



# St Anthony's Parish

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# St Bernard's Parish

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER-YEAR C**

**1st May 2022**

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Fabian Smith  
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## ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

**Parish Secretary:** Lesley Morffew  
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**Parish Office Hours:** Monday 9.00am-12noon  
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## ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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## **ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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Fr Marcus Goulding, Damien Schuster and Bill Hill  
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## **ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Lucas Kyaw Myint and Fr Marcus Goulding

## **SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

**Coordinator:** Godwin Barton (0425 734 449) **Officers:** St Anthony's -Karina Dunne, Lorraine Tellis & Geetha Vincent  
St Bernard's - Margaret Love (0437 247 779) Evana Miesen & Ron Geurts

*Items for the newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday 1.00pm. Please email judyparishnews@gmail.com or call 0414 007 009*

## MASS AND DEVOTIONS

### ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH 2/5/22-8/5/22

#### MASS TIMES:

Monday 2/5	6.30pm
Tuesday 3/5	9.30am
Holy Hour	5.30pm
<b>Week 8</b> of the St Antony's Novena	6.15pm
followed by Mass at	6.30pm
Wednesday 4/5	7.30am & 9.30am
Thursday 5/5	9.30am
Friday 6/5	7.30am & 9.30am
First Friday Devotion	7.30pm & Midnight
First Saturday Devotion 7/5	8.30am
<u>Sunday Masses</u>	
Saturday 7/5	5.00pm
Sunday 8/5	8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

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

### ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH 2/5/22-8/5/22

#### MASS TIMES:

Monday 2/5	No Mass	Rosary	7.30pm
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour.			
Tuesday 3/5			7.30am
Holy Hour			7.30pm
Wednesday 4/5			9.30am
Thursday 5/5			7.30am
Friday 6/5			9.30am
Saturday 7/5			9.00am
<u>Sunday Masses</u>			
Saturday 7/5			5.00pm
Sunday 8/5			8.30am & 10.30am

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 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 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY EASTER—MARY FERMIO rsj

Most of us have experienced sitting around a barbecue or campfire and how it invites conversation and friendship, as a meal is shared. Here community is built, and experiences shared, as each person brings along something to contribute.

Jesus had prepared a fire and had bread and fish ready to share with his friends, who by following Jesus's directions, caught fish to contribute. But Jesus had changed somewhat, even though they knew it was he. While sharing around the fire, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him and installed Peter as leader of the flock. How humbling this must have been for Peter in front of all his mates, remembering his boast to die for Jesus and then to disown him three times.

At Mass we come as a community around the Lord's table to share friendship, food and to listen to the words of Jesus. We bring our gifts of bread and wine to be changed into gifts for us, no longer bread and wine but Jesus himself. Like Peter we are also commissioned to tend the flock, when the Priest says: **Go...** We are sent to live the Gospel with our lives, witnessing to our love of God and others. But we will only succeed if we keep in touch with the Risen Jesus who continues to guide and nourish us.



## PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

### NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

#### GUILD OF ST STEPHEN ANNUAL MASS 2022– ALTAR SERVERS

The diocesan Committee of the Guild of St Stephen warmly invites all Altar Servers to participate in the Guild of St Stephen Annual Mass. Friday 20th May 2022 7.30pm St Patricks Cathedral, Melbourne. Servers will be admitted into the Guild of St Stephen (servers need to be in Year 7 or above to be eligible). Please contact the Parish Office by Wednesday 11th May if you wish to attend.

#### EDUCATING IN CHRIST

Educating in Christ is a catechetical Training Program adapted from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Catholic Parents and Teachers. **Presenter:** Professor Gerard O'Shea **Venue:** St Bernard's Parish Hall **Time:** 10.00am-4.30pm

**Duration:** 10 sessions over two years **Tuition:** Free **Registration:** Mrs Anne O'Shea 0423 965 819

**Dates, 2022:** 7 May; 4 June; 16 July; 20 August; 10 September; 29 October. **2023:** (Dates to be advised)

**Link to Program:** [https://1drv.ms/w/s!AklqJv2E\\_jrlh68pfvUQEsMlv0dnwg?e=ofSIyo](https://1drv.ms/w/s!AklqJv2E_jrlh68pfvUQEsMlv0dnwg?e=ofSIyo)

#### ST ANTHONY'S

#### ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

After a couple of cancellations due to COVID regulations we were finally able to celebrate our beautiful extension, renovation and new Chapel. Archbishop Peter celebrated our 10.30am Mass on Sunday 24th April and blessed our Church and Chapel. It was a wonderful celebration.

Thank you to everyone that helped make it such a special day. Especially all those who brought the delicious food, we had a fantastic spread!

Three lucky Parishioners received a statue of St Anthony, that was blessed by Archbishop Peter. A free raffle was drawn at each Mass on the weekend. Our lucky winners were :

5.00pm Mass– Michelle

8.30am Mass– Jojo

10.30am Mass– Romeo

#### MOTHER'S DAY SOCIAL

St Anthony's Social Committee

presents our

Mother's Day Social

**Date:** Saturday 7th May 2022

**Time:** 6.30pm

**Cost:** \$20.00 - Light Supper \$5.00

**Venue:** Padua Hall

**DJ:** Bad Enough

BYO Drinks



#### ST BERNARD'S

**SAFEGUARDING** All those over 18 who volunteer in any capacity at all must have submitted, to the parish office, a WWCC aligned to our parish by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Once this is done a Code of Conduct Declaration is required. Don't give up because of this paperwork chore. We need our volunteers. You are the lifeblood of our parish. And another chore to satisfy legislative requirements - would an office-bearer or person in charge of any group using any parish facility obtain the mandatory Risk Assessment Checklist, Risk and Hazard Assessment Form and Attendance Sheet from me or from Evana Miesen. Once completed and signed off, the authority to operate will last for twelve months. Margaret Love

#### **FATHER GLASHEEN'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION SUNDAY 15TH MAY 10.30AM MASS**

Father Glasheen (Glash) will be the Celebrant at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 15th May to commemorate his Golden Anniversary of Ordination. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre following Mass. To assist with catering, if you are attending, please put your name on the clipboard in the church foyer, or contact either

Margot Short [margotmshort@gmail.com](mailto:margotmshort@gmail.com) or the Parish Office [bacchusmarsh@cam.org.au](mailto:bacchusmarsh@cam.org.au) or call 5367 2069.

#### **SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR FATHER GLASHEEN**

A special collection will be held this weekend for parishioners wishing to contribute towards a gift for Father Glasheen on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination.

#### **PIETY STALL**

We would like to open the Piety Stall after all weekend Masses but to do so we need more volunteers. The time commitment is about 20 minutes. If you would like to help please let the

Parish Office know or Margot Short [margotmshort@gmail.com](mailto:margotmshort@gmail.com)

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

We congratulate all who were Confirmed on Saturday by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson.

#### **MORNING TEA**

Please join us for morning tea in the foyer after the 830 Mass on the second Sunday of each month at St Bernard's parish. The next morning tea will be held on Sunday May 8th.

Enquires: Meg Kennedy, 0403 696 645

#### **SATURDAY MORNING MASS 30/5**

There will be a 9.00am Mass Saturday 30th May 2022.

## WORSHIP NEWS

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

### ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

#### NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 7th & 8th May

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: Gavin Pereira  
8.30am: Leonia Jessop  
10.30am: Annonica Mavaega  
5.00pm: Rebecca Comini

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Vigil: Aloysious Dacunha  
8.30am: Philip Anyayahan  
10.30am: George 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: Coleen & Carmen  
8.30am: Julie & Lillian  
10.30am: Godwin & Lillian  
5.00pm: Godwin & Olen

### ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Nina Bugeja, Tony Carberry, Annie Fernandes, Walter German, Georgia Mercieca, George Mercieca, Phyllis Michael, Noel Saunders, Ann Singleton, Alan Tovia & Frank Xiberras.

**Please pray for the Sick:** Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Jamie Coghlan, 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, Clint Abela Wadge, and 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

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD : THIS WEEKEND

5.00pm: John Thorne  
8.30am: Margaret Love  
10.30am: Samantha Butler

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD: 7th & 8 May

5.00pm: Sonia Smith  
8.30am: Gerard O'Shea  
10.30am: Charlotte Lindorff

#### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

May: Maureen Zahra

### ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Joan Blood, Carmen Calvitto, Carmen Flores, Jeffrey Galea, Ted Hold, Mary & Merv Howard, Lee O'Hehir, Michael O'Keefe, Val Ratkowski, Judi Sherri & Mary Wadeson.

#### **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, 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, 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:** 7th & 8th May

#### PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Lorraine Tellis  
8.30am: Ineke Allen  
10.30am: Elizabeth Underwood

#### CUPPA VOLUNTEERS

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

#### CHURCH FLOWERS

May: Gloria



#### 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 :** 7th & 8th May

#### PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Sunday: To be advised

#### CHURCH FLOWERS

May: Rita Marshall



#### PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

May: 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](mailto: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 have 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. A welcome Mass must be attended prior to the Baptism. Baptisms will be held on Saturday mornings at 11.00am.

Parents must attend two sessions. Sessions will run from 12.00pm-4.00pm. Godparents must attend the 2nd session. Bookings must be made to attend these sessions. Please visit our website for a detailed description of the new program. Contact the Parish Office to book your Baptism Preparation and Baptism.

**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: Allen & Ellen Johnson	0418 200 144
Group 2: Gordon & Gladys Clarke	0402 021 435
Group 3: Kristina Scerri	0458 857 479

### 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**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### **FIRST READING** Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM 29**

**Commentator:** I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.

**All:** I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.  
And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

### **NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS-**

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**First Reading:** Acts 13:14,43-52;

**Second Reading:** Rev 7:9,14-17;

**Gospel:** Jn 10:27-30



### **SECOND READING** Revelation 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;  
he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL** John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to his disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No,' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.' I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt around you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# St Bernard VII

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In the Bulletin for Sunday January 23, 2022, we had an overview of the life of St Bernard of Clairvaux. Here, we give a little more detail of the life of this saint, who combined the active and contemplative in a superlative manner.

Bernard was born in 1090, at Fontaines, near Dijon. In central France and died at Clairvaux, August 21, 1153. His parents were Tescelin, Lord of Fontaines, and Aleth of Montbard, both belonging to the highest nobility of Burgundy.

Bernard, the third of a family of seven children, six of whom were sons, was educated with particular care, because, while yet unborn, a devout man had foretold his great destiny. At the age of nine, Bernard was sent to a much renowned school at Chatillon-sur-Seine, about 100 kilometres north of Dijon. He had a great taste for literature and devoted himself for some time to poetry.

His success in his studies won the admiration of his masters, and his growth in virtue was no less marked. Bernard's great desire was to excel in literature in order to take up the study of Sacred Scripture, which later on became, as it were, his own tongue.

He had a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin, and there is no one who speaks more sublimely of the Queen of Heaven. During his youth, he did not escape trying temptations, but his virtue triumphed over them, in many instances in a heroic manner, and from this time he thought of retiring from the world and living a life of solitude and prayer.

St Robert, Abbot of Molesmes, had founded, in 1098, the monastery of Citeaux, near Dijon, with the purpose of restoring the Rule of St Benedict in all its rigour. Returning to Molesmes, he left the government of the new abbey to St Alberic, who died in the year 1109. St Stephen had just succeeded him (1113) as third Abbot of Citeaux, when Bernard with 30 young noblemen of Burgundy, sought admission into the order.

Three years later, St Stephen sent the young Bernard, at the head of a band of monks, to found a new house at Vallee d'Absinthe (Valley of Bitterness), in the Diocese of Langres. This Bernard named Claire Vallee, or Clairvaux, on

June 25, 1115, and the names of Bernard and Clairvaux thence became inseparable.

During the absence of the Bishop of Langres, Bernard was blessed as Abbot by William of Champeaux, Bishop of Chalons-sur-Marne, who saw in him the predestined man, *servum Dei*. From that moment, a strong friendship sprang up between the Abbot and the Bishop, who was professor of theology at Notre Dame of Paris.

The beginnings of Clairvaux were trying and painful. The regime was so austere that Bernard's health was impaired by it, and only the influence of his friend William of Champeaux and the authority of the General Chapter could make him mitigate his austerities.

The monastery, however, made rapid progress. Disciples flocked to it in great numbers, desirous of putting themselves under the direction of Bernard. His father, the aged Tescelin, and all his brothers entered Clairvaux as religious, leaving only Humbeline, his sister, in the world; and she, with the consent of her husband, soon took the veil in the Benedictine Convent of July.

Clairvaux becoming too small for the many religious who crowded there, so they send out bands to found new houses. In 1118, the Monastery of the Three Fountains was founded at Chalons; in 1119, that of Fontenay in the Diocese of Autun (now Dijon); and in 1121, that of Foigny, in the Diocese of Lain (now Soisson).

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