



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



Pentecost Sunday Year A

4th June, 2017

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 St Joan
of Arc Church

Gospel Reflection

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings.

The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

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Remember In Our Prayers

Illness: Dalia Borell, William Cavanagh, Kathy Chatham, Warren Fisher, Andrew Florenti, Dos Forsyth, Anna Hall, Leanne Ickeringill, Jo Kenny, Michele Lyons, John Marich, Alan McCann, Margaret McGrath, Dot Pestana, Sarah McPhillips, Rosemary O'Connor, Beth & Terry Pilcher, Rosa Santos, Edward Shelley, Ante Skoblar & Tom Van Kampen.

Recently Deceased: Anthony Foster & Gaetano Taranto.

Anniversaries: Amelia Cincotta

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: Fr Martin Dixon **Pastoral Associate:** Cesar Lopez

Catechist: Carole Cheng **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

- ◆ This Sunday we invite you to join us for morning tea after the 11am Mass to celebrate the St Joan of Arc Feast Day.
- ◆ At the 11am Mass we welcome families presenting their children for baptism in the coming weeks. The children are: Hudson Walker, Benjamin Jones, Harrison Jones, Arya Rizzo, Alexander Warren, Hector Mengolian & Raphael Chandler.
- ◆ Fr Martin & Fr Barry will be on Diocesan-in-service leave from Tuesday to Thursday. Many thanks to Fr Mal Crawford who will celebrate our weekday Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday Mass will be replaced by a Liturgy of the Word and Communion service



Saint Joan of Arc Feast Day May 30th

The feast day for Joan of Arc is celebrated on May 30th every year which is the anniversary of her death by burning in the old square of Rouen on May 30, 1431. Saint Joan of Arc's feast day is a chance to remember her for the great woman of faith that she was and to celebrate her ultimate victory over evil. As Pope Benedict XV proclaimed in 1920 at Joan of Arc's canonization ceremony: *"May the whole world hear, and just as it has come to admire her brave deeds in defense of her country, may it now and henceforward venerate her as a most brilliantly shining light of the Church Triumphant."*

Confirmation Enrolments

We will be running two separate after school groups this year for students not attending a Catholic school.

All Confirmation Masses will be celebrated in St Joan of Arc Church.

We are currently taking enrolments for the St James group only as classes commence June 20th. The St Joan of Arc program will be advertised later in the year. Students should be in Year 6 or above and have received the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Enrolment forms are available in the church foyers. Please note that the parent meeting will be on June 20th at St James School at 7pm.

Further details on the Brighton Sacramental Program are available at www.cam.org.au/brighton



Church Connect

The Covenant Churches of Brighton Pentecost Newsletter is available for you to take home today. Read all about the events we share with our local Christian Churches.

Sonder Brighton Young Adult Bible Study



Following on from our popular Lenten bible study we are now meeting at the Brighton Baptist Church from June 8 to July 6 at 7.30pm. All young adults are most welcome. Come along to meet other young Christians, relax and enjoy the opportunity to discuss the bible and how it relates to our lives now. Brighton Baptist Church is at 164 Bay St Brighton. For more info email Alex at: alex.bolitho96@gmail.com

Charismatic Prayer Group

We invite you to join us each Thursday at 8pm in the St Joan of Arc Church.

Our topics for the coming weeks are:

- June 8 Heart of Jesus and heart of Mary show us everything in love.
- June 15 Isaiah the prophet
- June 22 The prophet Jeremiah



Roster Time

The St Joan of Arc Mass rosters for July to Dec will be prepared by mid June. Please volunteer to assist with Masses as a reader, collector, special minister or with setting up by emailing or calling the parish office. Training can be provided at a time to suit you. Many thanks.

We invite you to join us again next week

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal



It looks like being a very cold winter in Melbourne this year. Can you imagine being unable to escape the cold? No money for heating, warm clothes or housing. This is the situation many families and individuals are currently facing. Please share your good fortune with those who are facing real hardship by supporting our Winter Appeal on the weekend of June 17th & 18th at all Masses. Donations are fully tax deductible by completing the details on the envelopes provided.

Many thanks for your concern for others.

ARCHBISHOP'S PENTECOST LETTER TO YOUTH *BE COURAGEOUS*

Each year, Archbishop Hart writes a letter to young people at Pentecost. This year's letter reflects on the courage needed to serve, to witness to faith, and to discover the will of God. All young people are invited to pick up a copy from the parish foyer or take one home to give to a young person you know.

* **Quilt Exhibition** *
* **Friday 16th June, 1.30 to 4pm** *
* Mary MacKillop *
* Aged Care Facility *
* 4 King St East Hawthorn *
* All welcome *
* Enquiries to Anne Courtney *
* on 9818 0498 *

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project Important date for your diary

Our Annual Trivia Night in aid of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Holyrood St. Hampton on Friday 11th August at 7.30 pm. Come and join a table or make one of your own (8 people). For [information:](mailto:colfoxw@gmail.com) colfoxw@gmail.com or ring 9598 7329.

Journey Through Song June 17th, 7pm-9pm St Leonard's Uniting Church 2 Wolseley Gve Btn

A fundraising concert featuring Spoken Word Poetry, Opera, Jazz, Contemporary Song and World Music with artwork from detained refugees.

- ◆ Tickets: \$35, \$30 concession, \$25 group 10+
- ◆ Bookings: www.trybooking.com/PVCL
- ◆ Enquiries: grjones2020@gmail.com

100% of ticket sales go to the Human Rights Law Centre for the support of refugees and asylum seekers. All Welcome.

Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year?



The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 30 July at 11am by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs.

To register visit: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on: 9287 5587/ lmf@cam.org.au. Registrations close Friday 14 July.

St James Church Roster

Saturday 6pm Mass on 3 & 10 June

Special Ministers: Vin Underwood, Lois White & Josephine Stokes

Collector: Wendy Lord-Henry

Reader/Com: Jan Grant & Vin Underwood.

Sunday 9am Mass on 4 & 11 June

Special Ministers: Brian Bailey, Robert Messina & Kevin Custerson.

Collector: Brian Dowling

Reader / Com: Sr Felicity Corder & Ewa Lisik.

FIRST READING**Acts 2:1-11**

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. Surely they said all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.

SECOND READING**1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13**

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

GOSPEL**John 20:19-23**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

Ex 34:4-6.8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13 John 3:16-18

**HAVE YOU
THOUGHT?****The Spirit**

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energize it today.