



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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22nd August 2021

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew

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CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS

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St Bernard's -Dolores Turcsan



St Anthony's
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MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S 23/8-29/8 MELTON SOUTH

ST BERNARD'S 23/8-29/8 BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES:

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Monday 23rd August*	No Mass
Tuesday 24th August**	7.30am
Wednesday 25th August	9.30am
Thursday 26th August	7.30am
Friday 27th August	9.30am
Saturday 21st August –Latin Mass (Novus Ordo)	9.00am
Saturday Vigil 21st August	5.00pm
Sunday 22nd August	8.30am
	10.30am

*Rosary and Adoration every Monday evening 7.30pm

** A Holy Hour of Eucharist Adoration will be held every Tues evening at 7.30pm

Attendees at all Masses must wear masks and check-in with the QR code upon arrival.

Confession available 30 minutes prior to each Mass.

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES ON THE CURRENT LOCKDOWN, RESTRICTIONS AND THE RETURN OF MASS BOOKINGS

[St Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish | Melton South](https://www.stanthonyofpadua.org.au/)

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

KOROBET

MASS TIME Saturday Vigil

6.30pm

If you need a Priest in the case of an emergency please call 0403 435 471

PARISHIONER'S FIRST COLLECTION/SECOND COLLECTION

Parishioners who normally give cash each weekend for the collections, if they wish to donate, are now able to go to the link below and make their payments online.

The link to the St Anthony's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMeltonSouth>

The link to the St Bernard's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayBacchusMarsh>

Please put your name and thanksgiving number if you know it as a reference.

REFLECTION ON BEING AT A CROSSROAD

Most of us would have experienced being at a crossroad at some time, making a decision on which road to take to get to our destination. It could be when travelling, making a decision about a new job, moving house, choosing a life-time partner, even leaving the Church.

In Sunday's Gospel we find the disciples at a crossroad – whether to believe and follow Jesus or to walk away. Was what he was saying too hard to accept? Could they believe this carpenter from Nazareth, this wandering preacher?

Jesus knew their hesitancy and was not surprised when they walked away, having made the decision this was too difficult. Jesus asked the Twelve "Do you want to go away too?" Peter answered for all: Lord to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life."

Peter knew their destination – eternal life! He knew Jesus was the Way.

What about me? Am I sure of my destination, the route I must take to get there?

Am I faithfully following the way Jesus has shown us? Can I also say: Lord to whom shall I go?

You are the Way!

Sr Mary Fermio rsj



PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

ST BERNARD'S

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Get to know the love of the Lord Jesus and the joy of His Gospel! Our parish will be starting the next cycle of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) soon! RCIA is the formation course for people who are thinking about becoming Catholic. Join us for an inquiry session: 7.30pm Wednesday 1st September 2021 St Anthony's Church Meeting Room
Find out more and register at:

www.stanthonyofpadua.com.au/rcia

www.stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au/rcia

VARIOUS ITEMS FREE TO GOOD HOME

The following items are free to a good home: a new single fold-up bed, single blow-up mattress, and new single quilt and bedding set, as well as a used reclining armchair. If you would like any of these items, please contact Fr Marcus at marcus.goulding@cam.org.au

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RESOURCE TO HELP CHILDREN PRAY AT MASS

Children's Mass books are now available in the back of the church for use during Mass. "When I Go to Mass" is a book that reads like a Children's Missal written by Melbourne mother Sarah Hlavcek. Borrow these books during Mass to help your little one engage and keep focused on the Mass and place them back after Mass so they will be where you found them next time. These books are designed to explain the Mass in a simple yet meaningful way. Helping your children follow along with the book in Mass is one great way to help children learn and engage with the Mass. If you would like a copy of this great resource for your home, "When I Go to Mass" is also available to purchase on Amazon and Book Depository in both paperback and hardcover.

Last week a report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change called for urgent action to address the global climate crisis. While it is important that we, personally and as a community, take action, [let us not forget our spiritual life](#). Source: editor@australiancatholics.com.au

The following is a prayer from Pope Francis for the earth.

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.*

*Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.*

*O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and
forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.*

*Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.*

*Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognise that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.*

*We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.*

Pope Francis,
Laudato Si'



WORSHIP NEWS

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT AND VALID WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 28th & 29th August
Please present yourself to the Mass Coordinator 15 minutes before the scheduled Mass time or a replacement will be found. Thank you.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm Vigil:
8.30am: Lockdown
10.30am:
5.00pm:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Vigil:
8.30am: Lockdown
10.30am:
5.00pm

If you are unavailable for these dates please contact Lesley at the Parish Office Thank you

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm Vigil:
8.30am: Lockdown
10.30am:
5.00pm:

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Anthony Buhagiar, Eric Clyne, Angelina de Guzman & Doris Trevor

Please pray for the Sick: Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Melanie Fue Bruce Hynes, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Lisa Melia, Damien Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Maiava Kuno Nickol, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Peter Poole, Irene Rahilly, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri, Janko Stojanovic, Uatoa Tuigamala, Dolores Turcsan, Clint Abela Wadge & Wai Walsh and all those who have requested our prayers.
(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father we lift up all those who are facing illness. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. Amen



ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 28th & 29nd August

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Kratochvil Family
8.30am: Michael Baddeley
10.30am: Lindorff Family

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Colin Remedios
8.30am: Ben Kratochvil
10.30am: Volunteer needed

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

August: John Wilson

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Dorothy "Dot" Atwood, Maurice Clancy, Alice Doolan, Roy Magill, Antonio Schembri, Jack Shelley, Norma Stevens, John Thorneycroft & Brian Ward

Please pray for the Sick:

Patricia Allison, Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Tina Bower, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Chris, Josephine Cilia, Robyn Cola, Ted Cooling, Marianne Cuskelly, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Theresa Dockter, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Adam Hillier, Leonie Kervin, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Chaiel Jackson, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Michael Larkin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Brian Marshall, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Mary Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Ken Shaw, Terry Sims, Marian Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, Catherine Time, Susan Trist, Dolores Turcsan, Stephen Van Eede, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Patricia Yazbek, & Betty Young.

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SERVICE / COMMUNITY

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ST ANTHONY'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS: 28th & 29th August

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil:

8.30am: Lockdown

10.30am:

CUPPA VOLUNTEERS 28th & 29th August

5.00pm Vigil:

8.30am: Lockdown

10.30am:

CHURCH FLOWERS

August: Gloria



CHURCH CLEANING

Lorelle Porter and a Team of Volunteers.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

The Melton South Conference meet every 3rd Tuesday morning in the Meeting Room 10.30am.

New members most welcome, training provided. Non perishable items within the use by date can be left in the 'drop box' in the Church foyer.

We cannot accept re-packaged food. Thank you.

COMBINED CHURCHES CARING MELTON INC

We're here to support City of Melton residents get ahead through access to our foodbank and other community programs. It's never just about the food or the budget help, it's about recognising the beauty that is in the person and bringing it out so they can be their best.

Address: 100 Coburn Road Melton South 9747 6811

ST BERNARD'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS : 28th & 29th August

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Sunday: Carmel Shea

CHURCH FLOWERS

August: Deborah Hosking



PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

August: Ron Geurts

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Welfare Number is 1800 305 330.

The Vinnies Store is located at 8 Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh. The store is open 7 days a week. If you are able to volunteer and would like some more information, please contact the Store Manager on 8199 4205.

THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE

The Neighbours' Place is a Christian not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to serve people of the **Moorabool Shire**, west of Melbourne Australia, who are disadvantaged, at risk or temporarily unable to feed themselves or their family and who are in need of emergency food relief.

NILS is a **No Interest Loans Scheme** for assistance of up \$1500 for things like white goods, furniture and minor car repairs to keep life going.

We are located at [77 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh](#)

Phone: 03 5367 6222

Email: neighbourspl@iinet.net.au

Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am-12.30pm. Closed on public holidays.

SOUL FOOD

Soul Food provides a free community meal each Wednesday (excluding school holidays), in the Uniting Church Hall, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh. Meals are served up at 12noon. All are welcome and this is a free event. No need to book, just come along.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon—Fri 9.00am to 6.00pm

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

God, strengthen and sustain all those who volunteer in our Churches; that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow with Jesus Christ offering to you their gifts and talents.

Amen



FAITH FORMATION

ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM– ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

The Baptism Preparation Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Time: **6.30pm**

Next preparation meeting :**Thursday 26th August**

Location: **Parish Centre, St Bernard's, Bacchus Marsh**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Both parents are required to attend these meetings. **We kindly request adults only** and a copy of the birth certificate. **Please be advised that Baptism applications must be submitted 2 months in advance.**

Visit our website for detailed information and application forms.

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any queries.

BAPTISM TEAM: St Anthony's: **Michelle & Shelley** St Bernard's: **Dolores Turcsan**

ADULT PREPARATION Adult preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Fabian, Fr Marcus or Fr Lucas .



FATIMA STATUE—ST ANTHONY'S

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:



Group 1: Uili & Lagi Maiava 0429 340 404

Group 2: Andrew & Lorelle Porter 0409 939 002

Group 3: Mary & Tony Galea 0401 169 224

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

1st Sunday of the Month-3.00pm

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



NEO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN 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,

[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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 33

Commentator: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

All: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

All: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

NEXT WEEK'S READING

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

First Reading: Deut 4:1 –2, 6-8;
Second Reading: James 1:17-18,21-22,27;
Gospel: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23



SECOND READING Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives submit to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

Year of Saint Joseph XXIV

The Virtues and Gifts of St Joseph

St Joseph's humility must have been increased by the thought of the gratuity of his exceptional vocation. He must have said to himself: why has the Most High given me, rather than any other man, His Son to watch over?

Only because that was His good pleasure. Joseph was freely preferred from all eternity to all other men to whom the Lord could have given the same gifts and the same fidelity to prepare them for so exceptional a vocation. The knowledge of the value of the grace he received and of its absolute gratuitousness, far from injuring his humility, would strengthen it. He would think in his heart: "What have you that you have not received?"

Joseph appears the most humble of the saints after Mary — more humble than any of the angels. If he is the most humble, he is by that fact the greatest, for the virtues are all connected and a person's charity is as elevated as his humility is profound. "He that is lesser among you all, he is the greater" (Luke 9: 48).

His faith cannot be shaken in spite of the darkness of the unexpected mystery. The word of God communicated to him by the angel throws light on the virginal conception of the Saviour: Joseph might have hesitated to believe a thing so wonderful, but he believes it firmly in the simplicity of his heart. By his simplicity and his humility, he reaches up to divine heights.

Obscurity follows once more. Joseph was poor before receiving the secret of the Most High. He becomes still poorer when Jesus is born, for Jesus comes to separate men from everything so as to unite them to God. There is no room for the Saviour in the inns of Bethlehem. Joseph must have suffered from having nothing to offer to Mary and her Son.

His love of God and of souls did not cease to increase during the hidden life of Nazareth; the Incarnate Word is an unfailing source of graces, ever newer and more choice, for docile souls who oppose no obstacle to His action. The progress of such docile souls as Mary and Joseph is one of uniform acceleration: that is to say, they are carried all the more powerfully to God the nearer they approach Him.

This law of spiritual gravitation was realised in Joseph; his charity grew up to the time of his death, and the progress of his latter years was more rapid than that of his earlier years, for finding himself

nearer to God he was more powerfully drawn by Him.

St Joseph's death was a privileged one; St Francis de Sales writes that it was a death of love. He teaches that St Joseph was one of the saints who rose after the Lord's Resurrection (Matthew 17: 52ff) and appeared in Jerusalem; he holds also that these resurrections were definitive and that Joseph entered heaven then, body and soul.

St Joseph's Role in the Sanctification of Souls

The humble carpenter is glorified in heaven to the extent to which he was hidden on earth. He to whom the Incarnate Word was subject has now an incomparable power of intercession. Leo XIII, in his encyclical, *Quamquam Pluries*, finds in St Joseph's mission in regard to the Holy Family "the reasons why he is Patron and Protector of the universal Church. Just as Mary, Mother of the Saviour, is spiritual mother of all Christians ... Joseph looks on all Christians as having been confided to himself ... He is the defender of the Holy Church which is truly the house of God and the kingdom of God on earth."

What strikes us most in St Joseph's role till the end of time is that there are united in it in an admirable way apparently opposed prerogatives. His influence is universal over the whole Church, and yet, like Divine Providence, it descends to the least details; model of workmen, he takes an interest in everyone who turns to him. He is the most universal of the saints, yet he helps a poor man in his ordinary daily needs.

His action is primarily of the spiritual order, yet it extends to temporal affairs; he is the support of families and of communities, the hope of the sick. He watches over Christians of all conditions, of all countries, over fathers of families, husbands and wives, consecrated virgins; over the rich to inspire them to distribute their possessions charitably, and over the poor so as to help them. He is attentive to the needs of great sinners and of souls advanced in virtue. He is the patron of a happy death, of lost causes; he is terrible to the demon, and St Teresa tells us that he is a guide in the ways of prayer.

He has been clothed and will remain clothed in Divine splendour. Grace has become fruitful in him and he will share its fruit with all who strive to attain to the life which is "hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3: 3).