



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



19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year B

12th 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

I love the fact that as Catholics we believe that Christ is present in ordinary gifts of bread and wine blessed and offered at the Eucharist. We don't just believe that Christ is present in sunrises, sunsets and in natural beauty, we also believe that God comes to us in a special and unique way in the simple, ordinary things of life. And it is in what we do with these gifts of bread and wine that Christ is really present. The earliest Christians called the Eucharist 'the breaking of the bread'. It is the broken bread and the poured cup given into our hands to which we say 'Amen' and so affirm our belief that Christ is present here.

Richard Leonard SJ.



Remember In Our Prayers

Weddings: Nathan Barry to Michelle Kemp

Illness: Dalia Borell, Kevin Breheny, William Cavanagh, Helen Classon, 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, Robin Turner, Tom van Kampen, Melanie Young

Anniversaries: Jim Boston, Andrew Latham, Albert (Mick) Nicholls

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: Fr Martin Dixon

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

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

St James

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Parish Office Hours: Tue-Thur
 9.15am-3pm. Entrance in Murphy St
School Principal: Brendan Flanagan
School Tel: 9596 4766

St Joan of Arc

Address: 118 New St, Brighton. 3186
Tel: 9593 1703 **Fax:** 9593 3155
Email: Brighton@cam.org.au
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Parish Secretary: Elaine Bolitho
Parish Accountant: Marina Stevenson
Parish Office Hours: Tue-Fri:
 9.30am-3.30pm.
School Principal: Tony McMahon
School Tel: 9592 3840

Welcome to the Brighton Parishes



Services This Week

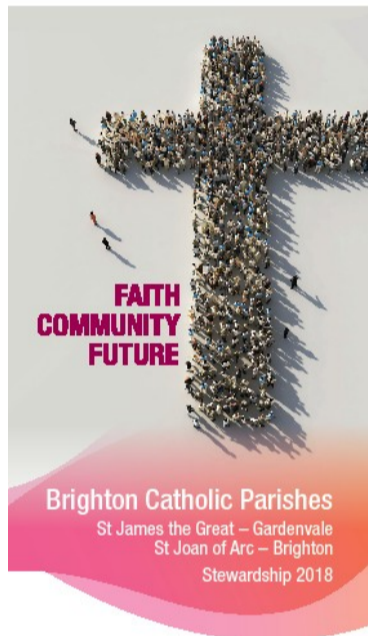


This Wednesday the 15th August is The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at St Joan of Arc at 9.15am and St James at 7.30pm.

Also this Wednesday we wish Fr Martin a very Happy Birthday. Please join us for the celebration after the 9.15am Mass in the presbytery at St Joan of Arc.

Please include Eileen Marchmont and the Uluru Pilgrimage group in your prayers.

PARISH.LIFE.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2018

Welcome to week two of our Parish Stewardship Program and this week is all about FAITH. We ask you to reflect on the importance of faith in your life. Is your faith the foundation of who you are? Does it drive the way you choose to live your life?

We also ask you to re-affirm the importance of Sunday Mass – how we come together as a community to celebrate our faith. The Eucharist is something much bigger than ourselves – it is not a private or anonymous experience. The communal celebration of the Eucharist at Sunday Mass gives us the spiritual nourishment to live our lives as true disciples of Jesus.

Finally, this week we ask you to commit to growing in faith – to take the opportunity to learn and develop a mature understanding of our faith.

Fr Martin will have a special Homily this weekend on this most important aspect of the Program.

'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.

WEBSITE UPDATE

The dedicated Stewardship Program section this week features a special video from Monsignor Greg Bennet – Vicar General, Archdiocese of Melbourne.

THOUGHTS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

What does celebrating your faith as a parish community mean to you?

"Coming together to increase our experience and understanding of God's love through Mass and the Eucharist."
Maxwell Brodribb

POPE FRANCIS SAYS (5 Feb 2014)

"In the Eucharist we feel this belonging to the Church, to the people of God, to the Body of God, to Jesus Christ."

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

St Joan of Arc Parish 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

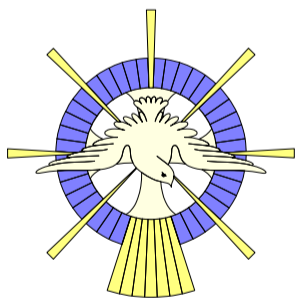


Thank You From Vinnies

Final cash and credit card donations for our Winter Appeal at St James have been recorded this month.

We are delighted to report the results to you. Your generosity and compassion have raised a total of \$5,549. Together with these funds and the food donations from parishioners and St James school, we are able to give a hand up to those in our community who need and ask for our help, especially in Winter. Each person or family we visit is most grateful that you have shared what you have to make their daily life better. May your generosity bring you every blessing. Thank you.

St. Vincent de Paul, Gardenvale Conference



St. Joan of Arc Prayer Group invites you for a seminar on

NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT

*A time for receiving, a time for listening and
a time for experiencing God's love.*

Starting 23 August 2018

On seven consecutive Thursdays 8-9.45pm

Venue: St Joan of Arc Church

Week 1: God's Promise-You will receive Power

For more information call Mary on 9592 3001

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



Archbishops Catholic Man Breakfast Series

13 Sept with Archbishop Peter Comensoli

Come along and be encouraged, inspired and challenged by him as he undertakes his leadership role in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Come along and support the new Archbishop. CQ Club 113 – 123 Queen St Melbourne. Cost \$45. Time 0700 – 0900 sharp.



Enquiries Michael Bohan 0439 172 465

The **Catholic Man Breakfast Series** is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith."

Melbourne Catholic

August edition out now featuring our new Archbishop Peter Comensoli. Copies available for \$4.00.



Spirituality In The Pub

Wed 22nd Aug at 7.30pm

Topic: Plenary Council 2020

Encouraging our voices: we have something to say

Speaker: Cathy Jenkins, Director of the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation

Venue: Sandringham Hotel, cnr Beach Rd & Melrose St

Book for a meal on 9598 7255. Meals from 6pm

Details: Vin on 9530 6004 or Frances on 9579 3920

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: 1 KINGS 19:4-8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a days journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. Lord, he said I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors. Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, Get up and eat. He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you. So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 4:30-5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:41-51

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn

from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'



Next Weeks Readings:
Proverbs 9:1-6;
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Who is Jesus?

One of the great concerns of the Gospel of John is to convey an understanding of who Jesus is. This powerful message is conveyed through a number of significant discourses – with Nicodemus, with the Samaritan woman, with the Jews etc. The gospel contains some of the 'great' images that we have for Jesus: living water; living bread; light for the world; the good shepherd; the way, the truth and the life. As opposed to the more narrative synoptic gospels, this gospel can be seen as a gospel rich in imagery and theological perceptions.