



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR A

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th July 2026

REFLECTION

Parish Trivia Night, Saturday 8th August, 6:30pm

I encourage everyone to come to our Trivia Night on Saturday 8th August. I went to this event last year and it was such an enjoyable evening. These events are wonderful opportunities to socialise with each other, make friends, have fun, and build community. The details are inside the Newsletter. Come as a family, or make a team, or just come on your own and join up with others!

St Bernard's Architecture

The architectural style of St Bernard's is Gothic. The pointed arches are the give-away. It's a very simple Gothic Church, but very beautiful.

My parents recently moved house and in the move I came across a book on gothic Churches in Australia. The book is called *Australian Gothic* by Brian Andrews, 2001. St Bernard's was mentioned in it, and what was said might interest our Parishioners.

Charles Francis Hansom (1817-1888) was an English architect of the Gothic Revival and designed many churches in England. Just like his fellow Englishman, William Pugin, the most famous Gothic architect at the time, Hansom provided Australian Bishops with church designs to be built in Australia. William Wardell, another English Gothic architect who was a friend and student of Pugin, actually moved to Australia and designed many of our churches, including St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, and St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

Charles Hansom designed many churches in Australia, including St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, and St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide.

Hansom's church designs were used to build churches in Kilmore, Kyneton, Ballarat, Daylesford, Creswick and more, including our own St Bernard's Bacchus Marsh. The main design our church was derived from was that for St Patrick's, Part Fairy. However, Port Fairy church is made from bluestone and ours from red brick.

Hansom's designs came from England, but it was Ballarat architect, Henry Caselli, who was entrusted with some of Hansom's designs to make them actually happen on the ground. It was Caselli who used the Hansom design to build our St Bernard's. Apparently, the slim tower is a characteristic of Hansom's designs. Interestingly, this book mentioned that a young man named William Tappin (1854-1905) started working for Caselli at the age of 16 and went on to design Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo. Not only that, some quick research online will show that Tappin and his company became responsible for many buildings in Victoria and Melbourne.

Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount

SUNDAY MASSES

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

OLHC, Korobeit

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

Wed	22 nd	St Mary Magdalene, Feast Day
Fri	24 th	Feast of Sts Joachim & Anne Grandparents' Day
Fri	24 th	Catechesis by Fr John Paul Mount
Sat	25 th	St James, Apostle, Feast Day

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
Fri	7 th	First Friday Holy Hour
Sat	8 th	Parish Trivia Night
Sun	9 th	Baptism Preparation Session
Fri	14 th	Providence & Friends Anointing Mass
Sat	15 th	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun	23 rd	St Bernard's Feast Day celebration

DONATE

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or contact the Parish Office
to set up recurring contributions.



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OUR LADY
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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

FUNERAL

A Requiem Mass will be held for Michael Larkin on Friday 24th July at 1:00pm.

'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. All welcome.

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.

ST BERNARD'S PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 8th August 2026 at 6:30pm

Dust off your thinking caps and enjoy the fun and 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.

\$20 – Adults

\$10 – Youth (13-17 years)

Free – Children 12 years & under

Contact person: Thomas Halloran – 0431 504 402



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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

Michael Larkin

Death Anniversaries

Kieran Braithwaite, Bill Fanning, John Farrugia,
Noeline Haeday Riaca, Carmel Wittick,
Irene Wojcicki.

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.

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.

When: 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

CHRISTUS REX PILGRIMAGE

Ballarat to Bendigo, October 2026

The Christus Rex Pilgrimage takes place each year on the last weekend of October, in honour of the Kingship of Christ. It begins on Friday with morning Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat, and concludes with Solemn Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo. The pilgrimage spans three days, during which participants walk approximately 90 kilometers, engaging in prayer, song, sharing meals, with reflection and fellowship along the way.

Registration includes meals, accommodation, resources and support.

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

ROSTERS

Church Cleaning Teams

Monday 10th August – Anne, Paul, Denise, Maddie, Lisa D, Nuala (if available)

Flowers

July – Tup Shea

August - Rosabella

Ministers : 25th & 26th July

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Maureen Zahra	Vicki Benson	Nuala Beatie
8:30am	Gerard O'Shea	Colm Carragher	Carmel Shea
10:30am	Rosabella Tuala	Cheryl Stevens	Neida Funina

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

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16*

R: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

Response

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

Response

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

Response

Second Reading *Romans 8:26-27*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation *cf Matthew 11:25*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 13:24-43*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

———— Next Sunday ————

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading	1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Second Reading	Romans 8:28-30
Gospel	Matthew 13:44-46