 4th Easter Vigil – 7:30pm
Sun 5th Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
Fri 10th Providence & Friends Mass
Sun 12th Baptism Preparation – 11:30am
Sat 18th Parish Outdoor Cinema

— 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

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Easter Raffle.

This weekend is your final opportunity to buy tickets.

\$2 each, or three for \$5.

Winners will be drawn this Sunday after the 10:30am Mass.

Lots of prizes on offer!

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00pm
Holy Thursday – followed by Altar of Repose	until midnight
Good Friday – Stations of the Cross	10:00am
Good Friday – Confessions	10:30am
Good Friday – Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	3:00pm
Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil	7:30pm
Easter Sunday – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection	8:30am & 10:30am

Ceremonies at St Patrick's Cathedral

Chrism Mass – Tuesday 31 st March	10:00am
Tenebrae – Good Friday 3 rd April	7:30pm

HOT CROSS BUNS

Hot Cross Buns will be available on Good Friday after Stations of Cross. Other Christian communities of Bacchus Marsh will also be joining us. Please make them feel welcome.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Please note that weekday Mass times during the school holidays (7th-18th April) will be held at 9:30am.

PARISH DONATIONS

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

Death Anniversaries

Nazzareno Azzopardi, Br Brendan, Franca Cinel, Wally Elmer, Irene Gaynor, Ian Hine, Myrna Jones, Elizabeth Lang, Brenden Love, Brice Lummis, Daphne Pocock.

The Sick

Kathleen Brennan, Charles, 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, Krystal Shea, 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 Holy 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 COMMITTEE

Vicki Benson - Officer
0448 966 120

Jennifer Costin

Ron Geurts

Madeleine McManus

Peter Kennedy

CHURCH CLEANING BEE RESCHEDULED

Unfortunately, we have had to reschedule our cleaning bee. A new date and more information will be provided in the following weeks for those who would like to attend. Any questions, please contact Paul Miesen on 0419 834 991 or Madeleine McManus on 0434 945 598.

PROVIDENCE & FRIENDS

Parishioners are invited to the monthly Providence & Friends Mass to be held on Friday 10th April at 11:00am. Please bring a plate for morning tea/lunch.

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

PARISH OUTDOOR CINEMA

Save the Date – Saturday 18th April

We are hosting a parish outdoor movie night on Saturday 18th April on the grounds of the Korobeit church. Bring your picnic rugs and chairs. More details in the coming weeks.

PARISH CENSUS

We are currently taking our Parish Census to update our database. This information is only used for Parish purposes. Thanks to those who filled out a census card. If you haven't filled out a census card, please fill one out and put in a collection basket or give it to Fr John Paul after Mass. Thank you.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

Our donations to Project Compassion this Lent will make a positive difference to people in need, especially those coping with humanitarian emergencies in many countries around the world. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, or a single envelope (which covers six weeks of giving), or by scanning the QR code, or online at www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate, or by calling 1800 024 413.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday 3rd April. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday, and keep them in your prayers.

JAM ON THE MAT

JAM on the Mat for little ones (babies, toddlers and preschoolers) held at St Bernard's Primary School on Thursdays at 10:45am. Cost \$15 per family. To find out more, contact darleyjamsession@gmail.com.

ROSTERS

Flowers : April – Rosabella

Ministers – Easter Services : 4th & 5th April

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Readers and	Eucharist Ministers	Jackie Tabone
8:30am	have been	allocated	Jennifer Taylor
10:30am	and advised	accordingly	Neida Funina

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

Gospel *Matthew 21:1-11*

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village facing you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her: untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.'

This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Sion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?'

And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.'

Entrance Antiphon *Matthew 21:1-11*

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!
O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading *Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24*

R: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Response

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.

Response

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

Response

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

Response**Second Reading** *Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation *Philippians 2:8-9*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel *Matthew 26:14 – 27:66*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

NEXT SUNDAY**Sunday of the Resurrection**

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Acts 10:34, 37-43</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm</i>	<i>Psalms 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23</i>
<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 5:6-8</i>
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Matthew 28:1-10</i>