



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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THE 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B

3rd October 2021

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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Closed during lockdown

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Closed during restrictions

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St Bernard's -Dolores Turcsan



St Anthony's
QR code

Location code E2B Y8D



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Location code C7N T6M

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S 4/10-10/10 MELTON SOUTH

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

ST BERNARD'S 4/10-10/10 BACCHUS MARSH

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.

WEEKEND MASSES-PRE-BOOKING IS REQUIRED

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

KOROBET

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 BELONGING

We all belong somewhere, in some relationship. Most of us have been present at a marriage where two people commit themselves to each other, to belong to a new relationship. Besides this kind of belonging, we belong to a family, a community, a parish where we find security, love and hope. At our Baptism God makes a commitment to love each unconditionally, and a new relationship is formed with God, developed by prayer and conversation during the years ahead.

Jesus belonged to a family where he had a relationship with Mary, Joseph, his grandparents, the people of Nazareth. On leaving home he formed new relationships – with his disciples and the people to whom he preached and those whom he healed; his friends, especially Mary, Martha and Lazarus. The closeness of these relationships can be seen by the reaction of his friends and apostles. All this gave Jesus hope, that his life was not to be wasted, his time spent as a nomadic preacher was not useless.

We strengthen and maintain these relationships by faithful commitment, interaction, communication and forgiveness.

Each person in the relationship must make the effort to do this. Let us make a special effort during this time of pandemic to maintain this sense of belonging, especially where my relationship with God is concerned.

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.



Safeguarding Children and Young People Workshop

Calling all volunteers - become involved in your Parish and gain an insight into what's involved with Safeguarding. There's an opportunity to join an induction session on Safeguarding Children and Young People organised by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM). Thanks, Safeguarding Committee

When: Tuesday, 5 October at 10:30am | **Where:** Virtual session | **Limited seats available.**

No prior knowledge required. Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/october-safeguarding-children-and-young-people-cam-induction-session-tickets-170854178447>

or scan the QR code



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

St. Vincent de Paul- Observance 3rd October 2021

St. Vincent de Paul spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them.

This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts.

The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.

The feast day for St. Vincent, the patron of all charitable societies, is September 27.

Source: [St. Vincent de Paul - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#)



FORMED

We now have a parish FORMED subscription

FORMED is a Catholic streaming service. We have purchased a parish subscription that you can access for free at home.

Please limit yourselves to one account per household. To register under our subscription, follow these steps:

1. Visit <https://signup.formed.org/>
2. Input *St Anthony's & St Bernard's Catholic Parishes* in the "Find your Parish" box.
3. Input your name and email address.
4. Visit formed.org on your preferred device to begin watching.

If you enjoy using FORMED, consider making a donation to our parish to help us keep providing this service.

WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 9th & 10th 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:

Francisco Alatrasta, Avelino Asube Jnr, Madeline Giordmaina, Fr Peter James, William Kelly, Dominic Ariel Santa Maria, Keith Harry Williams

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: 9th & 10th October

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: John Thorne
8.30am: Margaret Love
10.30am: Lindorff Family

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Stuart Robertson
8.30am: Peter Lafranchi
10.30am: Tup Shea

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

October: Greta/Grace Kratochvil

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Domenica Amato, Justin Callaway, Mark Densley, Brian Dobson, Carmen Farrugia, William Lang, John McDonald, Patricia Pidoto, Ida Suban, Alma Trask & Ted Wilkinson.

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: 9th & 10th 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 : 9th & 10th October

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Sunday: Carmel Shea

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 :**28th October 2021**

Location: **St Bernard's Parish Centre**



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

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 Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 127

Commentator: May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.

All: May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
by the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace!

May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female.

This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.'

Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them. 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

NEXT WEEK'S READING

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

First Reading: Wis 7:7-11;

Second Reading: Heb 4:12-13;

Gospel: Mk 10:17-30



Saint Anthony of Padua VI

St Anthony at Coimbra and two legends

A few words may be said here as to the Order which played so important a part in the training of Anthony. By the general term "Canons", seems to have been designed those clerics vowed to the service of a special church, while following a Rule. All had not at first the same constitutions; but at the Second Lateran Council (1139), Pope Innocent II ordained that all should follow the Rule of St Augustine.

Holy Cross Monastery (*Mosteiro de Santa Cruz*, in Portuguese) in the town of Coimbra was founded in 1132. It was an independent monastery and had charge of several parishes; for the work of Canons Regular, to whatever congregation they might belong, was not only the Divine Office in choir, but also the care of souls, in the churches to which they were attached, and the parishes in their jurisdiction.

A distinguishing mark of the Canons Regular was that they were vowed in a special manner to study with the particular aim of rendering them more fit for the service of God and souls, and to prepare them, if they had sufficient aptitude, to fulfil pastoral functions in the Church. Special care, in this regard, was bestowed upon those who seemed more highly gifted than their brethren.

The first Prior of Holy Cross, St Theotonius, a friend of St Bernard, had left here ineffaceable traces of his government of 20 years. The Rule was followed in spirit as in letter; the house was a centre of literary culture and the abode of tranquillity and peace. It was an ideal home for one whose life was devoted to prayer and study. And we must not forget that of the 21 years he spent in religion, Anthony passed ten under the Rule and in the white habit of St Augustine.

It is extremely probable that he was ordained priest at Holy Cross — he must at least have been deacon — for the monasteries of Canons Regular were in a sense schools for priests. (The question as to whether a Canon Regular was technically a religious was warmly debated in the 12th and 13th centuries;

St Thomas Aquinas pronouncing finally that a Canon could lawfully enter a recognised Order because he would then tend to a higher degree of perfection.)

The eight peaceful years the young monk passed at Coimbra (1212-20) were a long retreat, during which, unconscious of his true vocation, he was laying, by ceaseless prayer and diligent study, the foundation of his future marvellous career. It is scarcely too much to say, given his character and temperament, and his burning zeal for God, that Anthony the Friar-Minor and Miracle-worker was the logical development of Fernando the cloistered monk.

During these years, two legends are recorded of him. One day, soon after his arrival at Coimbra, Fernando, who was engaged in sweeping the cloister outside the church during Mass, which he had been anxious to hear, fell on his knees at the bell for the Consecration. Suddenly, the wall between seemed to open before his eyes, and he saw the altar and the priest standing with the Sacred Host elevated in his hands. God chose thus to reward the obedience and humility of His servant.

The second legend is as follows: Fernando, charged (probably as infirmarian) with the care of a sick monk, laid his own amice upon his shoulders, whereupon the patient immediately recovered.

Beautiful as these stories are, we find them first related only in the 17th century. And it cannot be said too often — the glory of the Miracle-worker does not depend upon legends.

But while the young religious was growing daily in holiness and learning — (he never forgot, we are told, anything he read, and his life was a mirror of perfection) — the two great Friar Orders of St Dominic and St Francis, which were to transform the 13th century, had taken root in the soil of Spain and Italy, and were already beginning to spread and flourish.

In 1220, the Order of Friars Minor received its baptism of blood in Morocco, and from this glorious martyrdom was to spring the fairest of all the Little Flowers of St Francis, the Saint who seems to belong to every country and to every age — Anthony of Padua.

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