

St Finbar's Catholic Parish		Mass Times	
Parish Priest	Fr Ian Ranson	Saturday	6pm Vigil
Parish Secretary	Bridget Cooper (Tues & Thurs)	Sunday	9am, 11am and 5pm
Address	86 Centre Rd, Brighton East	Weekdays	Mon at 8.15am,
Phone	9593 2122		Tues to Sat at 9.15am
Website	www.cam.org.au/brightoneast	Reconciliation	After 9.15am Mass on Saturdays
Email	BrightonEast@cam.org.au	Baptisms	Most Sundays following 11am Mass - please contact the Parish Office
St Vincent de Paul Hotline	1800 305 330	For Weddings or Sacramental Enquiries (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation), please contact the Parish Office.	
School Principal	Mr Patrick Berlinger		
School Phone	9592 4479		

*Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018*                      **First Sunday of Lent**

Today’s readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God’s grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus’ proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship.

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**Parish News**

**Lenten Discussion Groups**

Groups for the Lent discussions continue this week. Please contact the parish office if you would like more information. Groups are being held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Thursday mornings after mass.

**Choir**

Choir practice will be held each Wednesday at 7pm in the church. New members welcome.

**Greeting Teams**

Please continue to sign up as a greeter at you preferred Mass to assist us connecting with our parish community.

**ST FINBARS FOYER**

PLEASE CONTACT FR IAN BEFORE PLACING ANY PERSONAL PIETY MATERIAL IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCE OR FOYER

**Flat for Rent**

One bedroom flat for rent in South Caulfield including carport. For further information call 9578 4485.

**Sick**

Judy Burke, Denise Fitzsimmons, Peter Cleary, Peter Purtell, Max Finch, Kath Dyer, Laraine Smith, Margaret Sinclair, Alfred Dowling, Ann Stewart, Joan Smith, Kris Krol, John Rudden, John DeMeiller and Phyllis McMahon.

*Prayers will be said at weekend Masses for up to 4 weeks. Please contact the parish office if you would like the prayers to continue beyond that time.*

**Baptism**

Georgia Lucy Gosling (Duncan & Karen)

**Anniversaries**

Jim Pierce, Mary Delahunty, Justin McCarthy, Jerry Quill and Tom Thynne

Parish Roster Sun 25 Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun Lent / Year B	6.00pm	9.00am	11.00am	5.00PM
Lectors	Julie McInerney Anna Conti	Ian Jones Lorraine O'Reilly	Margaret Howse	Durbidge family
Special Ministers	Joy Conheady	Pauline Bourke	Jenny Reiche Rita Maguire	VOLUNTEERS
Altar Servers				Rose & Lily
Data Projector	Tony Conheady	Dials	Leo	Volunteer
Welcoming	Gillian, Kay & Phil	Jean & Pauline	3 Volunteers	3 Volunteers
Counters	J Cahill, M Howse & T McClelland			
Readings Copies of the readings are available in the Sacristy hallway.	<i>First Reading:</i> Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18 <i>Psalm:</i> Ps 115 "I will walk in the presence of the Lord". <i>Second Reading:</i> Romans 8: 31-34 <i>Gospel:</i> Mark 9: 2-10			

<p><b>Entrance Antiphon</b></p> <p>When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.</p>	<p><b>Communion Antiphon</b></p> <p>One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.</p>
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<p><b>COMMUNITY NEWS</b></p> <p><b><u>CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB</u></b>  Friday 23 February, 7pm  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 the book for discussion is The snake pit by Sigrid Undset (Volume two of The master of Hestviken series).  Details: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or  www.melbournecatholicbookclub.yolasite.com</p> <p><b><u>SOUTHERN STARS PARTY FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS</u></b>  Saturday 24 February, 8pm  Benedict House, 301 Warrigal Road, Burwood  For single Catholics in the 28 to 60 age group, the Southern Stars Social Club hosts another Saturday night of music, fun and live entertainment, with supper provided. Lucky door prizes too!  Cost: \$13  Details: Peter on 9885 2167</p> <p><b><u>FESTIVAL OF SPIRITUAL FILMS</u></b>  Saturday 24 February, 9.30am–4.30pm  Carmelite Centre, O'Connor Pilkington Rooms, 214 Richardson Street, Middle Park  Join your host Peter Thomas to watch and discuss five films, each offering a different perspective on spirituality and the spiritual life. After each film, time will be allocated for open discussion. BYO lunch or visit nearby cafes during lunch break. Tea, coffee and light refreshments available.  The films:  Add religion and stir: A snapshot of the changing face of religions in multicultural Australia and their commonalities.  Freedom or madness: Follows the daily routine of six people who have chosen to live their spirituality as hermits.  The business of making saints: An in-depth investigation of how the Catholic Church creates saints. Shot in Italy, England, US and Australia.  Hazaribag Jesuits: Australian Jesuits who left Port Melbourne to go to India in the 1950s and 60s relate their experiences.  Martyrs of Timor: This film looks at those who died for justice in East Timor when the country was on the brink of independence.  Cost: \$35  Details: 9690 5430 or info@thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org  Bookings: www.trybooking.com/344161</p>	<p><b>Parish Contacts</b></p> <p>Please feel free to contact any of these people if you would like to become more involved in Parish Life.</p> <p>Rosters for Lectors, Collectors and Special Ministers at Mass  <i>Paul Dungan 9592 2463</i></p> <p>Counting Roster  <i>New Volunteers please call Parish Office</i></p> <p>Children's Liturgy  <i>Parish Office 9593 2122</i></p> <p>Altar Serving  <i>Parish Office 9593 2122</i></p> <p>Church Flowers  <i>Dianne Sheedy 9557 6214</i></p> <p>Church Decoration</p> <p>Senior's Group  <i>Sue Sharry 9592 7229</i>  <i>and Joan Hamilton 9592 2498</i></p> <p>Music  <i>Joy Conheady 9596 2643</i></p> <p>Choir  <i>Corina 0414 624 253</i></p> <p>Sacramental Enquiries (Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation)  <i>Parish Office 9593 2122</i></p> <p>Parish Pastoral Group  <i>Parish Office 9593 2122</i></p> <p>St Vincent de Paul  Assistance Hotline: Freecall 1800 305 330  <i>(Mon to Fri 10am - 3pm)</i></p> <p>Tennis Club  <i>www.stfinbarstennisclubbrightoneast.com</i></p> <p>Netball Club <i>www.stfinbarsnetballclub.com</i></p> <p>Basketball Club <i>www.scalpers.com.au</i></p>
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