



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR A

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3rd May 2026

— ST PIUS V —

On Thursday we celebrated the feast of Pope St Pius V. Born Antonio Ghislieri, Pius V was a Dominican who, because his Dominican habit was white, began the tradition of the Pope wearing white. Leading up to the appointment of Pius V, the Church had gone through some of her most troubling times. Europe was in the middle of the Protestant Reformation. Many of Pius V's predecessors were more interested in power, vanity, and political interests than the holiness of the Church. Despite that, his predecessors had commenced that great reforming Council, the Council of Trent. The immediate predecessor of St Pius V was Pius IV. His election as Pope was something of a miracle of providence – as was the election of Pius V. Pius IV brought to completion the Council of Trent, and with the appointment of Cardinal St Charles Borromeo, began the work of true reform in the Church. The appointment of St Pius V confirmed and continued this direction.

St Pius V, with the help of Cardinal St Charles Borromeo, set about implementing the reforms of the Council of Trent. Two enormous problems that contributed greatly to the Protestant movement was ignorance of the faith – among both clergy and laity – and clergy being immoral, unspiritual, careerist, ignorant, lax and not celebrating Sacraments and liturgy as they should. Pope St Pius V therefore emphasised catechesis (teaching) as well as reform of the clergy and the liturgy.

The documents of the Council of Trent, and its subsequent Catechism, are succinct, straight forward and accessible, and even today remain good for Catholic instruction. This was not only good for education of the laity, but also for clergy. The education and formation of clergy in 'Seminaries' started at this time. Immoral and lax clergy were disciplined and reformed. St Pius V's reform of the liturgy involved no introduction of novelty, but rather took the liturgy celebrated in Rome, which is typically austere yet noble and beautiful, as the norm and promulgated that throughout the Roman Church. However, this was not simply an enforcement of uniformity but a reform to genuine tradition as Rites of antiquity continued to be celebrated, such as the Sarum (England), Ambrosian, Dominican, Mozarabic (Spain), Carthusian and Carmelite Rites. Moreover, traditions that could be demonstrated to be 200 or more years old were also respected. However, most of the Roman Church throughout the dioceses of the world, apart from those mentioned, adopted a strict celebration of the specifically Roman Rite in due time.

This time in the Church, though in response largely to a crisis, brought about a great renewal. In the 15th Century, the time of the Council of Trent and its implementation, God raised up countless saints and martyrs: St Ignatius of Loyola, St Francis Xavier and many Jesuit saints and martyrs like St Aloysius of Gonzaga and St Edmund Campion. The missionary movements to all parts of the world brought about many saints and martyrs in lands like Japan and all Asia, and North and South America; saints also like St John Fisher, St Thomas More, St Margaret Clitherow, St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross, St Francis de Sales, St Vincent de Paul and St John of God, St Philip Neri and St Robert Bellermino, and many more. And as devotion to Our Blessed Mother and images of her were being banned throughout Europe, she herself appeared to a native in Mexico, gave him an image of herself, and brought about the largest mass conversion event in history – and the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico, remains with us to this day.

They say politics is the art of benefiting from a crisis. Yet only God can truly bring good out of even the worst of circumstances. May God, by his providence, raise up saints also in our own time.

Fr. John Paul Mount

— SUNDAY MASSES —

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1st & 3rd Saturday

2nd & 16th May 6:15pm (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
Fri	7:00pm	First Friday Holy Hour
Sun	10:00am	Rosary (Chapel)

— DIARY —

May

Sat	2 nd	Eucharist Commitment Mass
Fri	8 th	Providence & Friends Mass
Sun	10 th	Mother's Day
Sun	10 th	Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass
Sun	17 th	The Ascension of the Lord
Sun	17 th	Baptism Preparation – 11:30am
Tue	19 th	Sacrament of Confirmation 5pm and 7pm Masses
Sun	24 th	Pentecost Sunday
Mon	25 th	Our Lady, Help of Christians
Sun	31 st	The Most Holy Trinity

June

Fri	5 th	First Friday Holy Hour
Sun	7 th	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

— 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

— EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASS —

The 5:00pm Mass this Saturday 2nd May will be a Commitment Mass for the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion in June this year.

Let us pray for the young people who will be coming to the table for the first time, and for their parents that they may inspire their children to grow in love for Jesus and in service of others.

— PROVIDENCE & FRIENDS —

Parishioners are invited to the monthly Providence & Friends Mass to be held on Friday 8th May at 11:00am. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea/lunch.

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

— MORNING TEA —

Morning tea will be held after the 8:30am Mass on Sunday 10th May. All welcome.

— MASS COUNT : WEEKEND 1 —

The National Count of Attendance at Mass for 2026 will take place over the first four weeks of May, commencing this weekend. This year marks a significant milestone — 25 years of national attendance data, beginning with the first count in 2001. The 2026 results will provide valuable insights into long-term trends, particularly in understanding the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which influenced attendance patterns in 2021.

During each Mass this weekend, counters will be in the church counting the number of attendees. Please be patient at this time. Thank you.

— 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 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

Anthony "Tony" Daly

Death Anniversaries

Kath Coburn, Christina Dellios, Jeffrey Galea, Antoinette Mifsud, Lee O'Hehir, Mary Wadeson.

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, Rosanna Tejedor, 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

— SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA —

Sunday Appeal – 2nd & 3rd May 2026

“For I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” (Matthew 25:35)

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria is the Church's mission in action – empowering communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full. This year, the appeal focuses on homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

There will be a Special Collection this weekend to support this Appeal.

You can contribute using the appeal envelopes available in the Gathering Space, or by donating online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au, or by calling 9967 2515.

— ANNUAL SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY —

Corpus Christi College – Saturday 23rd May 2026

Corpus Christi is the place where young men discern and study for the priesthood. You may or may not be considering a vocation, however, you are invited to join us and hear more about a vocation and enjoy lunch with current Seminarians.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Tuesday 19th May via vocations@cam.org.au

If you have questions, the Vocation Director, Father Dishan Candappa, would be pleased to assist you. Please be in touch via vocations@cam.org.au

More details are available on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space.

— ST MICHAEL'S TROOPS —

Saturday 23rd May 2026

Do you long for authentic brotherhood and a space to grow deeper in faith alongside other men? St Michael's Troops is an event for men aged 18-35 seeking strength, discipline, and purpose rooted in Christ. This morning event in Melbourne includes Holy Mass, physical activity, a talk, and a shared BBQ. Join us, and bring a mate.

Register now at <https://fitforthe kingdom.com.au/events/st-michaels-troops--096fdddc>

— CATHOLIC MARRIAGE RETREAT —

Beyond the Vows – Saturday 30th May 2026

A practical, faith-grounded day with real insights, communication tools, and quality couple time. All married couples welcome! This one-day retreat will be led by Byron & Francine Perola from SmartLoving. See the TryBooking link for more information.

Time: 9:45am – 5:00pm

Where: Catholic Regional College, 10 College Street, Caroline Springs

Cost: \$80 per couple

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLAGK>, or scan the QR code on the poster.

— ROSTERS —

Flowers : May – Tup Shea

Ministers : 9th & 10th May

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Jeremy Toledo	Henry Gasior	Jackie Tabone
8:30am	Margaret Love	Tup Shea	Margot Short
10:30am	Adrian Alimic	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

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

Response

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

Response

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Response

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

————— NEXT SUNDAY —————

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Responsorial Psalm Psalms 65:1-7, 16, 20
Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel John 14:15-21

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'
Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.
'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'