



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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5th September 2021

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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Closed during lockdown

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MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S 6/9-12/9 MELTON SOUTH

ST BERNARD'S 6/9-12/9 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 TIMES:

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[St Bernard's Catholic Parish | Bacchus Marsh](#)
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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

KOROBEIT

MASS TIME

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 ISOLATION

Most of us know someone who is deaf or hard-of-hearing and are aware they can feel isolated and ignored. Many situations isolate people – race, creed, poverty, home situation, illness, disability, speech problems and especially this pandemic we are all experiencing.

On meeting the deaf man, Jesus 'took him aside in private'. We note the sensitivity of Jesus in taking the man aside. Instead of speaking, Jesus used actions to bring healing. Imagine how thrilled this man would be, able to hear and speak properly, able to communicate and share in conversation.

Today many kindnesses are being experienced by people. This pandemic has made us more aware of others and their needs.

An elderly man told of a young couple who insisted on paying his supermarket bill - \$165 – he was overwhelmed.

I myself have experienced a stranger's generosity in paying for mine.

Fortunately, under \$30. A gentleman offered to pay for free coffee for a day at a café – over a thousand dollars.

Today, technology enables us to email, phone others who may be feeling lonely.

Like Jesus, can I perform some action to bring healing and compassion to someone who is deaf or in isolation? Of Jesus they said, "He does all things well!" How do I shape up!

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.



PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

Due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions and Masses not being able to be celebrated at Parishes, donations to the Father's Day appeal can be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website.

Donations can be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website via debit, credit card or PayPal where the donor's details are loaded and receipts can be issued.

The site is <http://www.cam.org.au/foundation>

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
5 - 11 September 2021



This year's National Child Protection Week webinar series has been carefully designed to support the theme that 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'.

In doing this, we have included a range of discussions that highlight some of the 'big picture' issues around child protection. These discussions will hopefully bring new dimensions to our collective thinking about how we keep children safe and well.

Register now! <https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-webinars-2021/>



A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN FATHERS—HAPPY FATHER'S DAY— 5th September

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.

Author Unknown



WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 11th & 12th 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 the recent death of:

Cassandra O'Keefe

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

Concetta Chircop, Malaga Nkio Levi & Marie Rietschel

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: 11th & 12th September

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: To be advised
8.30am: Peter Lafranchi
10.30am: Sr Mary Fermio

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: To be advised
8.30am: Colm Carragher
10.30am: John Wilson

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

September: Sr Mary Fermio

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Angelina Baiti, Hormankia Grixti, Noreen Matthews, Rosa Pollino, Margaret Scott, Peg (Margaret) Shanahan, Fr Peter Sinnema, Monica Steele, Edward Thorne & James White.

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

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

ST ANTHONY'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS: 11th & 12th 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 : 11th & 12th September

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Sunday: Jan Farmelo

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: Wayne & Marian Muller 0400 007 286

Group 2: David & Anne Leheny 0405 621 232

Group 3: Anthony & Mary Saliba 0418 358 090

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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 145

Commentator: Praise the Lord, my soul!

All: Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

All: Praise the Lord, my soul!

NEXT WEEK'S READING

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

First Reading: Is 50:5-9;
Second Reading: James 2:14-18;
Gospel: Mk 8:27-35



SECOND READING James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Saint Anthony of Padua II

Anthony's quiet life of prayer and penance at the hermitage was exchanged for that of a public preacher. Francis of Assisi heard of Anthony's previously hidden gifts, and Anthony was assigned to preach in northern Italy.

The problem with many preachers in Anthony's day was that their lifestyle contrasted sharply with that of the poor people to whom they preached. It could be compared to an evangelist arriving in a slum driving a Mercedes, delivering a homily from his car and speeding off to a vacation resort. Anthony saw that words were not enough. People wanted more than self-disciplined, even penitent priests. They wanted gospel living. And in Anthony they found it. They were moved by who he was, more than what he said.

Despite his efforts, not everyone listened. Legend has it that one day, faced with deaf ears; Anthony went to the river and preached to the fishes. That, the tale says, got everyone's attention.

Anthony travelled tirelessly in both northern Italy and southern France — perhaps 400 trips — choosing to enter the cities where the heretics were strongest. Yet he rarely took direct issue with the heretics. He preferred to present Christianity in positive ways. It was no good to prove people wrong: Anthony wanted to win them to the right, the healthiness of real sorrow and conversion, the wonder of reconciliation with a loving Father.

Public preacher, Franciscan teacher

Anthony's superior, St Francis, was cautious about education such as his protégé possessed. He had seen too many theologians taking pride in their sophisticated knowledge. Still, if the friars had to hit the roads and preach to all sorts of people, they needed a firm grounding in Scripture and theology. So, when he heard the glowing report of Anthony's debut at the ordinations, Francis wrote in 1224: "It pleases me that you should teach the friars sacred theology, provided that in such studies they do not destroy the spirit of holy prayer and devotedness, as contained in the Rule."

Anthony first taught in a friary in Bologna. The theology book of the time was the Bible. In one extant sermon by the saint, there are at least 183 passages from Scripture. While none of his theological conferences were written down, we do have two volumes of his sermons: Sunday Sermons and Feast day Sermons. His method included the use of allegory and symbolic explanation of Scripture.

Fr Leonard Foley, FM, Saint Anthony of Padua: The Story of His Life and Popular Devotions

In 1226 Anthony was appointed provincial superior of northern Italy, but still found time for contemplative prayer in a small hermitage. Around Easter in 1228 (he was only 33 years old), while in Rome, he met Pope Gregory IX, who had been a faithful friend and adviser of St Francis. Naturally, the famous preacher was invited to speak. He did it humbly, as always. The response was so great that people later said that it seemed the miracle of Pentecost was repeated.

Padua enters the picture

Padua, Italy, is a short distance west of Venice. At the time of Anthony, it was one of the most important cities in the country, with an important university for the study of civil and canon law. Sometimes Anthony left Padua for greater solitude. He went to a place loved by Francis — La Verna, where Francis received the wounds of Jesus.

In poor health, and still provincial superior of northern Italy, he went to the General Chapter in Rome and asked to be relieved of his duties. But he was later recalled as part of a special commission to discuss certain matters of the Franciscan Rule with the pope.

Back in Padua, he preached his last and most famous Lenten sermons. The crowds were so great — sometimes 30,000 — that the churches could not hold them, so he went into the piazzas or the open fields. People waited all night to hear him. He needed a bodyguard to protect him from the people armed with scissors who wanted to snip off a piece of his habit as a relic. After his morning Mass and sermon, he would hear confessions. This sometimes lasted all day — as did his fasting.

The great energy he had expended during the Lent of 1231 left him exhausted. He went to a little town near Padua, but seeing death coming close, he wanted to return to the city that he loved. The journey weakened him so much, however, that he had to stop at Arcella. He had to bless Padua from a distance, as Francis had blessed Assisi.

At Arcella, he received the last sacraments, sang and prayed with the friars there. When one of them asked Anthony what he was staring at so intently, he answered, "I see my Lord!" He died in peace a short time after that. He was only 36 and had been a Franciscan but 10 years.

The following year, his friend Pope Gregory IX, moved by the many miracles that occurred at Anthony's tomb, declared him a saint.