



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR A

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

5th April 2026

— EASTER SUNDAY —

Resurrexit sicut dixit! Alleluia! The Lord has risen, as he said! Alleluia! (Mt 28:6)

Happy Easter to you all. May Christ, risen and alive, be with you and your families. May you truly know the joy of the Resurrection as experienced by the three Mary's and the Apostles on that first Easter Sunday morning. If the cross and the tomb have darkened your life in recent times, I pray that you may know the presence of the Risen Christ today and be filled with consolation.

Last year, I shared a few reflections on some pertinent passages from the Gospel accounts of the Resurrection. Let's look at a few more passages:

"They were saying to one another, 'who will roll away the stone for us'." (Mk 16:3)

Are we trying to defeat sin and death by our own efforts? Yes, our world thinks that it is the master of sin and death, but do we also have that mindset in some way? Are we relying on our own strength to overcome the darkness in our life? Let us more fully entrust our lives to God. We are reminded at Easter that God *ex nihilo*, out of nothing, gave us life, and by His victory has given us eternal life. Our God loves us immeasurably – let us truly believe that and place our trust in Him.

"You seek Jesus who was crucified." (Mt 28:5)

Literally the Greek says, 'Jesus, the one having been crucified'. The Angel speaks as if giving Jesus a title. He is the 'Crucified One'. We can't think of God anymore apart from Him being crucified for us. It is the very symbol that sums up our faith. It is the great sign of His love for us.

"Remember that he told you...that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." (Lk 24:7)

Our Lord told us that we must follow Him, that we must bear our cross. Yet our faith can really struggle under the weight of our crosses. It is only after persevering, by God's grace, through some suffering that we afterwards can reflect on what God was doing for us during that time. It is not difficult to imagine that in the next life when we meet the Saints and the Angels, at seeing our bewilderment after our own cross, death and resurrection that we will hear similar words, "Remember that He told you...."

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

In this world we can feel like our lives, and indeed our inner lives, are spinning out of control. Can we hope for peace in our own mind and heart? Jesus Christ offers us a peace that world cannot give. (Jn 14:27) May the peace and joy of the risen Christ abide within you this Easter.

Fr. John Paul Mount

— SUNDAY MASSES —

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

OLHC, Korobeit

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

— WEEKDAY MASSES —

Mon	no Mass
Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	9:30am
Sat	9:30am

*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 —

April

Sat	4 th	Easter Vigil – 7:30pm
Sun	5 th	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
Fri	10 th	Providence & Friends Mass
Sun	12 th	Baptism Preparation – 11:30am
Sat	18 th	Parish Outdoor Cinema
Mon	20 th	Term 2 commences
Thu	30 th	Parent Child Reflection 6:30pm in Parish Centre

May

Sat	2 nd	Eucharist Commitment Mass
Sun	10 th	Mother's Day
Tue	19 th	Sacrament of Confirmation 5pm and 7pm Masses

— 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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

EASTER RAFFLE : THANK YOU!

A big thank you all parishioners who supported our Easter Raffle over the last few weeks with both donations and ticket purchases. \$1,104 was raised for our parish in the process.

Congratulations to all our winners:

Renee Farrier, Olivia Filipovic, Nicholas Russell, Joan, Kirsten, Maree O'Toole, Peter K, Anthony Bowen, Shantal Mowatt, Max Kennedy, Deb Caldwell, Lisa Scudmore, Mace H, Ray Cini, Nicholas, Veronica Moyne, Harshini Walker, Rochelle Pascual, and Paul Miesen.

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.

FUNERAL

A prayer service for Michael Love will be held on Friday 10th April at 11:30am. Fr Brian Glasheen will be the celebrant.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection in the Gathering Space. For those parishioners who contribute electronically, statements will be emailed shortly. Thank you for your patience.

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

Nimia Hamilton Bucoy Litonjua,
Michael Love, Noreen White.

Death Anniversaries

Marjorie Long, George Maver, Gerry Reilly,
Heather Ryan, Marie Sommerfeld.

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

— DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY —

Sunday 12th April 2026

St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 67-77 Exford Road, Melton South

2:00pm Adoration
2:00pm-4:00pm Confessions and Rosary
3:00pm 3 O'Clock Prayer and Chaplet
followed by Benediction, Holy Mass, and Blessings of Images
Celebrant Fr Alex Clemente

— PARISH OUTDOOR CINEMA —

Saturday 18th April at 7:00pm

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

309 Myrmiong-Korobeit Road, Korobeit

Join us under the stars on the grounds of the Korobeit church for an outdoor screening of 'The King of Kings' (2025), inspired by the children's book, "The Life of Our Lord" (Charles Dickens).

BYO picnic rugs, chairs, blankets and snacks. Sausage sizzle, popcorn and a can of drink included with your ticket. 'eXpresso Alfresco' will be on site for coffee purchases.

Mass to be celebrated at 6:15pm with the movie following immediately afterwards (approximately 7:00pm).

Bookings essential for catering purposes: trybooking.com/DLCHA,

or follow the QR code.

Adults – \$10.

Children – \$5.

Any questions, please reach out to Lucas Ekerbicer on 0418 465 892.



— PROJECT COMPASSION 2026 —

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be placed into the box which is under Our Lady's statue at the front of the church.

— GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION —

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land promotes the missionary work of the Church by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in the Holy Land. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

If you have not already donated, you can still use one of the Holy Land envelopes to place a contribution into any collection.

— 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.

— ROSTERS —

Flowers : April – Rosabella

Ministers : 11th & 12th April

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Lisa Dolin	Vicki Benson	Margot Short
8:30am	Evana Carragher	Tup Shea	Carmel Shea
10:30am	Allan McManus	Adrian Alimic	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

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
 You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
 Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**R: This is the day the Lord has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
 for his love has no end.
 Let the sons of Israel say:
 'His love has no end.'

Response

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
 his right hand raised me up.
 I shall not die, I shall live
 and recount his deeds.

Response

The stone which the builders rejected
 has become the corner stone.
 This is the work of the Lord,
 a marvel in our eyes.

Response**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8**Sequence**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
 The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
 and Christ, the undefiled,
 hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
 Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
 Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
 Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
 The tomb the Living did enclose;
 I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
 The angels there attesting;
 shroud with grave-clothes resting.
 Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
 That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
 Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
 let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!**Gospel** Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke, and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples. "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
 therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
 of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

NEXT SUNDAY**Second Sunday of Easter**

First Reading	Acts 2:42-47
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 117:2-4, 3-15, 22-24
Second Reading	1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel	John 20:19-31