



# ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR A

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16<sup>th</sup> August 2026

## — ST DOMINIC —

"St Dominic dedicated the day to his neighbour, but gave the night to God."  
Bl Jordan of Saxony.

A fascinating quality of the saints is their ability to hold seemingly opposite characteristics together in themselves without a hint of contradiction or compromise. St Dominic was one of these saints. He was born about 10 years before St Francis of Assisi and is generally the lesser known of two. He was born in the tiny town of Caleruega in Spain in 1170. He died in Bologna on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1221. His feast day is 8<sup>th</sup> August, but in Australia he steps aside for the lady and lets St Mary of the Cross MacKillop shine on that day. In Australia, his feast is celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

There are many inspirational and even tender stories that we know about St Dominic from those who knew him, but the seeming contradiction of a saint who was a lover of peace and tranquility who spent himself in intense apostolic activity for the Church is of particular interest. His age was, like our own, a time fraught with political instability and turmoil. He spent his days preaching throughout the south of France and Spain, appealing, convincing, and drawing souls to God through his deep compassion for all forms of human suffering. At night, St Dominic could be found absorbed in prayer. From the earliest writing of the Dominican Order, the brethren wrote of his customary night vigils of intercessory prayer for all God's people.

St Dominic's belief in the power of prayer was so real that he chose to found a group of Dominican sisters about 10 years before he founded the friars and priests. This was unique. Most religious orders – Benedictine, Augustinian, Franciscan, Jesuit – established the priests or brothers, followed by a women's community years after the men were established. St Dominic did the opposite. He founded the Dominican nuns at Prouilhe in the south of France in 1206, to ensure that the Dominican Order would always be anchored in prayer before any apostolic activity began. More than 800 years later, the monastery at Prouilhe is still flourishing, and is home to about 30 nuns who exist "to support the Catholic preaching and evangelization mission through a life of contemplative prayer, study, and penance." (taken from the nuns' website)

Sometimes when things get difficult we inadvertently say, "There's nothing else to do but pray." But more often than not, the better approach is to take the day's difficulties to the Lord first, rather than jump in and solve the problem on our own steam. Jesus already knows what we are dealing with and... He also happens to have the solution! St Dominic's life bears witness to countless moments of the Lord's steadfast Providence in his life. His example of unceasing prayer challenges us to rethink the order of things and to consider that when we face life's challenges we need to begin, rather than end, with prayer.

St Dominic, preacher of grace, pray for us!

*Sr. Mary Sarah Galbraith*

## — SUNDAY MASSES —

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

### OLHC, Korobeit

|                                            |                |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday |                |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept    | 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 —

### August

|     |                  |                                                      |
|-----|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun | 16 <sup>th</sup> | "eXpresso alfresco" coffee van                       |
| Mon | 17 <sup>th</sup> | Fr Stephen Wang<br>Parent & Carer School Session     |
| Thu | 20 <sup>th</sup> | St Bernard of Clairvaux Feast Day                    |
| Sun | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | St Bernard's Feast Day celebration<br>Pot Luck Lunch |

### September

|     |                  |                             |
|-----|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fri | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | First Friday Holy Hour      |
| Sun | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Father's Day                |
| Fri | 11 <sup>th</sup> | Providence & Friends Mass   |
| Sun | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Baptism Preparation Session |

### October

|                                     |                 |                                                |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Sun                                 | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Bush Dance                                     |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> |                 | Christus Rex Pilgrimage<br>Ballarat to Bendigo |

## — 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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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

### ST BERNARD'S FEAST DAY

#### Pot Luck Lunch – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026

A Pot Luck Lunch will be held in the Parish Centre after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August to celebrate the feast day of our patron saint. If you are attending, we ask you to bring a plate to share to ensure there is enough food to go around.

### ST BERNARD'S PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Thank you to all who supported our annual trivia night last weekend which helped raise \$2,056.50 for our parish.

Congratulations to our winning team 'Cocolicious' who took home the trophy for 2026. See you all again next year!

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

#### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on this day when Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken up body and soul into Heaven. This dogma was formally defined by Pope Pius XII on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1950.

### EXPRESSO ALFRESCO

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026

This Sunday, hot drinks will be served by Maria and Lucas from their coffee van after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses.

### FUNERAL

Funeral Prayers for Bernice Light will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00am. Sincere condolences to all her family.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace †

### PARISH DONATIONS

To make a donation, scan the QR code:

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

Guilan Dai, Bernice Light, Ginette Raffaele.

### Death Anniversaries

Lena Carli, Maurice Clancy, William Cook,  
Patricia Cooper, Gerard Duck, Bro Jason Duck,  
Billy Gleeson, Maureen Grogan, Roy Magill,  
John O'Leary, Paddy O'Leary, Jack Shelley,  
Norma Stevens, James Symmons, John Thomeycroft,  
John van Beek.

### 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, 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](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

## — 2026 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN —

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026**

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign continues, and everyone is asked to consider a one-time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Information brochures can be found around the church.

Online donations (via direct debit or credit card) are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made using the QR code provided. You can also donate through the supplied campaign envelopes, or anonymously with cash directly into the collection plate during the final weekend of the campaign.

### — "WALKING WITH OUR CHILDREN TOWARD CHRIST" —

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2026, 2:00-3:00pm**

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 this Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Fr Stephen will host a Parent & Carer session, 2-3pm in the school's 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).

### — SEOULFEST —

**World Youth Day Seoul 2027 – 1 year to go!**

Join Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli and the young people of Melbourne as the Archdiocese launches their pilgrimage to WYD Seoul 2027. Begins with Six30 Holy Hour including Adoration and Benediction, followed by food trucks, music and celebrations in the Cathedral grounds. Win one of four \$500 discounts towards your pilgrimage!

When: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026, 6.30pm-9:00pm

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Gather your family, friends, youth group and community members as we begin our journey to South Korea. Your invitation could be the first step in someone's encounter with Christ. See you there!

For enquires, contact [wyd@cam.org.au](mailto:wyd@cam.org.au)

### — CHRISTUS REX PILGRIMAGE —

**Ballarat to Bendigo, 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

The Christus Rex Pilgrimage usually takes place each year on the last weekend of October in honour of the Kingship of Christ. This year, the pilgrimage begins with morning Mass on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat, and concludes with Solemn Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October. During the pilgrimage, 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**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Adrian, Allan, Veronica, Brendan, Yenny

#### **Flowers**

August - Rosabella

**Ministers : 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

| Mass    | Reader        | Holy Communion | Piety Stall  |
|---------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| 5:00pm  | Jeremy Toledo | Jackie Tabone  | Nuala Beatie |
| 8:30am  | Margaret Love | Moir Ross      | Carmel Shea  |
| 10:30am | Adrian Alimic | 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 Procession

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.  
Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 66:2-3, 5-6, 8*

**R: O God, let all the nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help

Response

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.

Response

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Response

Second Reading *Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:23*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.  
**Alleluia!**

Gospel *Matthew 15:21-28*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.

— Next Sunday —

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

|                    |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| First Reading      | <i>Isaiah 22:19-12</i>      |
| Responsorial Psalm | <i>Psalms 137:1-3, 6, 8</i> |
| Second Reading     | <i>Romans 11:33-36</i>      |
| Gospel             | <i>Matthew 16:13-20</i>     |