



# ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR A

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

## — ST BENEDICT —

This coming Saturday is the Feast of St Benedict, and I didn't want this feast to pass without mentioning it.

St Benedict was born in Norcia, Italy, in 480AD and soon moved to Rome to study. However, he felt called by God to leave what he saw as the immoral city life around him, and to live a life dedicated to God. He started as a hermit in Subiaco. Then, later, he began to establish monastic communities. He established the great monastery of Monte Cassino and wrote up his 'rule' to govern monastic life.

St Benedict is a father of monasticism in the Church, if not the father of monasticism. Monasticism of course existed well before St Benedict's time. However, St Benedict had such an influence that his rule – the rule of St Benedict – proved so wise, that it became the foundation for much of the monastic life in the Church up to the present day.

This is particularly relevant to us since St Bernard lived a monastic life. At the age of twenty-two, St Bernard joined the Cistercians. The Cistercians were a type of Benedictines. They had developed and founded their way of life from the Benedictines or rule of St Benedict. And St Bernard spread this way of life throughout Europe such that by the end of his life the Cistercians had grown to start another 343 monasteries.

The rule of St Benedict revolves around *Ora et Labora*, 'Prayer and Work'. The hours of the day are divided between the praying of the *Liturgy of the Hours* and Mass. These 'Hours' of prayer he called the *Opus Dei* or 'work of God'.

"*Prefer nothing to the Opus Dei*" says St Benedict in his rule. The Liturgy of the Hours is the official prayer of the Church, made up primarily of the 150 Psalms. The monks of St Benedict will chant the Liturgy of the Hours and celebrate Mass as the high point of their life's work. The 'Hours' of prayer are *Matins* or Office of Readings (starting as early as 4:00am!); *Lauds* or Morning Prayer; *Prime* or First Hour (6:00am – after Lauds); *Terce*; *Sext*; *None* or 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Hour (which means 9:00am, 12:00noon and 3:00pm); and then *Vespers* or Evening Prayer; and *Compline* or Night Prayer. The rest of the day is divided between working in the Monastery, meals and study.

The work of the monastery is done with purpose and meaning. Through work and prayer, a monastery is sanctified. It becomes a holy place in the world with the Liturgy at the centre. Therefore the monastery is like a microcosm of God's plan for the entire world. God put us on the earth to 'till it and care for it' – so that united to God in prayer, we may sanctify our world, and cooperate with God in building up society. Therefore, our work is a means of sanctification of ourselves and our world. The work and prayer that builds up a monastery is a microcosm, an example, of the meaning and dignity of our own work and prayer that is supposed to sanctify us, our families and our society.

*Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount*

## — SUNDAY MASSES —

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

### OLHC, Korobeit

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|--------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday |                |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> July    | 6:30pm (Vigil) |

## — WEEKDAY MASSES —

|                                               |                        |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Mon                                           | no Mass                |
| Tue - Fri                                     | 9:30am                 |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> June - 10 <sup>th</sup> July | during school holidays |
| 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

|     |                  |                                  |
|-----|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Fri | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | First Friday Holy Hour           |
| Fri | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Catechesis by Fr John Paul Mount |
| Wed | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Morning Tea in Parish Centre     |
| Fri | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Providence & Friends Mass        |
| Fri | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Catechesis by Fr John Paul Mount |
| Sun | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass    |
| Mon | 13 <sup>th</sup> | School Term 3 commences          |

### August

|     |                  |                                                           |
|-----|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Thu | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | The Transfiguration of the Lord                           |
| Fri | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | St Mary MacKillop Feast Day<br>whole school Mass – 9:30am |
| Fri | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Catechesis by Fr John Paul Mount                          |
| Sat | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Parish Trivia Night                                       |
| Sun | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | St Bernard's Feast Day celebration                        |

### September

|     |                 |              |
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| Fri | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Father's Day |
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## — DONATE —

To support our Parish,  
scan the QR code,  
or contact the Parish Office  
to set up recurring contributions.



ST. BERNARD'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
61 Lerderberg Street  
Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340

PARISH OFFICE  
Tuesday – Friday, 9:30am – 1:30pm  
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[bacchusmarsh@cam.org.au](mailto:bacchusmarsh@cam.org.au)  
[www.stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au](http://www.stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au)

OUR LADY  
HELP OF CHRISTIANS  
309 Myrniong-Korobeit Road  
Korobeit VIC 3341

— 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 30<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, the weekday Masses will be held at 9:30am.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS MORNING TEA

Come to the Parish Centre for some morning tea and fun on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July from 9am-noon. Bring your favourite board/card game and a plate if you wish. Drop in anytime for a casual get together. All ages warmly welcome.

### SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Morning tea will be held after the 8:30am Mass on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July. All welcome.

### ST BERNARD'S PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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

### PROVIDENCE & FRIENDS MASS

Parishioners are invited to the monthly Providence & Friends Mass this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 11am at Providence Village. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea/lunch.

If transport is required, please let the Parish Office know or call Margot Short on 0419 507 438.

### PARISH DONATIONS

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Stephanie Charewicz

### Death Anniversaries

Spiro Abela, Thomas Blood, Damian Condon,  
Alice Cook, Aileen Finn, Mary Glenane, Dorrie Kenny,  
Stan Mullane, Ivy "Pat" Ragan, Edward Skinner,  
Aad Weerdenburg, Noreen Wheelahan,  
Patricia Wittick.

### 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## — NEWMAN : CONVERSION & VOCATION —

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 7:30pm**

The Most Reverend James D. Conley, Bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska, is widely recognised for his deep appreciation of St John Henry Newman, whose writings have shaped his spiritual and intellectual life since before his conversion to Catholicism.

The Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy presents this public lecture, during which Bishop Conley highlights Newman's vision of Christian friendship, discipleship, conscience, and the pursuit of truth as enduring guides for the Church today.

Place: Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville

Enquiries: [secretariat@clergy.asn.au](mailto:secretariat@clergy.asn.au)

## — ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY —

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day, we gather as one to honour and celebrate our First Nations Peoples.

## — SYCAMORE FAITH FORMATION —

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:melbourne@op-tn.org).

## — 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 Team**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Adrian, Allan, Veronica, Brendan, Yenny

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Anne, Paul, Denise, Maddie, Lisa D, Nuala if available

### **Flowers**

July – Tup Shea

### **Ministers : 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July**

| Mass    | Reader          | Holy Communion | Piety Stall     |
|---------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 5:00pm  | Lisa Dolin      | Colin Remedios | Margot Short    |
| 8:30am  | Margaret Love   | Margot Short   | Jennifer Taylor |
| 10:30am | Thomas Halloran | Adrian Alimic  | 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

Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice

First Reading *Zechariah 9:9-10*

The Lord says this:  
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14*

**R:** *I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.*

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.

Response

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

Response

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God.

Response

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down.

Response

Second Reading *Romans 8:9, 11-13*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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 11:25-30*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

———— Next Sunday ————

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

|                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| First Reading      | <i>Isaiah 55:10-11</i> |
| Responsorial Psalm | <i>Psalms 64:10-14</i> |
| Second Reading     | <i>Romans 8:18-23</i>  |
| Gospel             | <i>Matthew 13:1-23</i> |