



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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23rd JANUARY 2022

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St Bernard's—Margaret Love (0437 247 779)

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH 24/1-30/1

MASS TIMES:

Monday 24/1	6.30pm
Tuesday 25/1	6.30pm
5.30pm Holy Hour followed by Mass	
Wednesday 26/1	9.30am
Thursday 27/1	9.30am
Friday 28/1	9.30am

Sunday Masses

Saturday 29/1	5.00pm
Sunday 30/1	8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Confession available 30 minutes prior to each Mass.
No Confession on Monday

ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH 24/1-30/1

MASS TIMES:

Monday 24/1	*Rosary	7.30pm
Tuesday 25/1		9.30am
	Holy Hour	7.30pm
Wednesday 26/1		9.30am
Thursday 27/1		9.30am
Friday 28/1		9.30am
Saturday 29/1		9.00am

Sunday Masses

Saturday 29/1	5.00pm
Sunday 30/1	8.30am & 10.30am

*Rosary -Prayed every Monday at 7:30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour.

Confession available 30 minutes prior to each Mass.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

KOROBEIT

VIGIL MASS

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 you wish to donate, you are now able to go to the link below and make your 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>

If you are paying Thanksgiving, please put your name and thanksgiving number, if you know it, as a reference. If you are donating to the First Collection please indicate that in the reference so we are to allocate your donation to the correct account.

REFLECTION ON COMMITMENT

Can you remember the day you were confirmed, when the Holy Spirit strengthened the gifts given at Baptism? Then your parents promised your commitment, but at Confirmation you accepted this commitment yourself. Like Jesus we can say: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring Good News.*

Jesus is reading of the coming of the Messiah, the one sent on a mission from God to bring Good News to all those who were suffering – the poor, the prisoners, the hungry. His words impressed the people of his hometown, but who later proved their fickleness and tried to destroy him.

We are also sent to be Good News to all we meet. Am I Good News to my family, my friends, local community? We took on this commitment at our Confirmation. Am I faithful to these promises?

What can I do? In this time of a pandemic there are people feeling scared, unable to go out, prisoners in their own homes, poor of company or hungry for a phone call or visit...

How can I be Good News to them?



PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

Take the Way of the Gospel focusses specifically on the realities of our local Church here in the Archdiocese of Melbourne at a pastoral, spiritual and practical level. It's about how we might work together co-operatively with the priests and people of the Archdiocese in strengthening and reinvigorating our parish communities as well as more effectively reaching out with missionary enthusiasm to the communities in which we live.

I trust that the information presented to you has been helpful in understanding the vision of our Archbishop for Melbourne. There were a series of meetings in the Archdiocese since May 2021 where information was presented. I have attended all of the four required meetings. Our parish representatives at these meetings for St Anthony's were Godwin Barton and Naim Chdid; for St Bernard's were Aaron Russell and Margot Short. Each have attended at least two of these meetings. *Take the Way of the Gospel* was presented at these meetings with data and analysis that had been very professionally put together. COVID circumstances meant that it was not possible to gather in person earlier to pass on this information to each of you in parishes. This information will be presented at our parish forums in the parish halls for discussion and discernment with each of the communities in the month of February 2022 (the same information will be presented at all sessions):

St Anthony's Saturday 12th at 6pm & Sunday 20th at 11:30am;

St Bernard's Sunday 6th at 11:30am and Saturday 26th at 6pm with Parish AGM.

ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH PHOTOS

Dear Parishioners we would like to archive and put photos on our website of our Parish, if you have any photos of Parish events that you would like to share with us please send them to judyparishnews@gmail.com or contact Lillian 0400 441 257 Please add names, dates and occasions if possible. Many thanks.

SUPPORT MELTON SOUTH PARISH by giving with CDFpay. Simply scan the QR code with your mobile phone and in a few easy steps you can quickly and securely give to your parish. Laminated QR posters are in the foyer.

ST ANTHONY'S BINGO

St Anthony's Bingo is back! Start time: 7.00pm Finish time 9.45pm. We have 3 sessions per evening with a cost of \$9.00 a set (45 games). Come and have a great social evening with your fellow parishioners and friends. Coffee and tea is provided and there are canteen services available.

ST BERNARD'S

SAVE THE DATE - FATHER GLASHEEN MASS

A Mass to celebrate Father Glasheen's 50th Anniversary of his Ordination will be held on Sunday May 15, 2022 at 10.30am Mass. More details to follow.

QR CODE FOR DONATIONS

You may have noticed a new QR poster for CDFpay in the foyer. This enables you to quickly scan the QR code with your smart phone and in a few easy steps you can quickly and securely give to your Parish. One thing we do ask is that you quote what your payment is for in the reference line. If it is for Thanksgiving please put your name or Thanksgiving number in the reference, if you know it. This will make it easier for us to allocate your donation to the right account. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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: 29th & 30th January

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
8.30am: Amy Honrade
10.30am: Elaine Lacey
5.00pm: Dolores Turcsan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Vigil: Aloysius Dacunha
8.30am: Lillian Christian
10.30am: Elaine Lacey
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: Coleen & Carmen
8.30am: Julie & Lillian
10.30am: Deepa & Godwin
5.00pm: Leonia & Olen

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Anton Belacic & Romauld Correa

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, Paul Nowak, 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



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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

January: Parish Office

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time: Janet Bourke, Barry Dean, Mary Griffith, Jeanette Harley, Joe Marshall, Sam Provenzano, Gerald Shanahan, Elka Timmins, Rene Tyquin and Joan Welsh.

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, Bill Shea, 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: 29th & 30th January

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

January: Lillian and Doris



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 : 29th & 30th January

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Sunday: Marj Tung

CHURCH FLOWERS

January: Tup Shea



PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

January: Colm Carragher & 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

FAITH FORMATION

ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM– ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

Dear Parishioners

Keeping in line with the Archbishop's vision for Mission, the Parishes of St Anthony's and St Bernard's going forward will put together a new Baptism Preparation Program, for any parents who wish to have their child Baptised.



Preparations for Baptisms will take place on Saturdays alternating between both Parishes.

Baptisms will be held on Saturday mornings at 10.30am.

Parents must attend two sessions. Sessions will run from 12.00pm-3.30pm. The new program will begin in

February 2022. Bookings must be made to attend these sessions. More information will be provided in the coming weeks. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

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: Shane & Dolly Barrow

0439 386 130

Group 2: Sr Therese Dagge

Group 3: Michael & Monica Kratochvil

0439 837 252

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

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 (JB)

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 18

Commentator: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

All: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

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 precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

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

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

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (JB)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (JB)

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives

and to the blind new sight,

to set the down trodden free,

to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.



NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS-

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19;

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13;

Gospel: Lk 4:21-30

St Bernard I

Who is St Bernard of Clairvaux?

The French churchman Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) was a Cistercian monk and founder and abbot of the monastery of Clairvaux. A theologian and Doctor of the Church, he dominated Europe through his eloquence and his counselling of popes and rulers.

Of a noble family in Burgundy, Bernard was a tall, handsome, slender youth endowed with great charm, a talent for eloquence, sensitivity, and a passion for learning. When he was 23, he persuaded two uncles, his five brothers, and about 30 other young nobles to enter the forlorn Cistercian monastery of Citeaux, founded in 1098 in a swampy area near Dijon, about 200 kilometres southeast of Paris. He chose it because, he said, "I was conscious that my weak character needed a strong medicine."

Life at Citeaux was austere and included manual labour, prayer, and study. Bernard's ascetic practices ruined his health, and he was often sick. In 1115 he was chosen to lead a group of 12 monks in founding a new monastery at Clairvaux, 70 miles from Citeaux.

Bernard's personality, holiness, persuasive eloquence, and the beautiful Latin style of his writings soon made him and Clairvaux famous throughout Europe. He was sometimes very critical of the Church. He excoriated in colourful language the monks of Cluny for giving up manual labour and for their rich ceremonial dress and food. He was no less blunt with Pope Eugenius III in his *De Consideratione ad Eugenium Papam*.

Bernard soon became involved in the most important affairs of the Church. He played a key role in drawing up the Rule of the Knights Templar and obtaining approval for it at the Council of Troyes in 1128.

In 1130, Innocent II, a man of character and responsibility, was elected pope by a minority of the cardinals. A few hours later, the majority of cardinals elected the brutal intriguer Anacletus II. The decision in favour of the better man, Innocent II, was the result of the persuasive influence of Bernard. It was Bernard too who helped to convince the German emperor Conrad

III not to repudiate the Concordat of Worms (1122) and to support Innocent II in the conflict, which lasted until the death of Anacletus II in 1138.

Two years later, Bernard became deeply involved in challenging Peter Abelard, a brilliant and arrogant teacher at the university in Paris. Opponents of Abelard protested that his application of dialectic to theology was dangerous to the point of destroying faith.

Bernard accepted Abelard's challenge to a debate at the Council of Sens in 1140. There Bernard presented a list of theses taken from Abelard's writings which showed how far Abelard had departed from the traditional faith. When asked to abjure them, Abelard said: "I will not answer the Cistercian. I appeal to Rome." And left the assembly. After the Pope condemned the theses, Abelard accepted the decision and made peace with Rome and Bernard.

The fall of the crusader city of Edessa in 1144 to the Muslims led to a demand for a new crusade to protect the Holy land. Bernard launched his first appeal for a crusade at Vezelay, France, in 1146. His eloquence overcame widespread apathy. He preached the cause widely and even persuaded Emperor Conrad III to go. The failure of this Crusade left Bernard heartbroken and dimmed his prestige and popularity.

Bernard's name is sometimes associated with the "two swords theory", whereby both the spiritual and temporal swords belonged to the pope and the Church—the temporal sword being used by the prince at the request of the Church. Bernard expressed this idea in his *De consideratione* and in a letter to Eugenius III. Others expanded Bernard's statements into a general theory.

A prolific writer, Bernard composed treatises on asceticism, polemical works, commentaries on the Bible, and innumerable sermons. His originality is best seen in his biblical commentaries and sermons. Bernard's emphasis was constantly on love; his genius lay in his talent for communicating his teaching to others.