



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR A

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th June 2026

— STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES —

On Monday, we celebrate the feast day of the great pillars of the Church, the Apostles Peter and Paul. The journeys of these two saints offer endless reflections for us. And the presence of their relics in the two magnificent Cathedrals, St Peter's, and St Paul's Outside the Walls, keeps these two men ever real and present with us.

Sts Peter and Paul were very real men. We consider St Peter when Our Lord first called him, when he was in the boat, fell to his knees and said, 'away from me Lord, I am a sinful man.' We can easily relate to this. That has so often been us. Then St Peter travelled with Our Lord, and through witnessing His death and resurrection and receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was transformed. St Peter was transformed by the grace of Jesus Christ. He made many mistakes along the way, but he persevered. And by the end of his life, he was the great saint we now revere. We all now think of St Peter as the great Apostle, rock of the Church, interceding from heaven, whose relics we make pilgrimage to. We think to ourselves, how could I possibly be like the great St Peter!? Yet he is the same sinful man in that boat. He just allowed Jesus to transform him and didn't give up through tough times. The grace of Jesus Christ can transform us too.

Whether before or after his conversion, St Paul was a man of dedication and singlemindedness. 'Saul was breathing threats and murder against the Lord's disciples' (Acts 9:1). And yet after encountering the Lord, that passion turned to the service of love incarnate, Jesus Christ. Sometimes it is a great mystery why God calls some to his service – he often calls the weakest to demonstrate His power. Yet, I don't find his choice for St Paul all that mysterious – in this case, in the order of nature, he called the best. In the powers of intelligence and will, St Paul was a world-changing force. St Paul, with God's grace, went headlong into the pagan world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and set a foundation of a converted world. Yet St Paul didn't think of himself as the most equipped for the job, but rather, he was well aware of his persecution of the Church before his conversion. And yet, through humility and accepting the mercy of Jesus, he didn't despair, but boasted of his weakness so that grace would abound all the more.

St Peter and St Paul are so different. One a fisherman, the other an educated elite. Both making up their place in the Body of Christ by the grace of God. And we all have our small place too by the grace of God.

WYD, Seoul, South Korea, 3rd-8th August 2027

World Youth Day (WYD) is next year! It would be a good idea if our youth and our families started thinking about whether they would like to go. It can be a life changing experience. I think the usual age bracket is between 16 and 30. And the cost is usually something in excess of \$5,000, so some fundraising initiatives are usually needed leading up to it. Bear in mind, the following year 2028 is the Eucharistic Congress/Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Sydney where the Pope will be visiting. I don't know how much that will cost, but our youth could consider whether they need to choose between going to WYD Seoul, or the ACYF Congress in Sydney, or even both!

Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount

— SUNDAY MASSES —

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1 st & 3 rd Saturday	
4 th & 18 th July	6:30pm (Vigil)

— WEEKDAY MASSES —

Mon	no Mass
Tue - Fri	during school holidays
30 th June - 10 th July	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

Mon	29 th	Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles
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July

Fri	3 rd	Catechesis by Fr John Paul Mount
Fri	3 rd	First Friday Holy Hour
Fri	10 th	Providence & Friends Mass
Sun	12 th	Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass
Mon	13 th	School Term 3 commences

August

Thu	6 th	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Fri	7 th	St Mary MacKillop Feast Day whole school Mass – 9:30am
Fri	7 th	Catechesis by Fr John Paul Mount
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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

During the school holidays, from Tuesday 30th June to Friday 10th July, weekday Masses will be held at 9:30am.

COFFEE VAN

Thank you to Maria and Lucas from “eXpresso alfresco” for offering hot drinks after both Masses last weekend.

A total of \$507.87 was raised, which they have kindly donated back to the Parish. Once again, thanks for your generous contribution.

OFFERTORY GIVING PROGRAM

Dear Parishioners,

This is the final weekend of our Parish Offertory Program, and we want to thank you for your response. Your generosity is more than just financial support — it is an act of faith, trust, and gratitude to God. Every gift is a reflection of our relationship with Him and our commitment to His work in our parish.

If you have not yet returned your Pledge Card, they are available on the pews this weekend. I invite you to take a moment to prayerfully consider your offering and return your card during Mass.

You may also submit your pledge by placing it in the offertory collection, dropping it off at the Parish Office, or sending it by mail.

Thank you once again for your faithfulness and generosity. Every pledge — no matter the size — is a response to God’s blessings and helps strengthen our parish for the future.

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 Bernards 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 Bernards Parish Bacchus Marsh
BSB: 083 347 Account No.: 651663131

LET US PRAY

Recently Deceased

Patricia Antonello, Laraine Ford.

Death Anniversaries

Odino “Dinny” Antonello, Violet Borg,
Maria Candeloro, Leo Flanagan,
Teresa Goehler-Dockter, Paul Murray, Kevin Shelly.

The Sick

Kathleen Brennan, Charles, Kathleen Dally, Daniel,
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

Beginning this Friday 3rd July, Fr John Paul will hold Catechesis each Friday evening at 6:15pm in the Parish Centre, with the final session 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.

— VINNIE’S WINTER APPEAL —

Bacchus Marsh St Vincent de Paul Conference received a total amount of \$1,565.00 for their Winter Appeal this year. The donations came from our leaving collections, the poor box and online donations. The Conference is so grateful for the support of our Parishioners as these funds will greatly assist the work in our community. Thank you to all who contributed – your generosity is most appreciated.

— ST BERNARD’S PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT —

Saturday 8th August 2026 at 6:30pm

Dust off your thinking caps and enjoy the excitement of our annual parish trivia night. Bring your friends, form a team, and win some prizes! BYO food and drinks.

Tickets now available via the QR code.

Adults – \$20

Youth – \$10

Children 12 years & under – Free

Contact person: Thomas Halloran – 0431 504 402



trybooking.com/DNMTV

— WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 —

“Take courage! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33)

World Youth Day is far more than a series of events — it is a profound spiritual journey and a unique encounter with the global Church, gathering young people from around the world for prayer, catechesis, cultural exchange, and spiritual growth. For many participants, it becomes a defining moment in their lives, strengthening faith, building friendships across cultures, and inspiring a renewed commitment to service and discipleship. More details to be announced soon.

— EUCHARIST28 —

In 2028, Australia will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress, an extraordinary global encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Pilgrims from around the world will come together in worship, reflection and celebration, united by a shared faith and a mission to carry Christ into the world. It will be held in Sydney, with exact dates to be announced soon.

— HOME COMMUNION —

If parishioners know of anyone who has expressed a wish to receive communion because of the inability to attend Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

— ROSTERS —

Church Cleaning Teams

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

Monday 13th July – Anne, Paul, Denise, Maddie, Lisa D, Nuala if available

Flowers

July – Tup Shea

Ministers : 4th & 5th July

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Sonia Smith	Vicki Benson	Jackie Tabone
8:30am	Moir Ross	Dominican Sisters	Jan & Colm Carragher
10:30am	Adrian Alimic	Jenny Kearney	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. All bookings through Marie Casey, Hall Manager

Phone: (03) 5367 3427

Mon - Fri, 9:00am – 6:00pm

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said, 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 88:2-3, 16-19

R: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. Response

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. Response

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. Response

Next Sunday

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading	Zechariah 9:9-10
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
Second Reading	Romans 8:9, 11-13
Gospel	Matthew 11:25-30

Second Reading Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus, we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.