



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR A

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

7th June 2026

Magnifica humanitas

Recently, Pope Leo XIV released the first, and much anticipated, encyclical of his pontificate, *Magnifica humanitas* ('magnificent humanity').

Coming to about 38,000 words, it is long, even for those of us who enjoy ploughing through papal encyclicals. Nevertheless, it is significant: not only in terms of its reflections on artificial intelligence and the human person, and on the state of modern society more generally, but because it represents another addition to what we call Catholic Social Teaching.

Put simply, Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is an organised body of teachings that gives us a helpful framework with which we can fulfil our Christian calling in the world: to love God and love our neighbour. *Especially* that pesky 'love our neighbour' bit.

Although Pope Leo XIII's 1891 encyclical *Rerum novarum* 'kickstarted' CST, the moral and theological foundations of it are actually very old. In an era of rapid change and development, when society and politics seems to be messier and more complicated, Pope Leo XIII and his successors saw the need to address specific social and political questions by drawing upon the wealth of Christian theology and philosophy. We are social creatures after all; we live in society, and not every social or political trend is good for us or others, or grounded in truth. CST therefore addresses questions of conscience and law, of life issues, the obligations of the rich and our duties to the poor, the right to private property and religious freedom, human rights, the dignity of work, and many others. It is the application of eternal truth to particular issues we experience in society. The *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* is a great (but again long) summary of things.

There have been many contributions to CST, including most recently Pope Francis' *Laudato si'*, Pope Benedict XVI's *Caritas in Veritate* (on the need for love and truth in Christian life, not just love), and multiple contributions by St Pope John Paul II on the dignity of work (*Laborem exorcens*), the right to life (*Evangelium vitae*), and many other topics.

There are essentially four pillars of CST, four principles that must be respected to ensure a genuinely human society. Firstly, human dignity (we are created in the image of God, with dignity, rights, goods that fulfil our nature, and the supernatural goal of eternal life in God); secondly, the common good (an often-misunderstood phrase, that basically means every person is able to fulfil their human vocation more easily); thirdly, solidarity (the pursuit of justice); and fourthly, subsidiarity (if a problem can be solved locally, it should be).

Characteristic of Catholic Social Teaching is that it is neither 'left' nor 'right'. Because it draws upon foundational principles of human reason and Christian theology, it is holistic, not tied to any political party or social tribe. It seeks a society that is genuinely human, that puts God — who wants us to experience the fullness of life — at the heart of everything.

Pope Leo XIV draws on all of this in his reflections on technology and AI. I encourage you to dip into the document when you have a chance, especially as this technology becomes more part of our daily life.

I'll finish with the words of the pope himself:

'In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanization, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human' (MH §15).

Christian Bergmann

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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	Holy Hour
Fri	24 hours	First Friday Adoration
Fri	7:00pm	First Friday Holy Hour
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	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Whole School Mass 9:30am
Fri	12 th	Providence Village Community Mass
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

July

Fri	3 rd	First Friday Holy Hour
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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

OFFERTORY GIVING PROGRAM

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we 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.

RESOURCES WORKING GROUP

Thank you to those who took the Parish Resources Working Group flyer last week, and who have already responded to this and to Father's summary of our work.

The RWG is most anxious to have all parishioners on this utilisation of parish assets journey with us, and extends an invitation to any parishioner or parish group to send any further feedback, suggestions or questions to the RWG in writing, c/- Fr John Paul and John Thorne at our parish office.

Father and our group members are prepared to make themselves available to answer queries. Thank you all for the good support we have had.

MORNING TEA

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

KSC

The next meeting of the Knights of the Southern Cross will be held on Tuesday 9th June at 8:00pm at Bryan's place.

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

Maggie Gomez

Death Anniversaries

Kathleen Corrigan, Bill Dudley, Kevin Lafranchi, Kevin Monagle, Peter Mullins, John Nabbs, Norma Nichol, Frank O'Malley, Sophia Parsons, Ivan Prkic, Georgina Simic, John Tung, Magdalena Wasilewski, Catherine Wheelahan.

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.

For event details, and registration for new admissions to the Guild, please see the link below:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/MelbourneGuild/CAMGuildMass>

— 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.

— 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.

— ROSTERS —

Church Cleaning Team

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

Flowers

June – Jenn Costin

Ministers : 13th & 14th June

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Jeremy Toledo	Colin Remedios	Nuala Beatie
8:30am	Meg Kennedy	Colm Carragher	Jennifer Taylor
10:30am	Adrian Alimic	Cheryl Stevens	Neida Funina

— 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

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

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

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading *Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 147:12-15, 19-20*

R: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you.
He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

Response

Response

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

Response

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 10:16-17*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation *John 6:51-52*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel *John 6:51-58*

Jesus said to the Jews:
'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

— Next Sunday —

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading: *Exodus 19:2-6*
Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 99:2-3, 5*
Second Reading: *Romans 5:6-11*
Gospel: *Matthew 9:36 - 10:8*