



Brighton Catholic Parishes Newsletter

St James The Great & St Joan of Arc



23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time. Year A

10th September, 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

The challenge and hallmark of the Christian life is the way in which we live out God's love and forgiveness. And, although the Christian community should be the last group to exclude anyone, even we have to have our boundaries. Sometimes this involves holding others to account for what they say and do, especially if they claim to be a follower of Christ. The love and forgiveness of God does not mean that 'anything goes'. It is a love that calls for constant conversion. We can witness to it only to the degree that we have experienced it, from God, from others, and in the way we love and forgive ourselves.

Richard Leonard SJ



Remember In Our Prayers

Weddings: Robert Forrester to Adelle Incledon.

Illness: Dalia Borell, William Cavanagh, Kathy Chatham, Maureen Fahey, Warren Fisher, Andrew Florenti, Dos Forsyth, Anna Hall, Leanne Ickeringill, Jo Kenny, Michele Lyons, John Marich, Carmel Negline, Beth & Terry Pilcher, Rosa Santos, Edward Shelley, Ante Skoblar, Tom Van Kampen, John Wilzen & Melanie Young.

Recently Deceased: Nino Bonello, Tony Brown-Graham, Karin Strong & Steve Rodrigues.

Anniversaries: Val Daly, Bernard Hahn, Clare Vilathgamuwa & Gregory Wickramasinghe.

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: Fr Martin Dixon

Sacramental Co-ordinator: Carole Cheng

Pastoral Care: Eileen Marchmont

Organist: Mary Taylor

Cantors: Adam Kaczanowski & Marie-France Urruty

St James

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Parish Secretary: Robyn Hirt
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
Web: www.cam.org.au/brighton
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

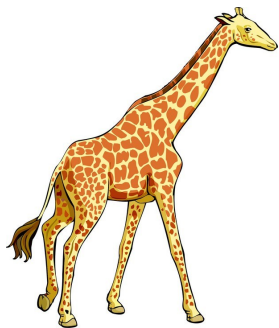
This Sunday we welcome the Year 3 students, their teachers and families to the 9am and 11am Masses. We also welcome our Year 6 students to the 5.30pm Confirmation Commitment Mass. Please remember them all in your prayers.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our appeal for retired priests last weekend. We raised a total of \$1,248.40 which is much appreciated.

Charismatic Prayer Group

We invite you to join us each Thursday at 8pm in the St Joan of Arc Church. This week's topic is *The Exultation of the Cross*.



Welcome Back

We are delighted to announce the return of Sr Frances Boston to the parish. Sr Frances has now retired after dedicating many years to serving the people of Sefhare in Botswana.

Accommodation- Can You Help?

Sr Frances is looking for a one or two bedroom unit in the Bayside area to rent so that she may be near her family. Please phone the parish office on 9593 1703 if you can help in any way. Many thanks.

Cabrini Hospital Volunteers

Each Sunday parishioners take communion to patients at Cabrini Hospital in Brighton. Please consider joining our team providing this valuable service. Full training is provided by the hospital and you will only be rostered on to visit about once a month. Telephone or email the parish office for details. Many thanks.



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.

Vocations To The Priesthood

This weekend the Church in Melbourne welcomes two new priests. Fathers Toan Nguyen and Anil Mascarenhas were ordained on Saturday morning at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please pray for our new priests and for many more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parishes and communities in Melbourne.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO Sunday 10 SEPTEMBER

We have a two-part interview with Monica Doumit the spokeswoman for the Coalition for Marriage discussing the case for traditional marriage.

Next week on the Journey, the Gospel of Matthew is reflected on by Fr Greg Barker from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Wisdom from the Abbey this week is softly spoken by Sr Hilda and we have Sam Clear reminding us that Unity Requires Risk. We have carefully selected music to help us create a show for you that is all about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Melbourne Catholic Magazine

Melbourne Catholic has won the 2017 Bishop Philip Kennedy Memorial Award for Overall Excellence. Plenty of great reading this month. Includes a superb piece on children (as National Child Protection Week gets underway next Monday). Writer Paul Mitchell offers a heart-wrenching reflection on the life (as well as the death) of Dr G Yunupingu. Fr Tony Kerin proffers more compelling evidence against physician assisted suicide, backed up in the next two pages by Dr Joel Hodge at ACU. And as if \$4 wasn't a ludicrous price for all that beauty and wisdom, the poem by St John of the Cross on Page 52 is, alone, worth the cost of admission! Happy reading. *Copies in the church foyer.*

We invite you to join us again next week

Catholic Book Club

Caroline Chisholm Library,
Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Anyone interested in reading and discussing Christian books and poetry is welcome to join the monthly meetings of The Catholic Book Club. This month Out of the silent planet by CS Lewis will be discussed.

Details: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or
www.melbournecatholicbookclub.yolasite.com

LOVE AND RESPONSIBILITY: DR EDWARD SRI

Tuesday 12 September, 7–9.30pm
Philippa Brazill Lecture Theatre, ACU
115 Victoria Parade, Fitz.

***Dating, love and relationships—
why are they so difficult?
Does it have to be that way?***

Dr Edward Sri, internationally acclaimed speaker and author of Men, women and the mystery of love, will speak live at this special event for young adults. Dr Sri will use his work and that of John Paul II to share profound insights on love, dating and dynamics between men and women. Designed primarily for people aged between 18 and 35 years.

Cost: \$10 per person

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/PFLJ

Details: Life Marriage Family office on
9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au

FINDING SPIRITUALITY IN OUR TROUBLED WORLD: CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM PERSPECTIVES

**Tues 12 Sep, 6.30pm for a 7pm start
Cardinal Knox Ctr, 383 Albert St, E. Melb**

Jointly hosted by the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission of the Melbourne Archdiocese and the Australian Intercultural Society, this event will bring together Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, Emeritus President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, and Associate Professor Salih Yucel from Australian Catholic University, both in conversation with Dr Zuleyha Keskin from the Centre for Islamic Studies at Charles Sturt University. Light refreshments with coffee and tea will be offered.

Cost: Free **Registration:**

<https://findingspirituality.eventbrite.com.au>

Details: 9926 5708 or eic@cam.org.au

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC FAMILIES: CONFERENCE

Fri 29 Sept to Sunday 1 Oct
Belgrave Heights Convention Ctr
Convention Road,
Belgrave Heights



This three-day conference is an opportunity for all Catholic families to come together for mutual spiritual, moral and social support, in a fun holiday atmosphere. The conference is planned as both affordable and family friendly, catering for whole families with conference talks for parents and other adults, and catechetical talks and activities for teens and children of all ages. Archbishop Denis Hart will preside at the official opening Mass on the Saturday.

Details: Clare on 9543 5613

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/276710.

Please note: registration closes Sun 10 Sep

Archbishop's Catholic Man Breakfast Series 14th September from 7am

Features Daniel Wells, current Collingwood and former North Melbourne star, discussing "faith, family and football" with John Canavan. Our venue again is the CQ Club, 113 – 123 Queen St Melbourne from 7 am to 9 am. Come along and here Daniel talk about his faith journey and hear his message for young Catholic men.

The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and to be encouraged and inspired in their faith. Don't miss it.

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St James Church Roster

Saturday 6pm Mass on 9 & 16 Sept

Special Ministers: Alberto Sabato,
Vin Underwood & Ruth Martinez

Collector: Wendy Lord-Henry

Reader/Com: Bella Parker & Ursula Betka

Sunday 9am Mass on 10 & 17 Sept

Special Ministers: Kevin Custerson, Marj Hess &
Carmel Sullivan

Collector: Brian Dowling

Reader / Com: Howard Kirsch &
Sr Felicity Corder.

FIRST READING**EZEL 33:7-9**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.

SECOND READING**ROM 13:8-10**

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL**MATT 18:15-20**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to

these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



24th Sunday of Ordinary time

Sir 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Matt 18:21-35

HiStORiCaL **CONTEXT**

“Tell the Church”

The idea of bringing a ‘sinner’ or offender before the church community to be confronted is one that the early Christians borrowed from the Jewish culture out of which they were formed. In Jewish society, the local synagogue was effectively a community centre. It was a gathering place, not only for worship and education, but also for meeting, debating and seeking solutions to problems. The synagogue community took on the role of mediator, witness, jury, judge and, if needed, punisher. The role of the scribes in Jewish society was to interpret the Law – the Torah – in resolving everyday situations.