



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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THE 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B

26th September 2021

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ASSISTANT PRIESTS: Fr Lucas Kyaw Myint /Father Marcus Goulding

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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Closed during lockdown

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ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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Closed during restrictions

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ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

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SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Coordinator: Godwin Barton (0425 734 449) **Officers:** St Anthony's -Karina Dunne, Lorraine Tellis & Geetha Vincent
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 27/9-3/10 MELTON SOUTH

ST BERNARD'S 27/9-3/10 BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES:

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](#)

Mass will be live streamed 10.30am Sunday

MASS TIMES:

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Bernard's is able to accommodate 20 people per Mass (not including infants). **Pre-booking is NOT required** for weekday Masses.

Tuesday to Friday: 7.30am Mass & 9.30am Mass

Tuesday: 7.30pm Holy Hour

Saturday: 9.00am Mass (English, *ad orientem*)

Confessions: Available prior to all Masses Tuesday to Sunday.

PRE-BOOKING IS REQUIRED FOR WEEKEND MASSES

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MASS TIMES AND MASS BOOKINGS

[St Bernard's Catholic Parish | Bacchus Marsh](#)
stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au

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

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 ON UNITY

Sometimes we are guilty of ignoring others because "they are not one of us". Maybe a different race, different religion, different class or type of worker.

In the early days of ecumenism, we were asked to look at what united us, not divided us and in towns and suburbs, priests and pastors of the various churches worked together. I experienced this in one county town where the Churches shared Palm Sunday processions, Unity Week Progressive dinner, and met regularly.

Jesus seems to have this mind set too. When the Apostles objected to others healing in Jesus' name, Jesus looked at what united them to him, the desire to help others. God cannot be limited to our mindset, God sees beyond the square, and sees and loves ALL people regardless of how they worship. As long as they were not against Jesus, they must be for him!

In our town, Soul Food and Neighbour's House are two examples of our Churches working together, of men and women from several faiths joining together to provide meals and help for those in need. These are also supported by town businesses with donations in kind that can be used for this purpose. Support, help and donations keep this service going and expresses our Unity. Read the parish bulletin for ways to do this. You will be the one who benefits the most!



Mary Fermio rsj

PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

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.**



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND 3rd OCTOBER

A reminder that daylight savings begins next weekend .
Clocks will be put forward one hour.



3rd October 2021

ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Phone will continue to be closed during lockdown.
If you need to contact the Parish Office please call
Lesley 0456 718 965 Tuesday- Friday 9.00am-4.00pm.
Judy 0414 007 009 Monday -Wednesday

ST BERNARD'S

PARISH OFFICE

If you need to contact our Parish Secretary Dolores on the
Parish Office mobile please call 0432 055 992
Tuesday-Thursday 9.00am-1.00pm.
Or Judy 0414 007 009 Monday-Wednesday

PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE- Social Justice Sunday 26th September

*Lord Jesus, Carpenter and King, supreme Sovereign of all men, look with tender mercy upon the multitudes of our day who bear the indignities of injustice everywhere.
Raise up leaders in every land dedicated to Your standards of order, equity, and justice.
Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, the grace to be worthy members of Your Mystical Body, labouring unceasingly to fulfil our vocation in the social apostolate of Your Church.
Sharpen our intellects to pierce the pettiness of prejudice; to perceive the beauty of true human brotherhood.
Guide our minds to a meaningful understanding of the problems of the poor, of the oppressed, of the unemployed, of all in need of assistance anywhere.
Guide our hearts against the subtle lure of earthly things and undue regard for those who possess them.
May we hunger and thirst after justice always.
Amen.*

[Social Justice Resource Center » Justice Prayers](#)



WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 2nd & 3rd October
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:

Joseph Aquilina, Archibald Arandez, Michael Azzopardi, Fay Blake, Angelo Borg, Leslie Borg, Phillip DeBrincat, Christopher John Doyle, Darren Grech, Colleen O'Meara, Joseph Saliba, & Charlie Zammit.

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: 2nd & 3rd October

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Miesen Family
8.30am: Gerard Harrington
10.30am: Beatrice Younger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Vikki Benson
8.30am: Ben Kratochvil
10.30am: Anne Daly

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

October: Greta/Grace Kratochvil

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Mary & Zvonko Benac, John Davine, Frank McMahon, Lesley James Noonan, Bryan Stewart, Edna Thorne & Edward Wilkison.

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: 2nd & 3rd October

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil:

8.30am: Lockdown

10.30am:

CUPPA VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil:

8.30am: Lockdown

10.30am:

CHURCH FLOWERS

October: Ana



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 : 2nd & 3rd October

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Sunday: Margot Short

CHURCH FLOWERS

October: To be advised



PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

October: 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 :**To be advised**

Location: **To be advised**

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: Robert & Angela Lacono 0424 801 928

Group 2: Leonia Jessop 0450 419 654

Group 3: Ben & Geetha 0478 112 996

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

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 18

Commentator: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

All: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin.

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

SECOND READING James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

NEXT WEEK'S READING

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

First Reading: Gen 2:18-24;

Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11;

Gospel: Mk 10:2-16



Saint Anthony of Padua V

St Anthony, the Cathars and the fishes

Continued from last Sunday

To meet such men as the *Cathari*, well-armed weapons and skilful swordsmen were needed. The Friars Preachers (Dominicans) were already in the field; it was now the hour of the Sons of St Francis.

Several of these had entered the contest with but small success. St Francis, who wished to overcome the world by love, whose friars were largely recruited from the simple and unlearned, who forbade the possession of books of theology, saw that the teaching enforced by the most absolute poverty and angelic holiness of life, which was what he desired for his sons, was insufficient when it came to dealing with the subtle arguments of well-read and wily heretics, who also were able to pose as apostles of mortification.

But no sooner did the Seraphic Father hear the account of the ordination at Forli, and of St Anthony's sermon there, than he seized with joy upon the weapon which God Himself had placed in his hand. Perhaps the story of the young Friar Anthony's early life in Portugal was told him, and he learned of his sound theological training at Coimbra. Forthwith, he appointed Anthony to the office of preacher.

The public career of Anthony was now to begin. And here, just as we should have expected the most interesting facts, the fullest details, from his earliest biographers, we find confusion, or silence. The gap is filled by later writers, who, from the 14th century onwards, copying and improving on each other's chronicles, have left us accounts of St Anthony which are, at the very best, doubtful, while some are manifestly improbable, and even historically untrue.

We must keep in mind that the 13th century "legends" are all that we possess and are more or less fragmentary, practically dateless, and extremely unsatisfactory in their chronology.

From these, however, we learn that St Anthony preached in Italy before his mission to France, from which country he returned shortly after the death of St Francis (1226-27). The

date of the Forli ordination and St Anthony's remarkable improvised sermon, was 1222, and as it is almost certain that St Anthony was in France in 1224, his stay in France would not have been a long one.

Armed with the commission of St Francis to preach against heresy, Anthony chose to attack its headquarters and went first to Rimini. He took nothing with him in travelling but, delighting in poverty, he traversed countries and provinces in the most complete destitution as a pilgrim and stranger upon earth.

At Rimini, Anthony had a greater measure of success with the heretics than any former preacher and, though he did not succeed in crushing their false doctrines, he made a large number of converts. Among these was one of their leaders, Bonillo, who had been for 30 years a Cathar and who remained a devout Catholic to his death.

But it is the miraculous Sermon to the Fishes which has made St Anthony's mission at Rimini famous. Finding one day that his arguments were met with ridicule, and that scarcely anyone cared to listen to him, Anthony went down to the nearby River Marecchia, and said to the heretics in the hearing of all the people: "Since you show yourselves unworthy to hear the Word of God, behold, I turn to the fishes, that your unbelief may be put to shame."

He then began to preach to the fishes with great fervour, reminding them of God's benefits to them in creating them, in giving them freedom, and clear water to live in, and how He fed them without any labour on their part.

At these words, the fish began to assemble in crowds; they approached the Saint, raised their heads out of the water, looking attentively at him, and even opened their mouths. As long as it pleased him to speak, they listened with as much attention as if they had been gifted with reason, nor would they depart until he had given them his blessing.

We are irresistibly reminded of the words of Him who said: "If these [children] should hold their peace the very stones should cry out."

Catherine Mary Antony Woodcock, Saint Anthony of Padua: The Miracle Worker (1195-1231)