



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



33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year C

17th November, 2019

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 6pm & *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 in
St Joan of Arc Church

Social Justice Group:

Every second Thursday
of the month in the
presbytery at St Joan of
Arc at 7.30 pm

Reflection On The Readings

St Thomas Aquinas teaches us that hope, along with faith and love, is one of the prongs in the anchor of Christian belief. No matter how stormy are the waters, how much we are tossed and buffeted by life's winds, this anchor keeps us rooted in God until calmer seas return. Hope is about holding on, come what may.

Today's Gospel is not interested in a timetable for disaster. It's about encouraging us to drop the anchor of hope overboard when the times get tough.

May this Eucharist help us to keep choosing to hope until the end of time.

Richard Leonard SJ



Remember In Our Prayers

Illness: Dalia Borell, Ruth Brokensha, Barbara Gallo,
Marta Elena Hinds, Gabrielle Marylees, Margaret McGrath,
Freddie McGuigan, Kevin Nichollis, Mary O'Connor, Catherine Ryan,
Edward Shelley, Emily Somers, Brian Taylor, Barbara Turner,
Robin Turner

Recently Deceased: John Cummins, Brian Marchmont

Anniversaries: John Holland, Noeleen Morgan

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: Fr Martin Dixon

Pastoral Associate: Carole Cheng **Organist:** Mary Taylor

Cantors: Adam Kaczanowski & Marie-France Urruty

St Joan of Arc & St James Parishes

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St James School

School Principal: Brendan Flanagan **Tel:** 9596 4766

St Joan of Arc School

School Principal: Tony McMahon **Tel:** 9592 3840

Services This Week

- ◆ Please include Eileen Marchmont and her family in your prayers. Eileen's husband Brian passed away this week. We are most grateful for the time Eileen spent in the parish as pastoral carer for our senior parishioners.
- ◆ The Remembrance Book is now available in the church for you to include the names of friends and relatives who have passed away this year. Please note that we have already included those who had funerals in the St Joan of Arc Church.

Give the Best Present Ever this Christmas

St Joan of Arc and St James Conferences
Vinnies Annual Christmas Appeal
23rd-24th November

Please help make someone's Christmas a little easier this year. Your cash and/or credit card donations will be most appreciated and gratefully received.



Children's Liturgy Volunteers

Over the years we have had wonderful support from parishioners in leading the Sunday classes. Our numbers have now dwindled and the program is at risk of stopping!

Cath Beckingham is the dynamic coordinator of the group but she needs help to continue. To find out more please email Brighton@cam.org.au

All parishioners are welcome to apply and training will be provided.

St James Gardenvale Conference

Christmas cards and Columban Calendars now on sale at weekend Masses.



Please buy some extra groceries this week and bring them with you to our weekend Vinnies Appeal next weekend 23rd and 24th November. Many thanks.

LAST WEEK
TO JOIN

God With US An Advent Bible Study

By John Birch

Take a break from the pre-Christmas rush to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas. Based on the readings for Year A of the Revised Common Lectionary.

Meet together with our fellow Christians and invite friends or family who may just want to discover the Christmas story.

Please add your details to the sign-up sheet in the church foyer by **18th Nov.**



Sponsored by the Brighton Covenant of Churches.



Bethlehem In Brighton
Saturday 7 December

9am to 1pm

New location-

**Trinity Uniting Church,
Black St Brighton**

Each year the Brighton Covenant of Churches bring the real meaning of Christmas to Brighton, especially for young children.

There will be lots of fun activities including arts and crafts, animal farm, nativity photos, music and cake stall.

St Joan of Arc and St James parishes will assist at the welcome desk. Please contact the parish office on 9593 1703 if you can spare an hour or two to assist. Many thanks.

We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin nation as the traditional custodians of this place we now call Brighton



Stand in solidarity for the millions of people around the world who are being persecuted today for their peacefully-held religious beliefs.

- **MASS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**
- **Wednesday 20 November 2019, 12 noon**

St Mary of the Cross Chapel, Australian Catholic University, 8 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

This Mass will be offered for the millions of Christians who are persecuted for their love of Jesus Christ around the world today. This Mass will commence our Red Wednesday events in Melbourne until Wednesday 27 November.

Join this global movement and mark Red Wednesday in your local parish, school, organisation, community by going to www.cam.org.au/justice to receive resources.

RSVP: by Monday 19 November justice@cam.org.au

- **WALK OF WITNESS**
- **Wednesday 20 November 2019, 8.30pm**

Begins at Birthplace of St Mary Mackillop, 7 Brunswick St Fitzroy, finishes at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Prayers for persecuted Christians and a procession. It will conclude with the floodlighting of the Cathedral in red.

RSVP: by Monday 19 November justice@cam.org.au

Important Notice for all Parish Volunteers

We ask all St Joan of Arc and St James volunteers without a WWCC to please apply online by the 25th November 2019.

children.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply#Complete online application

Include the parish name on your application and we will be advised of your approval.

We appreciate that this may be difficult for some parishioners but we don't want to lose your support. Please contact the parish office on 9593 1703 for assistance or request help from family and friends.

Many thanks to parishioners who have already applied as we are now receiving the confirmation letters.

Don't forget ALL volunteers need to apply even if children are not involved in the activity.



RERUM NOVARUM: WALKING TALL A JOURNEY TOWARDS TREATY AND RECONCILIATION

In January 2018 the Victorian Government established the Treaty Advancement Commission as an independent office to facilitate the desire of the Government to establish treaties with Victoria's First Peoples. The Commission is tasked with organising the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria as the authoritative body, to develop the 'ground rules' for these treaties.

Orator: Eleanor Burke, Chair, Victorian Aboriginal Treaty Working Group

Respondent: Sherry Balcombe, Executive Officer, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Melbourne

- **Tuesday 26 November**, 7pm (light refreshments) 7.30pm start
- **Philippa Brazill Theatre**, ACU, 8 Brunswick Street Fitz
- **RSVP:** Fri 22 Nov, justice@cam.org.au or 9926 5727

Friar Alessandro
With the Artes Christi Choir & Orchestra
St Patrick's Cathedral
Sat 7 Dec from 7.30pm
Bookings at www.voicefrommassisi.org.au
Entry free or by donation to
Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

Fundraising Concert Youth Suicide Prevention

- ♦ Sunday 15 Dec, 2-5pm
- ♦ St Stephens Church Hall
111 North Rd Brighton
- ♦ Music from some of Melbourne's most popular performers, Sue Foley (Bhan Tre), Cora Browne, La Prima Opera's Alison Rae Jones and more
- ♦ Entry \$10 includes music and afternoon tea
- ♦ All proceeds to sustainable education and vocational training. Sponsored by Rotary Sth Melb.



St James Church Roster

Saturday 6pm Mass on 16 & 23 November

Overhead/Set Up:

Special Ministers: Mary Field, Alberto Sabato, Sr Frances Suhr

Collector: Wendy Lord-Henry

Reader/Com: Gerry McCusker, Lois White

Sunday 9am Mass on 17 & 24 November

Overheard/Set Up:

Special Ministers: Peter Toms, Vickie-Lee Young, Carmel Sullivan

Collector: Greg Bentham

Welcomer: Brian Dowling

Reader /Com: Kevin Custerson, Marcus Hoyne

FIRST READING: MAL 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

SECOND READING: 2 THESS 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

GOSPEL LUKE 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers,

relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'



Next week's Readings

Christ the King

2 Sam 5:1-3, Col 1:12-20, Lk 23:35-43

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Apocalyptic writing

Hollywood has done very well out of movies about the end of the world and the term 'apocalypse' has come to have this meaning. However, 'apocalypse' comes from the Greek word meaning, 'to lift a veil' or 'to reveal'. The apocalypse is not the end of the world, but rather the revelation that will come at the end of the world. Writings such as today's gospel passage about what will happen at the end of the world and how God will be revealed are described in the Christian tradition as 'apocalyptic writing'. The most famous of these writings is the book of Revelation.