



# Brighton Catholic Parishes Newsletter

## St James The Great & St Joan of Arc



27th Sunday In Ordinary Time. Year A

8th October, 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:

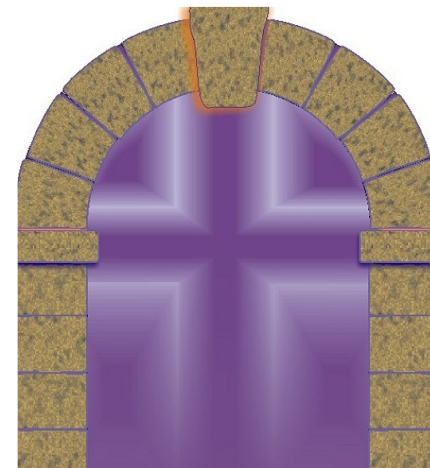
Thursday at 8pm St Joan  
of Arc Church

### Gospel Reflection

Even though we have worked hard to overcome our worst traits, we often think nothing good will ever come of them. In such a context we need to hear today's Gospel, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner-stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

The parts of our character we most despise could be the most marvellous moments of amazing grace. Nothing is irredeemable to God; nothing has gone too far or become too entrenched. In the Christian life there is no room for shame, only for repentance and starting over.

*Richard Leonard SJ.*



### Remember In Our Prayers

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

**Recently Deceased:** Dos Forsyth, Damien Kropp, John Liddle, Felix Mobilia, Patricia Van Kampen & Terrie Rossiter.

**Anniversaries:** Barry Naughton & Frank Shaw Passchendaele (1917).

### 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

**Address:** 73 North Rd. Brighton. 3186

**Tel:** 9596 1334 **Fax:** 9596 8492

**Email:** parishoffice@stjamesbrighton.org.au

**Web:** www.stjamesbrighton.org.au

**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

Many thanks to Fr Bill Goldman and Fr Barry Moran who will celebrate Masses for us this weekend.



### *Family, Food and Faith: Enhancing the aroma and flavour of your family life.*

This Sunday is Life, Marriage and Family Sunday. Family meals are a rich source of social, spiritual and physical nourishment. Please take home a copy of our brochure which gives practical suggestions for how families can improve mealtimes.

Copies of the brochure are in the church foyer today and online at [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily). We encourage you to read, watch and share these free resources with anyone you think will find them helpful.



## **RCIA** Finding Answers To The BIG Questions

Do you know someone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic? Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a wonderful program which nurtures and guides adults in their faith. Sacraments will be received Easter Sunday 2018. Sessions start on **Tuesday 17th October** in the presbytery at St Joan of Arc. Please feel free to come along or invite anyone who may be interested to find out more.

For more information telephone Carole Cheng on 9593 1703 or email Carole at: [Carole.Cheng@cam.org.au](mailto:Carole.Cheng@cam.org.au)

## **MEETING FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST JAMES CHURCH Thursday 26th October**

Parishioners are invited to attend a further meeting concerning the rebuild of the church. Plans have been drawn up to be presented in November for the Archbishop's final approval.

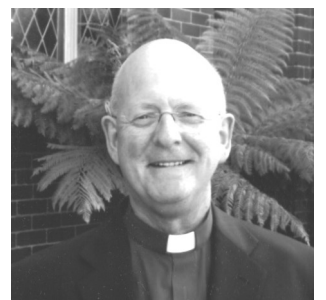
Parishioners are asked to consider these plans and the liturgical and architectural reasons for them.

Please keep this date free: Thursday 26 Oct, 7.30 pm in the school hall. Many thanks.

### **Diary Date**

#### **Fr Peter Cross 10th Memorial Lecture**

- ♦ **Wed 25th October at 7.30pm, St Joan of Arc hall**
- ♦ **Guest speaker Bishop Terry Curtin**  
*Everyone Most Welcome*



## **60th Wedding Anniversary**

Congratulations to Joan Hargreaves and Derek Conway who were married by Fr Fennessy at St Joan of Arc on the 5th October, 1957. Joan was a local girl who also attended the parish school. Sixty years on Joan and Derek celebrated the day with their five children, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. They now reside in Mosgiel, New Zealand.

### **Charismatic Prayer Group**

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





*We invite you to join us again next week*



**TIME OUT RETREAT**  
**TRUST THE JOURNEY**  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2017

St James The Great and St Joan of Arc parishioners are invited to join *Gatherings* as we reflect on the mystery of our world and the lives we live within it. This facilitated group retreat is in the relaxed and beautiful surrounds of Pallotti College, Millgrove. It is essentially a process about stillness, mystery and reflection that the following quotations will help inform:

*The conscious living of our story is the space of the sacred.*

Elizabeth Cain *Dreaming our Story*

*Not known because not looked for  
But heard, half-heard in the stillness  
Between two waves of the sea.....*

T.S.Elliot *Four Quartets*

- **Venue:** Pallotti College  
80 McNamaras Rd Millgrove  
Facilitation: Gatherings Team
- **Time:** Reg. from 3pm Friday. Retreat begins after evening meal and finishes after lunch Sunday.
- **Cost:** \$225 (members \$200) includes retreat, single room, all meals, tea breaks, supper. \$50 deposit please.
- **Details:** Eileen at St James on 9596 1334 or Gatherings on 0413 488 405 [gather1@tpg.com.au](mailto:gather1@tpg.com.au)

**Spirituality In The Pub**  
**Wed 25th Oct**  
**at 7.30pm**



**Topic:** Clerical Sexual Abuse of Children In The Catholic Church

**Guest Speakers:** Professor Des Cahill & Peter Wilkinson

**Venue:** Sandringham Hotel, cnr Beach Rd & Melrose St. Book a meal on 9598 7255

**Details:** Vin on 9530 6004 or Frances on 9579 3920

**All Welcome**

**St Leonard's Uniting Church**  
**Youth Group**

**Sunday 8th October at 6pm**

All 10-17 year olds are welcome. Includes fun, fellowship, food and games! Aged based activities and discussion. Cost \$5 for food.

Details: Judith at [Judith.watkins69@gmail.com](mailto:Judith.watkins69@gmail.com)  
Or Joshua at [Joshua.debell87@gmail.com](mailto:Joshua.debell87@gmail.com)



**Concert Invitation**  
**The Bayside Singers**  
**Sunday 22nd October at 2pm**

- "Songs of War and Peace"
- With organ music presented by Colin Jenkins
- St Leonard's Uniting Church, 2 Wolseley Gve, Btn
- Pay at the door \$20, Under 10 free
- Complimentary afternoon tea
- All proceeds to the Red Cross.

**St James Church Roster**

**Saturday 6pm Mass on 7 & 14 October**

**Special Ministers:** Ruth Martinez, Vin Underwood & Mary Field

**Collector:** John O'Donoghue

**Reader/Com:** Antoinette Negline & Adele Nicolas.

**Sunday 9am Mass on 8 & 15 October**

**Special Ministers:** Robert Messina, Nancy Ohlert & Kevin Custerson

**Collector:** David Taranto

**Reader / Com:** Brian Bailey & Denise VanBaer.

**FIRST READING:        ISAIAH 5:1-7**

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

**SECOND READING:        PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9**

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

**GOSPEL:                MATTHEW 21:33-43**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he

fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.'



Next Sunday's readings

28th Sunday of Ordinary time

Isa 25:6-10 Phil 4:12-14.19-20 Matt 22:1-14

**Scriptural  
Context**

**Fulfilling prophecy**

*Matthew's whole recount of this parable is dependant upon the reader/listener's familiarity with earlier writings within the Old Testament. We are fortunate that the designers of the lectionary have included the relevant passages as the first reading and psalm for this Sunday's readings. The original audience would have drawn on their own familiarity with the texts and recognised Jesus' words as echoing those of Isaiah and the psalmist. Matthew's gospel was particularly keen to cast Jesus in the image of fulfilling the prophecies of the Jewish tradition. Throughout Matthew's gospel we see the author placing the words of prophecy in Jesus' mouth or using the narration to confirm that Jesus performed actions to fulfil the words of the prophets.*