



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR A

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th October 2026

— COMPENDIUM PRAYER : WEEK 2 —

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.

Saint Teresa of Avila defines contemplative prayer as the intimate sharing of friendship, "in which time is frequently taken to be alone with God who we know loves us."

548. How did the first Christian community in Jerusalem pray? At the beginning of the *Acts of the Apostles* it is written that in the first community of Jerusalem, educated in the life of prayer by the Holy Spirit, the faithful "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers" (*Acts* 2:42).

549. How does the Holy Spirit intervene in the Church's prayer? The Holy Spirit, the interior Master of Christian prayer, forms the Church in the life of prayer and allows her to enter ever more deeply into contemplation of and union with the unfathomable mystery of Christ. The forms of prayer expressed in the apostolic and canonical writings remain normative for Christian prayer.

550. What are the essential forms of Christian prayer? They are blessing and adoration, the prayer of petition and intercession, thanksgiving and praise. The Eucharist contains and expresses all the forms of prayer.

551. What is "blessing"? The prayer of blessing is man's response to God's gifts: we bless the Almighty who first blesses us and fills us with his gifts.

552. How can adoration be defined? Adoration is the humble acknowledgement by human beings that they are creatures of the thrice-holy Creator.

553. What are the different forms of the prayer of petition? It can be a petition for pardon or also a humble and trusting petition for all our needs either spiritual or material. The first thing to ask for, however, is the coming of the Kingdom.

554. In what does the prayer of intercession consist? Intercession consists in asking on behalf of another. It conforms us and unites us to the prayer of Jesus who intercedes with the Father for all, especially sinners. Intercession must extend even to one's enemies.

555. When is thanksgiving given to God? The Church gives thanks to God unceasingly, above all in celebrating the Eucharist in which Christ allows her to participate in his own thanksgiving to the Father. For the Christian every event becomes a reason for giving thanks.

556. What is the prayer of praise? Praise is that form of prayer which recognizes most immediately that God is God. It is a completely disinterested prayer: it sings God's praise for his own sake and gives him glory simply because he is.

558. What are the expressions of the life of prayer? Christian tradition has preserved three forms for expressing and living prayer: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer. The feature common to all of them is the recollection of the heart.

570. What is meditation? Meditation is a prayerful reflection that begins above all in the Word of God in the Bible. Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion and desire in order to deepen our faith, convert our heart and fortify our will to follow Christ. It is a first step toward the union of love with our Lord.

571. What is contemplative prayer? Contemplative prayer is a simple gaze upon God in silence and love. It is a gift of God, a moment of pure faith during which the one praying seeks Christ, surrenders himself to the loving will of the Father, and places his being under the action of the Holy Spirit.

— SUNDAY MASSES —

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

OLHC, Korobeit

1 st & 3 rd Saturday	
Sat 3 rd Oct	6:30pm Mass cancelled
17 th Oct & 7 th Nov	6:30pm (Vigil)

— WEEKDAY MASSES —

Mon	no Mass
Tue, Thu, Fri	7:30am
Wed	9:30am
Sat 3 rd Oct	9:30am Mass cancelled

— CONFESSION —

30 minutes prior to each Mass
& during Holy Hour

— DEVOTIONS —

Mon	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tue	7:00pm	Holy Hour cancelled 6 th Oct
Fri	24 hours	First Friday Adoration
Fri	7:00pm	First Friday Holy Hour
Sun	10:00am	Rosary (Chapel)

— DIARY —

October

Mon	5 th	School Term 4 commences
Sun	11 th	Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass
Sun	11 th	Baptism Preparation Session
Wed	14 th	Combined Churches prayer meeting
Thu	15 th	Sacrament of Reconciliation Reflection Evening – 6:30pm
Fri	16 th	Providence & Friends Mass
Sat	17 th	Sacrament of Reconciliation Commitment Mass – 5:00pm
22 nd - 25 th		Christus Rex Pilgrimage Ballarat to Bendigo

November

Sun	1 st	All Saints
Mon	2 nd	All Souls Day
Tue	3 rd	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Sat	7 th	St Bernard's Bush Dance

— DONATE —

To support our Parish,
scan the QR code,
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

AMENDMENT TO SERVICES

21st September to 12th October

9:30am Mass on Saturday 3rd October is cancelled.

Also, 6:30pm Mass at Korobeit on Saturday 3rd October is cancelled.

There is no Holy Hour on Tuesday evening of 6th October.

School holidays finish this Sunday 4th October, and weekday Mass times will resume to be held at 7:30am on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and at 9:30am on Wednesday.

MORNING TEA

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

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.

If your envelopes are missing, please contact the Parish Office.

PIETY STALL

Columban Calendars for 2027 are now available to purchase for \$11.

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

Cornelia Cooymans, Edith Manche,
Antonieta Provenzano.

Death Anniversaries

Justin Callaway, Brian Dobson, Carmen Farrugia,
Patricia Pidoto, Nova O'Shea, Shirley Stone,
Ida Suban, John Trask.

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
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 6×2cm 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_tbCqAaS9QJKQukZ0Qf01QBKi95e83LjLvLThHg/viewform

— GEELONG TERTIARY STUDENTS —

End of Year Mass and Dinner – Sunday 1st November 2026

Catholic University and TAFE students who live in the Geelong region are invited to celebrate the end of the academic year with Mass and Dinner on Sunday 1st November 2026. Mass will be at 5:00pm at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Geelong. Family and friends are welcome to the Mass. Dinner will follow at 6:30pm at Edge Bar & Restaurant Geelong. Attendance at the dinner is limited to students and partners – booking for dinner is essential at www.trybooking.com/DQKKB. For more information, contact Fr Marcus Goulding at corio@cam.org.au.

— ROSTERS —

Church Cleaning Teams

Saturday 17th October – Adrian, Allan, Veronica, Brendan, Yenny

Monday 26th October – Anne, Paul, Denise, Maddie, Lisa D, Nuala

Flowers

September – Jenn Costin

October – Rosabella Tuala

Ministers : 10th & 11th October

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Vicki Benson	Henry Gasior	Margot Short
8:30am	Gerard O'Shea	Tup Shea	Jan Farmelo
10:30am	Adrian Alimic	Vanina Isah	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 Procession

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading *Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 79:9, 12-16, 19-20*

R: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Response

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

Response

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

Response

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Response

Second Reading *Philippians 4:6-9*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need,
pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving,
and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we
can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in
Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with
everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything
that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour,
and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of
praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me
and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I
do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation *cf John 15:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 21:33-43*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:
'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner,
who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress
in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went
abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants
to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized
his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third.
Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number,
and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent
his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But
when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This
is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his
inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the
vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the
vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They
answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end
and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the
produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to
them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from
you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

Next Sunday

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading	<i>Isaiah 25:6-10</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Psalms 22</i>
Second Reading	<i>Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 22:1-14</i>