



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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THE 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B

12th September 2021

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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Parish Office Hours:

Closed during lockdown

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Parish Office Hours:

Closed during lockdown

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CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS

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St Bernard's -Dolores Turcsan



St Anthony's
QR code

Location code E2B Y8D



St Bernard's
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Location code C7N T6M

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S 13/9-19/9 MELTON SOUTH

ST BERNARD'S 13/9-19/9 BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES:

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

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[St Bernard's Catholic Parish | Bacchus Marsh
\(stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au\)](http://stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au)

[St Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish | Melton South](http://stanthonyofpadua.com.au)

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

Mass will be live streamed 10.30am Sunday

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

KOROBEIT

MASS TIME

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: FOLLOWING JESUS

We are great followers – of sport, the latest diet, latest fashions, a pop singer, get fit crazes, house designs etc some more strongly than others. Many would have followed the athletes during the Paralympic Games, marvelling at their courage and their ability to achieve despite loss of limbs etc.

Jesus explained that if we wanted to follow him, there were some demands. It wasn't going to be easy, but like carrying a cross. This cross can become the Tree of Life and will lead to eternal life, whereas following the latest diet etc will never give eternal youth or life and may even lead to depression, when we fail to meet our own expectations. In 1900 Mary MacKillop wrote:

"Let not your crosses make you unhappy. Look upon them as stepping stones to an eternity of happiness and value them as the most precious present from a good and loving God"

May we also think and pray for those bearing heavier crosses – surviving a hurricane, home flooded, earthquakes, loss of a loved one, living with disability and count our own blessings.

Sr Mary Fermio rsj



PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

ST BERNARD'S

SOUL FOOD-CHRISTMAS SPONSORS NEEDED

Soul Food provides a free Community meal in a respectful and supportive environment for anyone who would like to join us. Soul Food is held every Wednesday at the Uniting Church in Bacchus Marsh. Our numbers of guests attending have doubled throughout COVID. We are planning this year's Christmas function, and Soul Food is looking for people to sponsor the children of our Soul Food families for Christmas. You will be given a child's name & age, and asked to buy them a few presents for Christmas. These will be collected on the last week of November, and distributed through Soul Food at our Christmas function.

If you would like to be a Christmas Sponsor for a local child who needs a helping hand, please call Jenny on 0408104155.



VOLUNTEER IN AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th.

Send us an inquiry - www.caqliero.org.au



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2021

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, as well as their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. You can access information on the Church's response to child sexual abuse by following this link - [A guide to the Church's response to child sexual abuse - Catholic Church in Australia](#). It includes information about reporting allegations, the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and the various national organisations with responsibility for safeguarding and child protection.

PRAYER

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard. We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace. Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required. We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

Safeguarding Children & Young People Survey for Parents and Carers

The wellbeing of children and young people in our care is our collective priority. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) has a mission-driven moral and legal responsibility to create a safe, nurturing environment where children are respected and heard. The Professional Standards Unit in CAM has prepared a survey for parents and carers to provide feedback on their safeguarding experience within the parish. Survey data will be used to improve safeguarding policies, practices, and procedures and will help shape any reviews and future support. Please complete the survey by Friday 17 September 2021, which can be accessed on our website.

<https://stanthonyofpadua.com.au/Safeguarding-Survey/>

WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 18th & 19th September
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: A N Antony, Sam Bonello, James Cabrerros, Edith Carag, Mark Chiles, David Consiglio, Dorothy Davis, Emanuel DeBrincat, Joe DeBrincat, Cyril D'Silva, Richard D'Souza, Helen Mary Hurtis, Mavis McBain, Genoveffa Micalleff, Rita Pereira Dorette Turcsan & Michael Turcsan

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: 18th & 19th September

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Kratochvil Family
8.30am: Moira Ross
10.30am: Carmel Shea

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Peter McPhan
8.30am: Peter Lafranchi
10.30am: Cheryl Stevens

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

September: Sr Mary Fermio

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Nellie Hosemans, Elaine Jamison,
Hannah Maureen McGeady & Michael Williams.

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: 18th & 19th September

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil:

8.30am: Lockdown

10.30am:

CUPPA VOLUNTEERS 25th & 26th September

5.00pm Vigil: Kalolaine Fonua & Ann Tennakoon

8.30am: Sosefo and Vaioleti Finau

10.30am: Gladys Clarke & Judy Van Hoos

CHURCH FLOWERS

September: Ropeta



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 : 18th & 19th September

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Sunday: Marj Tung

CHURCH FLOWERS

September: Francis McDaid



PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

September: Colm Carragher

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 23rd September**

Location: **To be advised (Lockdown and Restrictions)**

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: **To be advised** St Bernard's: **To be advised**

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: Anna Samy	0435 258 230
Group 2: Tunya & Jason Sant	0422 178 260
Group 3: Louise Sciberras	0401 1413 439

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

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 114

Commentator: I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me!

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

NEXT WEEK'S READING

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

First Reading: Wis 2:12,17-20;

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3;

Gospel: Mk 9:30-37



Saint Anthony of Padua III

Miracles and Traditions of St Anthony

The reason for invoking St Anthony's help in finding lost or stolen things is traced back to an incident in his own life. As the story goes, Anthony had a book of psalms that was very important to him. Besides the value of any book before the invention of printing, the psalter had the notes and comments he had made to use in teaching students.

A novice who had already grown tired of living religious life decided to depart the community. Besides going AWOL he also took Anthony's psalter! Upon realising his psalter was missing, Anthony prayed it would be found or returned to him. After his prayer the thieving novice was moved to return the psalter to Anthony and to return to the Order, which accepted him back.

Legend has embroidered this story a bit. It has the novice stopped in his flight by a horrible devil, brandishing an axe and threatening to trample him underfoot if he did not immediately return the book. Obviously, a devil would hardly command anyone to do something good. But the core of the story seems to be true. And the stolen book is said to be preserved in the Franciscan friary in Bologna.

In any event, shortly after his death people began praying through Anthony to find or recover lost and stolen articles. And the Responsory of St Anthony composed by his contemporary, Julian of Spire, OFM, proclaims:

"The sea obeys and fetters break
And lifeless limbs thou dost restore
While treasures lost are found again
When young or old thine aid implore."

St Anthony Bread is a term used for offerings made in thanksgiving to God for blessings received through the prayers of St Anthony. Sometimes the alms are given for the education of priests. In some places parents also make a gift for the poor after placing a newborn child under the protection of St Anthony. It is a practice in some churches to bless small loaves of bread on the feast of St Anthony and give them to those who want them.

Different legends or stories account for the donation of St Anthony Bread. By at least one account it goes back to 1263, when it is said a child drowned near the Basilica of St Anthony which was still being built. His mother promised that if the child was restored to her she would give for the poor an amount of corn equal to the child's weight. Her prayer and promise were rewarded with the boy's return to life.

Another reason for the practice is traced back to Louise Bouffier, a shopkeeper in Toulon, France. A locksmith was prepared to break open her shop door after no key would open it. Bouffier asked the locksmith to try his keys one more time after she prayed and promised to give bread to the poor in honour of St Anthony if the door would open without force. The door then opened. Louise Bouffier went on to found the charity of St Anthony Bread.

St Anthony and the Child Jesus

St Anthony has been pictured by artists and sculptors in all kinds of ways. He is depicted with a book in his hands, with a lily or torch. He has been painted preaching to fish, holding a monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament in front of a mule or preaching in the public square or from a nut tree.

But since the 17th century we most often find the saint shown with the Child Jesus in his arms or even with the child standing on a book the saint holds. A story is that Anthony paid a visit to the Lord of Chatenauneuf. Anthony was praying far into the night when suddenly the room was filled with light more brilliant than the sun. Jesus then appeared to St Anthony as a child. Chatenauneuf, attracted by the brilliant light that filled his house, was drawn to witness the vision but promised to tell no one of it until after St Anthony's death.

Some may see a similarity and connection between this story and the story in the life of St Francis when he re-enacted at Greccio the story of Jesus, and the Christ Child became alive in his arms. These stories link Anthony with Francis in a sense of wonder and awe concerning the mystery of Christ's incarnation. They speak of a fascination with the humility and vulnerability of Christ, who emptied himself to become one like us in all things except sin. For Anthony, like Francis, poverty was a way of imitating Jesus who was born in a stable and would have no place to lay his head.

In Portugal, Italy, France and Spain, St Anthony is the patron saint of sailors and fishermen. Also other travellers pray that they may be kept safe because of Anthony's intercession. There is a story of two Franciscan sisters who wished to make a pilgrimage to a shrine of our Lady but did not know the way. A young man volunteered to guide them. Upon their return from the pilgrimage one of the sisters announced that it was her patron saint, Anthony, who had guided them.