



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR A

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11th October 2026

— COMPENDIUM PRAYER : WEEK 3 —

While I'm on holidays, the front page of the newsletter will have selections of what the Compendium of the Catholic Church writes on prayer. The *Compendium* is a summary of the *Catechism* in a 'question and answer' form.

"We must remember God more often than we draw breath." (Saint Gregory of Nazianzus).

557. What is the importance of Tradition in regard to prayer? In the Church it is through living Tradition that the Holy Spirit teaches the children of God how to pray. In fact prayer cannot be reduced to the spontaneous outpouring of an interior impulse; rather it implies contemplation, study and a grasp of the spiritual realities one experiences.

567. What times are more suitable for prayer? Any time is suitable for prayer but the Church proposes to the faithful certain rhythms of praying intended to nourish continual prayer: morning and evening prayer, prayer before and after meals, the Liturgy of the Hours, Sunday Eucharist, the Rosary, and feasts of the liturgical year.

572. Why is prayer a "battle"? Prayer is a gift of grace but it always presupposes a determined response on our part because those who pray "battle" against themselves, their surroundings, and especially the Tempter who does all he can to turn them away from prayer. The battle of prayer is inseparable from progress in the spiritual life. We pray as we live because we live as we pray.

573. Are there objections to prayer? Along with erroneous notions of prayer, many think they do not have the time to pray or that praying is useless. Those who pray can be discouraged in the face of difficulties and apparent lack of success. Humility, trust and perseverance are necessary to overcome these obstacles.

574. What are the difficulties in prayer? Distraction is a habitual difficulty in our prayer. It takes our attention away from God and can also reveal what we are attached to. Our heart therefore must humbly turn to the Lord. Prayer is often affected by dryness. Overcoming this difficulty allows us to cling to the Lord in faith, even without any feeling of consolation. Acedia is a form of spiritual laziness due to relaxed vigilance and a lack of custody of the heart.

575. How may we strengthen our filial trust? Filial trust is tested when we think we are not heard. We must therefore ask ourselves if we think God is truly a Father whose will we seek to fulfill, or simply a means to obtain what we want. If our prayer is united to that of Jesus, we know that he gives us much more than this or that gift. We receive the Holy Spirit who transforms our heart.

576. Is it possible to pray always? Praying is always possible because the time of the Christian is the time of the risen Christ who remains "with us always" (Matthew 28:20). Prayer and Christian life are therefore inseparable:

"It is possible to offer frequent and fervent prayer even at the market place or strolling alone. It is possible also in your place of business, while buying or selling, or even while cooking." (Saint John Chrysostom).

— SUNDAY MASSES —

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1st & 3rd Saturday
17th Oct & 7th Nov 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 —

October

Sun 11th Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass
Sun 11th Baptism Preparation Session
Wed 14th Combined Churches prayer meeting
Thu 15th Sacrament of Reconciliation
Reflection Evening – 6:30pm
Fri 16th Providence & Friends Mass
Sat 17th Sacrament of Reconciliation
Commitment Mass – 5:00pm
22nd - 25th Christus Rex Pilgrimage
Ballarat to Bendigo

November

Sun 1st All Saints
Mon 2nd The Commemoration of all the
Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Tue 3rd Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Sat 7th St Bernard's Bush Dance

— DONATE —

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or contact the Parish Office
to set up recurring contributions.



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— Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults. —

PARISH NEWS

FUNERAL

The funeral for Antonietta "Anna" Provenzano will be held on Monday 12th October in St Bernard's Church. Rosary will commence at 10:30am, followed by Requiem Mass at 11:00am, then burial at Maddingley Cemetery.

Eternal rest grant unto Anna, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace †

MORNING TEA

This Sunday 11th October, morning tea will be held after the 8:30am Mass. All welcome.

COMBINED CHURCHES PRAYER MEETING

Together with St Bernard's, this prayer meeting is a gathering of the local Christian churches in Bacchus Marsh – Catalyst Baptist Church, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, and Bacchus Marsh Christian Church.

When: Wednesday 14th October at 7:30pm

Where: Bacchus Marsh Christian Church, 222 Main St, Bacchus Marsh

PROVIDENCE & FRIENDS

Parishioners are invited to the monthly Providence & Friends Mass to be held on Friday 16th October at 11am at Providence Village.

Please note the change of date. Bring a plate for morning tea/lunch to share. If transport is required, please let the Parish Office know or call Margot Short on 0419 507 438.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving Envelopes for the next six months, October 2026 to March 2027, are now available to be collected from the church Gathering Space.

Statements have been emailed to parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any queries regarding your Statement.

PRAYER OF THANKS

Chinenye Victoria Oriaku Nwalozie contacted the Parish Office to let us know that she has been in good health and very well since early 2025, but she thanks the Parish for all our prayers.

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

Noel Cooper, Antonietta "Anna" Provenzano.

Death Anniversaries

Isabel Aquino, Kevin Bridges, William Duffy, William Lang, Fr John Nagle, Betty Williams, and Gloria.

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, 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

— ST BERNARD'S BUSH DANCE —

Saturday 7th November 2026

St Bernard's Bush Dance will be held on Saturday 7th November at 6:00pm in the St Bernard's Primary School Recreation Centre. Bring your family and friends to enjoy traditional Australian Bush tunes and guided dances by the Slip Slide Bush Band. No skills needed!

Please bring a plate to share for supper. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

Book by scanning the QR code, or by going to <https://www.trybooking.com/DQCUS>

Adults (18+) - \$30

Teens (13-17) - \$10

Child (6-12) - \$5

Child under 6 - Free



Donations for Bush Dance Raffle

The Social & Fundraising Committee would like to ask for donations to help create wonderful raffle prizes to be won at the upcoming bush dance. The proceeds will go towards supporting our parish.

Donations can be left in the Gathering Space of the church after each Mass until Sunday 1st November.

— ST CARLO ACUTIS RELIC —

Caroline Springs, 10th-11th October 2026

The First-Class Relic of St Carlo Acutis will visit St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs, from Saturday 10th to Sunday 11th October 2026. The relic is a 6x2cm section of Carlo's pericardium, the membrane surrounding the heart.

As part of this weekend, there will be a screening of the film called 'Carlo Acutis – Roadmap to Reality!' on Saturday 10th October at 8:00pm in the nearby CRC Cafeteria.

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/h2xIQ0Pvj3c>

As places are limited, kindly register as soon as possible by visiting www.carlo-acutis.org or directly by the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1vW_FWxA_tbcQaAaS9QJKQukZ0Qf01QBKi95e83LjLvL_ThHg/viewform

— SOUL FOOD —

Soul Food Program Inc has seen a huge increase in our number of guests over the last few years. Last year, we provided Christmas gifts for 150 children in need. Soul Food are once again looking for generous people to be a Sponsor for one of our children this Christmas.

You will be given a first name and age, and asked to buy some presents for the child, to put into a gift bag (unwrapped) and deliver to Soul Food for distribution. The present will be handed to your child at our Christmas function, or to the parent for use on Christmas Day.

For many of our children, these are the only gifts they will receive for Christmas. We would like to collect the presents in the last week of November, so we can be organised early. If this is something you would like to do, please call Jenny on 0408 104 155, and you will be allocated a local child in need of a little help.

— ROSTERS —

Church Cleaning Teams

Saturday 17th October – Adrian, Allan, Veronica, Brendan, Yenny
Monday 26th October – Anne, Paul, Denise, Maddie, Lisa D, Nuala

Flowers

October – Rosabella Tuala

Ministers : 17th & 18th October

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Lisa Dolin	Jackie Tabone	Nuala Beatie
8:30am	Meg Kennedy	Dominican Sisters	Jan & Colm Carragher
10:30am	Allan McManus	Jenny Kearney	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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading *Isaiah 25:6-10*

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 22*
**R: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Second Reading *Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation *cf Ephesians 1:17-18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 22:1-14*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

— Next Sunday —

Response

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 95:1, 3-5, 7-10
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Gospel	Matthew 22:15-21