



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR A

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14th June 2026

Ordinary Time

This Sunday we are back to the green of Ordinary Time with no special feast day. Just an Ordinary Sunday. Most of life is simply 'ordinary' life. Such as the 30 years Our Lord spent living an ordinary life in Nazareth. And yet, ordinary life is anything but 'ordinary'. Every day, every moment, is a remarkable gift from God. CS Lewis said, the 'present' is where time meets eternity. Every moment the Eternal God is present to us, and He is creating us and sustaining us, here and now, deliberately, willingly and lovingly.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jenny Kearney OAM! On the King's Birthday, you might have heard the wonderful news that Jenny Kearney was honoured with a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM). Jenny is a parishioner of St Bernard's and some 16 years ago founded Soul Food. She has dedicated much of her life over those years to serving those in need in so many ways. If you don't know, Soul Food provides a hot lunch each Wednesday to those in need at St Bernard's Parish Centre. Yet it's not only a quality meal, it is a real place of welcome, friendship and community, which is so important when isolation can be such a suffering. You can see it brings a lot of happiness to their lives – in fact it brings joy to the lives of volunteers and guests alike. Extra food, clothing and help in so many ways is also offered to the guests. We congratulate Jenny and all the volunteers at Soul Food – may the great work continue for many years to come!

Thank you

Thank you to Christian Bergman for stepping in to give a reflection last week for us. I think you'll agree it was a clear and helpful explanation of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). Pope Leo XIV gives a great explanation and history of CST in his Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas, but it's certainly not condensed to 500 words like Christian managed to do! Thanks.

Corpus Christi

Last Sunday at 2:00pm, the Archdiocese of Melbourne celebrated a Corpus Christi Procession from St Patrick's Cathedral to Federation Square. There were an estimated 5,000 people there – including many of our own Parishioners. You can read the reports with photos on the Melbourne Catholic website. Walking down Collins Street and Swanson Street with the Blessed Sacrament, and with the Archbishop and Auxiliary Bishops, praying chaplets, litanies, proclaiming Gospel readings and singing hymns along the way, and then finally celebrating the Rite of Benediction at Federation Square was powerful. I pray it only grows from year to year.

Sacred Heart of Jesus

On Friday, we celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We have a statue of this popular devotion in the Sanctuary, to the left of the High Altar. Saints have encouraged devotion to the Heart of Jesus throughout the Church's life. In the 17th Century, Our Lord appeared to St Mary Alacoque, revealing His Heart crowned with thorns and this became the popular image we know as the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In extraordinary ways, Our Lord continues to reach out to convince us of His love for us.

Offertory Giving Campaign

"You received without charge, give without charge." – Not the best Gospel for an Offertory Giving Campaign LOL!! In any case, please pray for our Giving Campaign to be a success for the future flourishing of our Parish.

Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount

SUNDAY MASSES

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1 st & 3 rd Saturday	
20 th June & 4 th July	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
Fri	7:00pm	First Friday Holy Hour
Sun	10:00am	Rosary (Chapel)

DIARY

June

Sat	13 th	The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary
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	School Term 2 finishes

July

Fri	3 rd	First Friday Holy Hour
Fri	3 rd	Catechesis by Fr John Paul Mount
Mon	13 th	School Term 3 commences

August

Sat	8 th	Parish Trivia Night
Sun	23 rd	St Bernard's Feast Day celebration

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion this Saturday. Jesus has gathered his children around him and blessed them. Let us pray that they may rejoice in this Eucharistic sacrament, and deepen their knowledge of the love Christ offers us.

OFFERTORY GIVING PROGRAM

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to everyone who promptly collected their offertory giving envelopes last weekend. If you have not yet retrieved yours, we kindly remind you to do so this weekend.

For those who wish to submit their filled-out pledge cards, there are several convenient options:

- Place them in the first or second collections during Mass
- Drop them off at the Parish Office

Your ongoing generosity and dedication to our parish are truly appreciated. Thank you for your support in strengthening our community and mission.

MORNING TEA

Morning tea will be held after the 8:30am Mass this Sunday 14th June. All welcome.

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Save the date – Saturday 8th August 2026

Our parish trivia night is returning in 2026. Get a team together and join us for a night of fun and games. More details in the coming weeks.

PARISH DONATIONS

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

Direct transfers can also be made into the Presbytery account.

Account Name: St Bernard's Parish Presbytery Account
BSB: 083 347 Account No.: 909353145

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

John Jennings

Death Anniversaries

Kathleen Cox, Anna Falzon, Joseph Grech,
Jack O'Donohue.

The Sick

Kathleen Brennan, Charles, Kathleen Dally,
Dean Elms, Robert Elms, Reg Farnell, Frances,
Nola Franklin, Caleb Silas Ginger, Hannah & Molly,
Michael Johnston, Karen & Astrid Karenpaula,
John & Patricia Kelly, Michael Larkin, Bernice Light,
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

—— ‘IN THE BEGINNING’ ——

Catechesis with Fr John Paul Mount

Friday 3rd July – Friday 7th August 2026

During July, Fr John Paul will hold Catechesis each Friday evening at 6:15pm in the Parish Centre. Starting 3rd July each Friday and ending on Friday 7th August.

Involving both Philosophy and Theology, this will cover the introductory first lessons in coming to know the Catholic faith, looking at the first three chapters of Genesis. Each week will include a talk from Fr John Paul, time for questions and contributions, and then a biblical guided meditation in the Church. All welcome.

—— CELEBRATING NEW LIFE ——

PH@B Afternoon Tea – Saturday 20th June 2026

Pregnancy Help @ Ballarat is hosting Afternoon Tea with world-renowned guest speaker, Sr Mary Grace, SV, from the Sisters of Life (USA). Originally from Australia, she will share her mission of love for mothers in need, followed by Q&A.

Time: commencing at 2:30pm

Location: McKillop & Glowrey Rooms, St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct
3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat

Cost: \$20 each

Bookings: Call Dianne on 0415 057 815

Further details are available on the flyers in the Gathering Space.

—— 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, 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.

For more information, see <https://melbournecatholic.org/proclaim26>

Cost per person – \$30 (one day), \$50 (two days)

Tickets include lunch and refreshments, access to presentations and workshops.

Registrations close Monday 22nd June.

For any queries, contact proclaim@cam.org.au, or call 9926 5761.

—— ROSTERS ——

Church Cleaning Team

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

Saturday 4th July – Adrian, Allan, Veronica, Brendan, Yenny

Flowers

June – Jenn Costin

Ministers : 20th & 21st June

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Maureen Zahra	Jackie Tabone	Jan Farmelo
8:30am	Gerard O'Shea	Maira Ross	Carmel Shea
10:30am	Allan McManus	Vanina Isah	Cheryl Stevens

PRAYERS

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Nicene 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 by any parishioners and Parish Groups. Bookings through our Hall Manager – Marie Casey.

Phone: (03) 5367 3427

Mon - Fri, 9:00am – 6:00pm

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading *Exodus 19:2-6*

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 99:2-3, 5*

R: We are his people: the sheep of his flock

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

Response

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Response

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

Response

Second Reading *Romans 5:6-11*

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation *Mark 1:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 9:36 - 10:8*

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Communion Antiphon

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Next Sunday

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading	<i>Jeremiah 20:10-13</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Psalms 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35</i>
Second Reading	<i>Romans 5:12-15</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 10:26-33</i>