



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR A

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12th July 2026

— FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL —

This Thursday is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the feast day of the Carmelite religious order. Almost 18 months ago now, one of our Parishioners, Rita Marshall, joined the Carmelite Monastery in Kew, Melbourne. The Carmelites in Kew have had a bit of drama lately when a fire hydrant pipe burst and caused the evacuation of the main building. Hopefully all that can be fixed soon. When it does, I recommend visiting the Chapel there, as it is one of the most beautiful places in Melbourne.

Some trace the origins of the Religious Order of Mount Carmel as far back as Elijah. In the Book of Kings, Elijah stands as the last remaining Prophet of the Lord, as King Ahab and Queen Jezebel had led Israel into worshipping Baal. It was at Mount Carmel that Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal and wins Israel back to true worship. Elijah then flees to Mt Horeb/Mt Sinai and there encounters the silent voice of the Lord. It is believed that since then, there had more or less always been some living a life of solitude and prayer on Mount Carmel, with Elijah as their spiritual father and founder, both before and after Christ.

In the 12th Century, with the third Crusade, some pilgrims formed a religious community on Mt Carmel. They had a particular devotion to Our Lady and built a chapel there in her honour and placed themselves under her patronage. Soon after, their Order was given official approval by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Albert of Avogadro who wrote for them a rule of life. Pope Innocent IV later approved of the Order and Rule in 1247.

Before the approval given by Innocent IV however, the Carmelites were forced to flee the Holy Land when the Saracens reconquered the land from the Crusaders. The Carmelites established themselves in counties such as France and England.

In 1251, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St Simon Stock, a Carmelite monk, in England. Our Lady gave him the Scapula to be worn as a sign of devotion to her and invoking her protection and intercession. St Simon Stock was later made Superior General of the Carmelite order and greatly increased their presence in the world.

Wearing the Scapula remains a popular sign of devotion to Our Lady. These Scapula, a simple brown cloth, are available in our Gathering Space/Foyer, and you can ask Fr John Paul to 'enrol' you in the Scapula. This enrolment contains some beautiful blessings and makes you a partaker in the spiritual good works of the Carmelite Order.

The Carmelites are dedicated to a life of contemplative prayer. St John of the Cross, St Teresa of Avila, and St Therese of Lisieux, are Carmelites and masters of the spiritual life who can teach us the life and depths of prayer.

St John of the Cross says, "Contemplation is nothing else but a secret, peaceful, and loving infusion of God, [Who] if admitted, will set the soul on fire with the Spirit of love."

Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount

— SUNDAY MASSES —

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1st & 3rd Saturday
18th July & 1st Aug 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 —

July

Sun 12th Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass
Mon 13th School Term 3 commences
Thu 16th Our Lady of Mt Carmel Feast Day
Fri 17th Catechesis by Fr John Paul Mount

August

Thu 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord
Fri 7th St Mary MacKillop Feast Day
whole school Mass – 9:30am
Fri 7th Catechesis by Fr John Paul Mount
Fri 7th First Friday Holy Hour
Sat 8th Parish Trivia Night
Sun 9th Baptism Preparation Session
Fri 14th Providence & Friends Anointing Mass
Sat 15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 23rd St Bernard's Feast Day celebration

September

Sun 6th Father's Day

— DONATE —

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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

SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Morning tea will be held after the 8:30am Mass this Sunday 12th July. All welcome.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

From Tuesday 14th July, weekday Masses will return to their usual Mass times – Tue, Thu & Fri at 7:30am, and Wednesday at 9:30am.

FUNERAL

Funeral Prayers for Steve Beaton will be held on Thursday 16th July at 11:00am in the church.

Please pray for his family at this time, and may God give him eternal rest.

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

PARISH DONATIONS

To make a donation, scan the QR code:

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

Stephen "Steve" Beaton

Death Anniversaries

Kevin Barry, Dolores Carter, Victor Carter, Irene Ham, Kitty Marshall, Noelene Riaca, Rita Scott, Les Scott, Matthew Leddin, John Spice, Leonard Trask, Margaret Wilson.

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.

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.

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

CHURCH CLEANING BEE

On Saturday 1st August from 10am-1pm, we will be holding a church cleaning bee. No need to register, just come ready to clean! There will be a variety of jobs for all abilities, and a sausage sizzle will be provided for volunteers.

If you have any questions, please contact Madeleine on 0434 945 598.

'IN THE BEGINNING'

Catechesis with Fr John Paul Mount

Friday 3rd July – Friday 7th August 2026

Each Friday evening in July, Fr John Paul is holding Catechesis commencing at 6:15pm in the Parish Centre. The final session will be held 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.

All welcome.

SYCAMORE FAITH FORMATION

Monday 17th August 2026, 2:00pm

Fr Stephen Wang, Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome and founder of the Sycamore Faith Formation Program, will visit St Bernard's Primary School on Monday 17th August. Fr Stephen will host a parent session, 2-3pm in the school staff room. Parishioners are all welcome to join. For more information, please contact Sr Mary Sarah at melbourne@op-tn.org.

SPIRITUAL DAY RETREAT

St Peter's Daylesford, Saturday 12th September 2026

You are invited to a day of prayer, formation, and fellowship in the beautiful setting of St Peter's Catholic Church, Daylesford. Led by Fr John Corrigan and Fiona Bradley, the retreat day, "*A Pierced Heart: The Path of Our Lady of Sorrows*", will include Mass and Eucharistic Adoration (with Confession available). Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided. The retreat is open to all men and women.

Date/Time: Saturday 12th September 2026, 9.30am–4:00pm

Cost: \$30

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/DNJOM

Contact: Fiona 0402 474 074, fiona.bradley@ballarat.catholic.org.au

ROSTERS

Church Cleaning Teams

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

Flowers

July – Tup Shea

Ministers : 18th & 19th July

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Jeremy Toledo	Jackie Tabone	Jan Farmelo
8:30am	Dominican Sisters	Tup Shea	Margot Short
10:30am	Shannon Harvie	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

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading *Isaiah 55:10-11*

Thus says the Lord:

'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 64:10-14*

**R: The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain.

Response

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth.

Response

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

Response

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

Response

Second Reading *Romans 8:18-23*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation GA

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 13:1-23*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

———— Next Sunday ————

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Second Reading	Romans 8:26-27
Gospel	Matthew 12:24-43