



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR A

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

31st May 2026

Unfortunately, it has been another busy week and I haven't had a chance to write a reflection myself. This coming week, we have the feast of St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr. In the year 718AD, he was sent from England to Germany as a missionary. He did much to restore and establish dioceses and spread the faith. He was martyred on 5th June 754. Here is a letter he wrote on the terrifying responsibility of being a bishop and the need to trust entirely in God for such a mission.

A letter by St Boniface, 675–754AD, Bishop and Martyr

In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her course.

The ancient fathers showed us how we should carry out this duty: Clement, Cornelius and many others in the city of Rome, Cyprian at Carthage, Athanasius at Alexandria. They all lived under emperors who were pagans; they all steered Christ's ship – or rather his most dear spouse, the Church. This they did by teaching and defending her, by their labours and sufferings, even to the shedding of blood.

I am terrified when I think of all this. *Fear and trembling came upon me and the darkness of my sins almost covered me.* I would gladly give up the task of guiding the Church which I have accepted if I could find such an action warranted by the example of the fathers or by holy Scripture.

Since this is the case, and since the truth can be assaulted but never defeated or falsified, with our tired mind let us turn to the words of Solomon: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own prudence. Think on him in all your ways, and he will guide your steps.* In another place he says: *The name of the Lord is an impregnable tower. The just man seeks refuge in it and he will be saved.*

Let us stand fast in what is right and prepare our souls for trial. Let us wait upon God's strengthening aid and say to him: *O Lord, you have been our refuge in all generations.*

Let us trust in him who has placed this burden upon us. What we ourselves cannot bear let us bear with the help of Christ. For he is all-powerful and he tells us: *My yoke is easy and my burden is light.*

Let us continue the fight on the day of the Lord. *The days of anguish and of tribulation* have overtaken us; if God so wills, let us die *for the holy laws of our fathers*, so that we may deserve to obtain an eternal inheritance with them.

Let us be neither dogs that do not bark nor silent onlookers nor paid servants who run away before the wolf. Instead, let us be careful shepherds watching over Christ's flock. Let us preach the whole of God's plan to the powerful and to the humble, to rich and to poor, to men of every rank and age, as far as God gives us the strength, in season and out of season, as Saint Gregory writes in his book of Pastoral Instruction.

SUNDAY MASSES

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1 st & 3 rd Saturday	
6 th & 20 th June	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	no Holy Hour 2 nd June
Fri	24 hours	First Friday Adoration
Fri	7:00pm	First Friday no Holy Hour 5 th June
Sun	10:00am	Rosary (Chapel)

DIARY

June

Sun	7 th	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
Mon	8 th	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Thu	11 th	Eucharist Preparation Day in Parish Centre
Fri	12 th	Providence Village Community Mass
Sat	13 th	Sacrament of Eucharist 9:30am and 11:30am Masses
Sun	14 th	Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass
Sun	14 th	Baptism Preparation – 11:30am
Wed	24 th	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Fri	26 th	Last day of School Term 2

July

Fri	3 rd	First Friday Holy Hour
Mon	13 th	School Term 3 commences

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

As Fr John Paul will be away on retreat this week, 1st to 5th June, weekday Masses have been cancelled, and there will be no Holy Hour on both Tuesday 2nd June and First Friday 5th June.

Also, the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 3rd June.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2026

Special Collection – 30th & 31st May 2026

As winter approaches, the St Vincent de Paul Society is calling for support for our Winter Appeal 2026. New data is showing the increased depth of financial pressure now facing households that were already struggling to get by. Your generosity can provide people facing hunger with healthy, nutritious food. Your kindness can help people keep the lights on, the car running, and pay for vital essentials like clothing.

Contributions can be made through our Special Collection this weekend, or via the QR code.



OFFERTORY GIVING PROGRAM

Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend, we will commence our Offertory Giving Program in our parish community, which will run over the next four weeks. Please pray for our community as we enter into this time of discernment. Our offering is a powerful witness. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time, and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

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

Denise Gray, Neale Daniher.

Death Anniversaries

Denis "Jim" Barry, Merv Dillon, Francis Farrugia, Americo Ferreira, Christine Hansen, Bernadette Lee, Leo Ryan, Paul Stokie, James Younger.

The Sick

Kathleen Brennan, Charles, 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, 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

Christian Bergmann

Jennifer Costin

Ron Geurts

Peter Kennedy

— ARCHDIOCESAN CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION —

Sunday 7th June 2026

Parishioners are warmly invited to participate in the annual Corpus Christi Procession to be held this Sunday 7th June 2026, commencing at 2:00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

Following a time of Eucharistic adoration within the Cathedral, the procession with the Blessed Sacrament will make its way through the streets of the city to Federation Square for Benediction.

— GUILD OF ST STEPHEN MASS —

Friday 12th June

The Annual Guild of St Stephen's Mass for Altar Servers will take place on Friday 12th June 2026 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7:30pm. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will be the Principal Celebrant of the Mass, during which he will admit new members into the Guild of Stephen. Please note that we aim to have all servers seated by 7:15 pm. Please be sure to remind them of this to ensure adequate time to find a car space. In the event of lateness, our friendly volunteers will help servers find their seat.

— PROCLAIM26 —

Friday 26th – Saturday 27th June 2026

Parishioners are invited to join world-renowned Catholic author Sherry Weddell and Archbishop Peter A Comensoli to Proclaim26, an inspiring two-day gathering to equip, form and send clergy, lay leaders and all who want to share Jesus Christ into their community.

Before his Ascension, which we celebrated last Sunday, Jesus entrusted us with this mission: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Gospel to all creation.' How will we respond to his invitation and to this moment?

With keynote presentations exploring discipleship and practical workshops covering a range of topics from RCIA, real-life stories of parish renewal, youth and young adults, music and more, you will be equipped with the heart and tools to begin the journey.

— MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND —

St Dominic's Parish, Melton – 26th-28th June 2026

Marriage Encounter is a world-wide volunteer movement of married couples and priests who provide special weekends for couples and priest to nurture their sacraments. It has been active in Australia for more than 50 years. The encounter commences on Friday night at 7:00pm and finishes on Sunday at approximately 4:30pm.

Contact: Mercy and James Bvirakare on 0409 183 676.

— LADIES' NIGHT AT HANDEL'S MESSIAH —

Friday 4th December 2026 – Geelong

We are making plans for anyone wanting to attend Handel's Messiah on Friday 4th December at 7:30pm, Costa Hall in Geelong with dinner beforehand at a nearby restaurant. If you are interested or would like more information, please email Sr Mary Sarah at melbourne@op-tn.org

— ROSTERS —

Church Cleaning Team

Monday 15th June – Anne, Paul, Denise, Maddie, Lisa D, Nuala

Flowers

June – Jenn Costin

Ministers : 6th & 7th June

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Lisa Dolin	Henry Gasior	Jackie Tabone
8:30am	Margaret Love	Margot Short	Jan & Colm Carragher
10:30am	Thomas Halloran	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 Manager – Marie Casey.

Phone: (03) 5367 3427

Mon - Fri, 9:00am – 6:00pm

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading *Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9*

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm *Daniel 3.52-56*

R: Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.	<i>Response</i>
Blest your glorious holy name.	<i>Response</i>
You are blest in the temple of your glory.	<i>Response</i>
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.	<i>Response</i>
You are blest who gaze into the depths.	<i>Response</i>
You are blest in the firmament of the heaven.	<i>Response</i>

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation *Cf Revelation 1:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel *John 3:16-18*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not be lost
but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe
is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'

Communion Antiphon

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

———— Next Sunday ————

*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi) – Year A*

<i>First Reading:</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm:</i>	<i>Psalm 147.12-13, 14-15, 19-20</i>
<i>Second Reading:</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 10:16-17</i>
<i>Gospel:</i>	<i>John 6:51-52</i>