



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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THE 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B

14th November 2021

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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St Bernard's -Dolores Turcsan



St Anthony's
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St Bernard's
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MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S 15/11-21/11 MELTON SOUTH

MASS TIMES: No bookings required for weekday masses

Monday 15/11	6.30pm
Tuesday 16/11	9.30am
5.30pm Holy Hour followed by Mass at	6.30pm
Wednesday 17/11	7.30am & 9.30am
Thursday 18/11	9.30am
Friday 19/11	7.30am & 9.30am

Bookings are required for all weekend masses

Sat Vigil 20/11	Proof of double vaccination required	5.00pm
	Proof of vaccination NOT required	6.30pm
Sunday 21/11	Proof of double vaccination required	8.30am
	Proof of double vaccination required	10.30am
	Proof of vaccination NOT required	5.00pm

[St Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish | Melton South](#)

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

ST BERNARD'S 15/11-21/11 BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES: No bookings required for weekday masses

Tuesday 16/11	7.30am
7.30pm Holy Hour	
Wednesday 17/11	9.30am
Thursday 18/11	7.30am
Friday 19/11	9.30am
Saturday 20/11	9.00am

Bookings are required for all weekend masses

Sat Vigil 20/11	Proof of vaccination NOT required	5.00pm
	Proof of double vaccination required	6.30pm
Sunday 21/11	Proof of double vaccination required	8.30am
	Proof of vaccination NOT required	10.30am
	Proof of vaccination NOT required	12.00pm

[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 READING THE SIGNS

All our lives we are reading signs – driving down the street we can be bombarded; we watch for signs of rain; the petrol gauge is a sign if we need more; parents watch little ones for signs of a fever etc. and one could go on and on.

In our readings at this time of the year the Gospel stresses the importance of reading the signs of the coming of God's reign. Two thousand years later we are not expecting the immediate end of the world, but we need to live in expectation and awareness of God's presence in our daily lives. Jesus uses the lowly fig tree, something ordinary and familiar, to remind us to look for signs of God's presence and coming in our everyday lives.

Let us live each day alert to discovering God's presence in our lives and ask myself

How will I meet God today? In the face of an upset child? While listening to a friend?

Visiting someone who lives alone and is disabled? Accepting the interruption of my plans? Or that quiet time of prayer?

Or in accepting the pain I may have?

Lord, keep me open to your presence in my daily life.

Mary Fermio rsj



PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

FOUR SECOND-HAND TABLETS FOR SALE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

1. Samsung Galaxy Tab A 8" (2017) Wifi | Asking \$25
2. Lenovo Tab M8 8" Wifi | Asking \$100 (RRP 2021 \$200)
3. Samsung Galaxy Tab A7 Lite Wifi | Asking \$150 (RRP 2021 \$249)
4. Samsung Galaxy Tab S5e Wifi | Asking \$250 (RRP 2019 \$649)

All tablets come with charger and case. Contact Fr Marcus for inquiries.

ST ANTHONY'S

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE

WORKING BEE

We will be holding a working bee for our Thanksgiving Envelopes, after the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 17th November. If you are able to help it would be greatly appreciated. Morning tea provided.



PARISH OFFICE

Parishioners please note the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 18th November.

ST BERNARD'S

ST BERNARD'S WEBSITE-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of a couple of volunteers to update our website as news and information becomes available. If you have the ability to help us in this role, please contact our Parish Office. Thank you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This year our Conference is providing a hamper of essential pantry items to families we have assisted during the year.

Through the generosity of St Bernard's Primary School families, we will have sufficient items to make up the hampers, although we do require funds to purchase gift cards for the children of the families we are assisting.

Donations towards these can be placed in the poor box in the Church or by contacting President Margot Short 0419 507 438 or Treasurer Peter Kennedy 0407 778 119.

NOTICE FOR READERS

With the current restrictions in place and the current Mass schedule, we will have volunteer Readers at our weekend services. If you are attending a Mass and are able to read please inform the Priest. Thank you.

A Prayer to St. Elizabeth

Almighty God,

by whose grace your servant

Elizabeth of Hungary

recognized and honoured Jesus

in the poor of this world:

Grant that we, following her example,

may with love and gladness

serve those in any need or trouble.

In the name and for the sake of and

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen



St Elizabeth of Hungary

Feast Day -17th November

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: 20th & 21st November
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: Marian Muller
6.30pm Vigil: Faustina Ma'ae
8.30am: John Brewis
10.30am: Anastasia Mavaega
5.00pm: Dolores Turcsan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Vigil: Philip Anyayyahan
6.00pm: Not rostered
8.30am: Lois Brewis
10.30am: Doris Bonello
5.00pm: Not rostered

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

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm Vigil:
8.30am: To be advised
10.30am:
5.00pm:

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Wanda Biechun, Michael Borg, May Boyce, Bryan Davies, Darren Hunter, Slyvia Ladson, Douglas Leslie, Gerald McDade, John McDade, Rose McDade, Margery Montgomery, Robert Morley, Tony Pollock, Francis Poulouse, Varghese Scaria, Tony Sciberras, and Imelda Thomson

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, 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: 20th & 21st November

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm:
8.30am: To be advised
10.30am:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm:
8.30am: To be advised
10.30am:

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

November: John Thorne

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Sheila Barratt, Eileen Closter, Jack Glasheen, Grace Green, Lorna Hives, and Desmond Trask.

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: 20th & 21st November

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil:

8.30am: To be advised

10.30am:

CUPPA VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil:

8.30am: To be advised

10.30am:

CHURCH FLOWERS

November: Rosabella



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

***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



ST BERNARD'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS : 20th & 21st November

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Sunday: Carmel Shea

CHURCH FLOWERS

November: Natalia Klenkowski



PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

November: Stuart Robertson

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

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 :**18th November 2021**

Location: **St Anthony's Church, MacKillop Room**

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: Dacunha family 0469 863 253

Group 2: Kim & Villy Nguyen 0403 751 343

Group 3: Rohini Selvanayagam 0425 868 967



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

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 15

Commentator: Keep me safe, O God;
you are my hope.

All: Keep me safe, O God;
you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Keep me safe, O God;
you are my hope.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

NEXT WEEK'S READING

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

—YEAR B

First Reading: Dan 7:13-14;

Second Reading: Apoc 1:5-8;

Gospel: Jn 18:33-37



Saint Anthony of Padua XII

Miracles at Limoges 1

The Archbishop of Bourges, Simon de Sully, had no love for the new Franciscan Order. In spite of its formal approval at Rome, he, like many other aristocratic prelates, looked on it as an innovation.

At a certain synod in Bourges, St Anthony was preaching when he turned suddenly to the Archbishop. "To thee I speak, mitre-bearer," he cried, and he proceeded openly to reproach him with certain "hidden faults", supporting his words with passages from Scripture, until the Archbishop was seized with compunction and moved to tears, and to a devotion hitherto unfelt.

At the close of the Sermon, he humbly manifested to [the Saint] the wounds of his conscience, confessing that he had spoken the truth. From that time forth he was more faithful to God and a devoted friend to the Friars.

What were the faults which Anthony, greatly daring, yet God's chosen instrument, rebuked in his Archbishop, the friend of St Louis and of the Pope? A certain slackness in his duties of which he was accused was disproved by him. The most probable explanation is his well-known hostility to the Order, of which he now became the firm supporter.

One-third of St Anthony's Apostolate was spent in France, and perhaps his most beautiful miracles were wrought there. He seems to have possessed, if not the gift of tongues, an extraordinary aptitude for "picking up" a new language. He must have spoken at least four: Latin, Italian, Portuguese, and French, with the greatest fluency. He habitually wrote his sermons in Latin, the common tongue of learning.

In 1223 the Friars Minor had first come to Limoges. Here, as so often happened, they were befriended by the Benedictines, between whom and the new Order there existed a strong and beautiful tie of sympathy. Their first convent was at St Paul's, not far from the grand Abbey of St Martin.

Early in 1226, St Anthony was sent to Limoges as Custodian. He preached his first sermon here in the Cemetery of St Paul, from the text: "Weeping endureth for a night, but joy cometh in the morning". His second was preached in the Abbey Church of St Martin, on the words, "Who will give me the wings of a dove, that I may fly away and be at peace?"

Dom Pierre Coral, the Benedictine Abbot, almost immediately made him a grant of a second site, close to the Abbey, and not far from the Cathedral. It was here, and in the magnificent Church of St

Pierre-du-Queyroix, that St Anthony's most wonderful miracle was performed.

It was the night of Holy Thursday, 1226, and the Saint was preaching to a crowded congregation in the beautiful church of St Pierre-du-Queyroix. The people were hanging on his words.

Suddenly he remembered that he was due in the choir of his convent to read the last lesson at Matins. He had forgotten to arrange for a substitute. There was no time now; St Pierre-du-Queyroix is ten minutes' walk from the convent, even could he leave the pulpit.

What followed was witnessed by the hundreds who were present. St Anthony leant forward in the pulpit, drew his cowl over his head so as to conceal his face, and remained silent for a few minutes. At the same moment his brethren in choir saw him walk out from his stall, read his lesson, and return to his place, whence he immediately disappeared.

Then, as the people in the great church gazed, wondering, the hooded figure in the pulpit once more stood upright, threw back his cowl, and Anthony continued his sermon. By this wonderful miracle of bilocation Almighty God permitted St Anthony to show his devotion to the Divine Office.

The miracle, attested as it was by the whole body of friars, and more than a thousand of the population, produced the most profound impression. No church in Limoges was henceforth large enough to contain the crowds that flocked to hear the Miracle-worker. Anthony began to preach in the open air, in a wide empty space at the top of a low hill dominating the city, Creux des Arenes.

Here a second miracle took place. One day, shortly after the sermon had begun, clouds were seen to roll up, distant thunder grew loud, and there was every sign that a terrific storm was about to break. The people naturally began to seek shelter.

But the Man of God calmed them, saying quietly: "Fear not, do not move nor cease listening to the Divine Word, for I trust in Him Who never suffers us to trust in vain, that the rain will not touch you."

And this came to pass, for, God withheld the rain from falling on their assembly, though all around them it poured in torrents.

"When I entered the Order, many Friars who had been present at this sermon were still living," declares Rigauld, the Limousin chronicler of Anthony's life. "They even told me on what subject the Saint was preaching. Their testimony is worthy of entire belief, for they bore witness to what they had actually seen and heard."