



# St Anthony's Parish

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# St Bernard's Parish

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22nd May 2022

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*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 23/5/22-29/5/22

#### MASS TIMES:

Monday 23/5	6.30pm
Tuesday 24/5	9.30am
Holy Hour	5.30pm
<b>Week 11</b> of the St Antony's Novena	6.15pm
followed by Mass at	6.30pm
Wednesday 25/5	7.30am & 9.30am
Thursday 26/5	9.30am
Friday 27/5	7.30am & 9.30am

#### Sunday Masses

Saturday 28/5	5.00pm
Sunday 29/5	8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Rosary 9.00am before 9.30am weekday Mass.

Confession available 30 minutes prior to each Mass.

No Confession on Monday

### ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH 23/5/22-29/5/22

#### MASS TIMES:

Monday 23/5	No Mass	Rosary	7.30pm
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour.			
Tuesday 24/5			7.30am
Holy Hour			7.30pm
Wednesday 25/5			9.30am
Thursday 26/5			7.30am
Friday 27/5			9.30am
Saturday 28/5			9.00am
<u>Sunday Masses</u>			
Saturday 28/5			5.00pm
Sunday 29/5			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 0456 718 965***

#### 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 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY EASTER-MARY FERMIO rsj**

Even though it is 20 years since Mum died, she still seems close to me, as I often find myself repeating her sayings, using her recipes, and cooking how she cooked. And I am sure you also do the same.

The disciples kept the memory of Jesus alive by writing his words, telling the stories, recalling his sayings and what he taught them. So Jesus was still very much part of their lives, and 60 years later the Johannine community recorded their reflections, drawing out a deeper meaning of the words of Jesus and including some stories missing from the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Like families today, they would have sat together. Sharing a meal, breaking bread, remembering, sharing, recalling, so that Jesus was still present with them, drawing out deeper meanings to enhance their lives.

We keep the Risen Jesus present in our lives by reflecting on the Scriptures, sharing our thoughts, and following his way of life – ***I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.***

At Mass we hear the words ***“Do this in memory of me”***

and that is why we are there, to recall his words, keeping his presence alive in our community, sharing the Eucharist, just as the disciples did 2000 years ago.



## PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

### NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

#### **PROPAGATION APPEAL-THIS WEEKEND**

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program with the Church in Ethiopia, which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones. The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need. Please give generously today. Appeal envelopes are available or you can donate by going online at catholicmission.org.au/Ethiopia. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world. Thank you.

#### **ST ANTHONY'S**

##### **INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL- SAVE THE DATE**

Our International Food Festival will be held on Sunday 5th June after the 10.30am Mass. Lots of delicious meals from a variety of cuisines will be available.

##### **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THANKSGIVING VIA THE ONLINE PLATFORM**

First, thank you for your generous contributions. To make accounting with regard to your Thanksgiving Contributions, easier to reconcile, we kindly ask that you place your surname and your Thanksgiving number in the reference so it can be reflected on your Statement. If you don't know your number or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lesley at the Parish Office.

##### **PRIME TIMERS**

Prime Timers May outing will be to Werribee Zoo, K Road Werribee. Tuesday 31st May. Entry cost is \$40, \$36 depending on numbers. (Prime Timers members will receive a subsidy.). Cafe lunch available or BYO. Entry includes Safari Bus tour of open range.

We will meet at 10 am Bunnings car park, garden entry end. Enquiries contact Ineke 0400120401 or [ineke49@yahoo.com](mailto:ineke49@yahoo.com). RSVP Friday 27th May.

##### **CUPPA WEEKENDS ARE BACK!**

Parishioners please be advised that our monthly cuppa weekend will return. Our next weekend to enjoy a cuppa and a chat after Mass will be on the 28th and 29th May. Cuppa will be available after the 5.00pm Vigil, 8.30am and 10.30am Masses.

#### **ST BERNARD'S**

##### **PARISH POTLUCK LUNCH: SAVE THE DATE!**

After 10.30am Mass Sunday, 5th June 2022 All parishioners are invited to a potluck lunch in St Bernard's Parish Centre on Sunday 5th June following the 10.30am Mass. Bring a plate to share - preferably with something on it! Food can be left in the Parish Centre prior to Mass. BYO drinks alcohol permitted. Tea & coffee provided.

##### **ST BERNARD'S SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS:**

All clergy, employees and volunteers (groups and individuals) who have responsibility for any activity in a parish facility are requested to obtain from our church gathering space the following safeguarding forms -

1. Parish building usage form to be completed by person in charge
2. Code of Conduct and declaration sheets to be signed by all
3. Risk assessments sheets

These forms are to be completed and returned to the box in the church or to the parish office by June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Thank you to those folk who have already done so. A reminder to all volunteers to have their WWCC submitted to the parish office by May, 31st.

Margaret Love

##### **FATHER GLASHEEN'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF**

**ORDINATION** St Bernard's Parish welcomed back Father Brian Glasheen (Glash) last Sunday to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination with over 250 Parishioners attending. Father Brian (Glash) would like to thank all Parishioners who contributed to his gift and those who attended the Celebration on Sunday. Special thanks to Fathers Fabian, Lucas & George who Concelebrated the Mass. Also, thanks to Mary Baratto, Byham family, Maree Casey, Carmel Shea and Margot Short whose contribution made the day a success.



*Lord God, make me truly grateful for the magnificent gift that is the Mass, and let its graces bear fruit in all that I think and do.*

Source: A Year with the Saints- Paul Thigpen

## WORSHIP NEWS

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

### ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

#### NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 28th & 29th 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: Stephen Fernandes

8.30am: Mercy Seufatu

10.30am: Anastasia Mavaega

5.00pm: Dolores Turcsan

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Vigil: Ann Tennakoon

8.30am: Philip Anyayahan

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: Coleen & Godwin

8.30am: Natalie & Ron

10.30am: Godwin & Lillian

5.00pm: Leonia & Noni

### ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Vincent Barton, Helen De Brincat, John De Brincat, Sam De Brincat, Mary Giordmaina, Sr Irene McCormack, Albert Micallef, Jon Nicotra, Tarciso Scerri, Alma Smart, Edith Stone & Peduru Wisidagama.

**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: Evana Miesen

8.30am: Nathan Costin

10.30am: Chloe Lindorff

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD: 28th & 29th May

5.00pm: Maureen Zahra

8.30am: Moira Ross

10.30am: Dominic Van Der Linden

#### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

May: Maureen Zahra

### ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

#### **We pray for the recently deceased:**

Nelson Eddy

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

Kay Cowman, John Deveny, Isabel Fitzpatrick, Catherine (Carmel) Monaghan, Thomas Monaghan & Aldo Vescovi.

#### **Please pray for the Sick:**

Patricia Allison, Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Tina Bower, 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. **(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)**

## SERVICE / COMMUNITY

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

### ST ANTHONY'S

**WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS:** 28th & 29th May

#### PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Liza Fernandes

8.30am: Mercy Seufatu

10.30am: Gilles Maitre

#### CUPPA VOLUNTEERS—28th & 29th May

5.00pm Vigil: Marthese, Gavin & Alison

8.30am: Sam & Pat Chiles

10.30am: Doris & Emily Bonello

#### CHURCH FLOWERS

May: Anna Samy & Doris



#### 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 :** 28th & 29th 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: Stephen & Liza Fernandes 0439 743 533

Group 2: Pat Fernandez 0416 191 766

Group 3: Angela Saliba 0431 095 885



### 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



Lord, we ask you to continue  
to be with us as we  
**' TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL '**  
together in prayer.

May we open ourselves to you  
with a new depth of trust and conviction  
in your guiding hand,  
so that we may discern our journey  
with compassionate and humble hearts  
and come to know your Holy Spirit  
Moving within and amongst us,  
And so be transformed Amen.



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **ENTRANCE PROCESSION**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### **FIRST READING** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM 66**

**Commentator:** O God, let all the nations praise you!

**All:** O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

### **NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS- THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11;  
**Second Reading:** Eph 1:17-23;  
**Gospel:** Lk 24:46-53



### **SECOND READING** Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL** John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him  
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;  
it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you  
while still with you;  
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything  
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,  
my own peace I give you,  
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am  
going to the Father,  
for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now, before it happens,  
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

# St Bernard of Clairvaux X

## Life of St Bernard, Part 4

In the year 1140, we find Bernard engaged in other matters which disturbed the peace of the Church. Towards the close of the 11th century, the schools of philosophy and theology, dominated by the passion for discussion and a spirit of independence that had introduced itself into political and religious questions, became a veritable public arena, with no other motive than that of ambition.

This exaltation of human reason and rationalism found an ardent and powerful adherent in Peter Abelard, the most eloquent and learned man of the age after Bernard.

Abelard's treatise on the Trinity had been condemned in 1121, and he himself had thrown his book into the fire. But in 1139, he advocated new errors. Bernard, informed of this by William of St Thierry, wrote to Abelard who answered in an insulting manner. Bernard then denounced him to the Pope, who caused a general council to be held at Sens. Abelard asked for a public discussion with Bernard; the latter showed his opponent's errors with such clearness and force of logic that he was unable to make any reply, and was obliged, after being condemned, to retire. Abelard submitted without resistance, and retired to Cluny to live under Peter the Venerable, where he died two years later.

Innocent II died in 1143. His two successors, Celestine II and Lucius, reigned only a short time, and then one of Bernard's disciples, Bernard of Pisa, Abbott of Three Fountains, and known thereafter as Eugenius III, was raised to the Chair of St Peter.

Bernard sent him, at his own request, the instructions that comprise the *Book of Consideration*, the predominating idea of which is that the reformation of the Church ought to begin with the sanctity of the head. Temporal matters are merely accessories; the principals are piety, meditation, or consideration, which ought to precede action. The book contains a most beautiful page on the papacy and has always been greatly esteemed by the sovereign pontiffs, many of whom have used it for their ordinary reading.

ewtn.com/Catholicism/saints/Bernard-of-clairvaux-497

Alarming news came at this time from the East. Edessa in Syria had fallen into the hands of the Turks, and Jerusalem and Antioch were threatened with similar disaster. Deputations of the bishops of Armenia solicited aid from the Pope, and the King of France also sent ambassadors.

The Pope commissioned Bernard to preach a new Crusade and granted the same indulgences for it that Urban II had accorded to the first. A parliament was convoked at Vezelay in Burgundy in 1134, and Bernard preached before the assembly. The King, Louis le Jeune, Queen Eleanor, and the princes and lords present prostrated themselves at the feet of the Abbot of Clairvaux to receive the cross. The saint was obliged to use portions of his habit to make crosses to satisfy the zeal and ardour of the multitude who wished to take part in the Crusade. Bernard went into Germany, and the miracles which multiplied almost at his every step undoubtedly contributed to the success of his mission. The Emperor Conrad and his nephew Frederick Barbarossa, received the pilgrims' cross from the hand of Bernard, and Pope Eugenius, to encourage the enterprise, came in person to France.

It was on the occasion of this visit, 1147, that a council was held at Paris, at which the errors of Gilbert de la Poree, Bishop of Poitiers, were examined. He advanced among other absurdities that the essence and the attributes of God are not God, that the properties of the Persons of the Trinity are not the persons themselves and thus, that the Divine Nature did not become incarnate.

The discussion was warm on both sides. The decision was left for the council held at Reims the following year (1148). Bernard drew up a profession of faith directly opposed to that of Gilbert, who concluded by stating to the Fathers: "If you believe and assert differently than I have done, I am willing to believe and speak as you do." The consequence of this declaration was that the pope condemned the assertions of Gilbert without denouncing him personally. After the council the Pope paid a visit to Clairvaux, where he held a general chapter of the order.

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