



**Brighton Catholic Parishes Newsletter**  
**St James The Great**  
**&**  
**St Joan of Arc**



18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year B

5th August, 2018

***Services***

**Sunday Mass**

Sat 6.00pm & Sun 9am  
at St James Church

Sun 11am & 5.30pm at  
St Joan of Arc Church.

**Weekday Masses**

Tues at 7.30pm &  
\*Thur 9.15am at  
St James.

Wed & Fri at 9.15am at  
St Joan of Arc.

\*First Thursday of the  
month at noon, chapel at  
Cabrini Hospital, Btn.

**Weddings  
& Baptisms**

By appointment.

***Parish Groups***

**Card Players:**

First Thursday of the  
month in the St Joan of  
Arc presbytery meeting  
room from 11.30am.

**Meditation:**

Mon 10am- presbytery  
at St Joan of Arc

**Prayer Group:**

Thursday at 8pm at  
St Joan of Arc Church

***Gospel Reflection***

As the sixth chapter of John's Gospel goes on, Jesus becomes clearer about the hunger and thirst he has come to fill. And as he does the crowd's wires get uncrossed and they're shocked. Jesus, the Bread of Life, is interested in us fulfilling our physical, emotional and spiritual appetites in this world as a way of glimpsing the life to come in Him, where all our hungers and thirsts will be fulfilled. May this Eucharist prepare us for the day when our confirmed departure from this world comes. May there be no confusion at the gate, no need for any appeals and may we be reunited with those we love as we bask in the warmth of the Son's love, as he shows us to our place at the Eternal Banquet.

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***Remember In Our Prayers***

**Weddings:** Olivia Pellicano to Nicholas MacLeod

**Illness:** Kevin Breheny, William Cavanagh, Sr Felicity Corder, Tony Dixon, Andrew Florenti, Leanne Ickeringill, Sr Eileen Jones, Jo Kenny, Patricia Landy, Ariel Low, John Marich, Jaxon McInnes, Winifred Pereira, Beth Pilcher, Elvira Rios, Tracey Rowley, Catherine Ryan, Rosa Santos, Edward Shelley, Ante Skoblar, Liz Smith, Robin Turner, Tom van Kampen, Melanie Young

**Anniversaries:** Denis Smith, Phonse & Vera Tobin

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Sweeny

***Parish Contacts***

**Parish Priest:** Fr Martin Dixon

**Sacramental Coordinator:** Carole Cheng      **Pastoral Care:** Eileen Marchmont

**Organist:** Mary Taylor      **Cantors:** Adam Kaczanowski & Marie-France Urruty

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**St Joan of Arc**

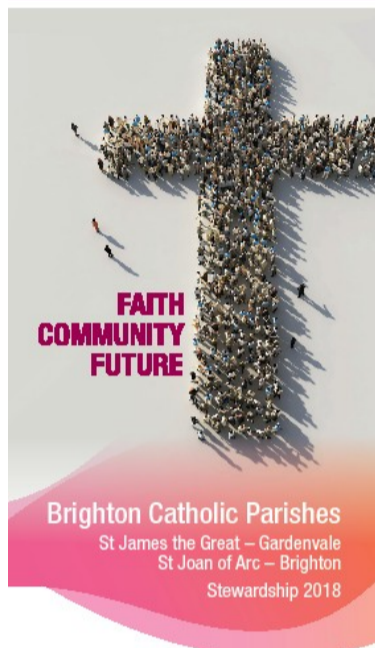
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 9.30am-3.30pm.  
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# Welcome to the Brighton Parishes

## Services This Week

- ◆ At the 11am Mass we welcome children who will be baptised in the coming weeks: Madeleine Bennett, Oliver & Angus Byrne, Giselle Mengolan, Mia Panetta, Francesca Pironi
- ◆ Confirmation candidates from St James parish will be Confirmed this Wednesday and Thursday by Bishop Elliott. Please include them in your prayers.

## PARISH.LIFE.



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2018– Week 1

Welcome to the first weekend of our Parish Stewardship Program.

The Program recognizes that 'Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church' and will challenge us to reflect on what it means to be a member of St Joan of Arc and St James the Great Parish communities.

We encourage you to be actively involved – read the materials, listen to the speakers and follow the Program on both parish websites. Reflect, pray about and discuss the themes and topics with your family, friends and fellow parishioners.

This weekend we will hear from members of the Stewardship Program Leadership Team who have kindly accepted the opportunity to launch the Program. They will also introduce a special message of welcome from the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Monsignor Greg Bennet.

Members of the Program Leadership Team will be distributing copies of the Program brochure and Groups & Ministry form at all Masses – you may have already received your copies by email and copies can also be viewed and downloaded from the parish websites.

### PARISH 'OUR FUTURE' FORUM

All parishioners are warmly invited to a special event as part of the Program – '**Our Future' Forum** to be held in St James Church on Wednesday 22 August at 7.30 pm. (enter off Murphy Street). It will be a great opportunity to contribute to the discussion on our priorities for the future.

### POPE FRANCIS SAYS

*"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel"* Evangelii Gaudium 114

Together we pray for the success of the Program.

## Stewardship Program Prayer

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.  
Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.  
In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.  
By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.  
By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.  
Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve,  
to grow in faith and service  
and to give without counting the cost.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

*We invite you to join us again next week*



**Fr Martin's Birthday**  
**Wed 15 August**  
**After the 9.15am Mass**  
**St Joan of Arc Presbytery**  
Parishioners please join us  
for this very special occasion  
to celebrate Fr Martin's 75th birthday.

**St Joan of Arc Parish**  
**Sacrament of Confirmation**  
**Classes**



The St Joan of Arc Parish Confirmation services will take place on the 17th and 20th of October.

We are now taking enrolments for the after-school program for children not attending the parish school. Two groups will run each week on Tuesday and Wednesday from 4 to 5pm in the presbytery meeting room at St Joan of Arc.

Enrolment forms are available in the church foyer. For details please contact our class teacher, Carole Cheng at: [carole.cheng@cam.org.au](mailto:carole.cheng@cam.org.au)

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

For this week only we will be meeting at St Finbars Church in East Brighton for Mass at 8pm. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Antony Santhiyagu.

Everyone is most welcome

**Sonder Young Adult Christian Group**

Join with other young adults for our next bible study program. It's relaxing and informative.

**When:** Thursdays from 2 Aug to 30 Aug

**Time:** 7.30-9.00pm

**Venue:** Brighton Baptist Church,  
164 Bay St Brighton

**Details:** [alexbolitho96@gmail.com](mailto:alexbolitho96@gmail.com)



**Communion To The Sick & Frail**

You can arrange for a Special Minister to bring communion to anyone in the parish who is unable to attend Mass. Contact the parish office nearest to you for assistance.

**St Mary's Annual Trivia Night**  
**To support the**  
**Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project**

**Date:** Friday, 10th August

**Venue:** St Mary's Hall, Holyrood St, Hampton.

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$25 per person. Tables of 10 people. Make a table or Join a table.

BYO Drinks and Nibbles

**Bookings:** 9598 7329 or [colfoxw@gmail.com](mailto:colfoxw@gmail.com)



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**Seminar Invitation**

Catalyst For Renewal and the Grail in Australia are presenting **An Evening with John Allen, Jr**, from the USA, editor of Crux and a well respected international authority on Vatican and Church affairs. John will be speaking at St Peter's, East Bentleigh on Thursday, 6th September at 7.30pm. We expect a most interesting and challenging discussion on Pope Francis and the Devolution of responsibility to the Local Church. All welcome



**Merry Melodies**  
**Anything Goes**

14th August

St Andrews Anglican Church at 1.30pm

Featuring the Merry Melodies Orchestra \$7.50 includes show, afternoon tea & lucky door prizes. Join us for an afternoon of community singing and live variety concert.

**St James Church Roster**

**Saturday 6pm Mass on 11 & 18 August**

**Special Ministers:** Vin Underwood, Mary Field, Elisa Wilson

**Collector:** Paul Whitehead

**Reader/Com:** Lois White & Gail Hunt

**Sunday 9am Mass on 12 & 19 August**

**Special Ministers:** Adrienne Bentham, Marj Hess

**Collector:** Kevin Custerson

**Reader / Com:** Denise Van Baer, John Taylor

**FIRST READING: EXODUS 16:2-4.12-15**

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death! Then the Lord said to Moses, Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not. I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God. And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, What is that? not knowing what it was. That said Moses to them is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.

**SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 4:17,20-24**

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 6:24-35**

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When

they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'



Readings Next Week

1Kings 19:4-8;

Ephesians 4:30-5.2; John 6:41-51

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### The Body of Christ

*Christ is present in the Eucharist in many forms: in the people gathered; in the celebrating priest; in the Word proclaimed; and in the consecrated bread and wine – the Body and Blood of Christ. In relation to receiving Christ through the reception of communion, St Augustine wrote, 'Be what you see, and receive what you are.' We not only receive the Body of Christ through Eucharist, we are called to be the Body of Christ because of what we have received; and we receive the Body of Christ because we are already part of the Body of Christ.*