



## Emmaus Catholic Parish

Brighton East, Gardenvale & Brighton  
St Finbar's - St James - St Joan of Arc

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First Sunday of Advent Year C

1st December

2024

**Parish Priest:** Fr Ian Ranson  
**Retired Priest:** Fr Clemente Cafarella  
**Parish Secretary:** Carmel Cristiano  
**Parish Office Hours:** Tues– Fri 9am–3.30pm  
**St Vincent de Paul:** 1800 305 330

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 9:30am St Finbar's  
Tues 9:30am St Finbar's  
5:00pm St Joan of Arc Exposition  
5:30pm St Joan of Arc Mass  
Wed 9:30am St Finbar's  
Thurs 9:30am St Finbar's  
Fri 9:15am St Joan of Arc  
9:30am St Finbar's  
Sat 9:30am St Finbar's

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Finbar's: Saturday 5:30pm  
Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

St Joan of Arc: Sunday 11:00am, 5:30pm

**Confessions times:** 30 mins prior to mass

### Baptism & Sacrament Registration

please call the office to organise.

**Memorial Garden Vases** Please use our vases when you bring flowers for your loved ones to the Memorial Gardens at Brighton and Gardenvale. Pop into the Bayside office to collect a vase and we would appreciate a gold coin donation to cover the cost.

### MASS COLLECTIONS

This parish has 2 collections at each mass.

The 1st collection is for the priest and retired priests.

The 2nd collection supports all the everyday expenses of our parish (this includes the running of our churches & presbytery).

If you would prefer to give by card, tap machines are available in the foyers of the churches.

Thank you for your generosity.

Advent, Pope Francis suggests, should awaken 'sleepy Christians'. It is a time to stop 'dozing off' into spiritual apathy and indifference.

The Pope encourages us to use Advent to consider how we live our faith. Perhaps we have become too worldly, or spiritually insular? Maybe our prayers have become dull and routine, rather than heartfelt? Whatever the case, now is the moment to reflect on what really matters and act. Not tomorrow, not at Christmas, not after the holidays – Now!

There is an urgency to Advent, which this week's Gospel puts right in front of us. As Jesus says, we must be wakeful and alert! He speaks of things to do – stand, watch, pray – which shows us that the Christian life must be more than passive routines.

Framed by Jesus' call to his disciples, the Pope suggests that Advent should be spent 'looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world.' It is, he adds, 'a favourable time to open our hearts, to ask ourselves concrete questions about how and for whom we expend our lives.'

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## December— Month of the Immaculate Conception

3rd St Francis Xavier

4th St John Damascene

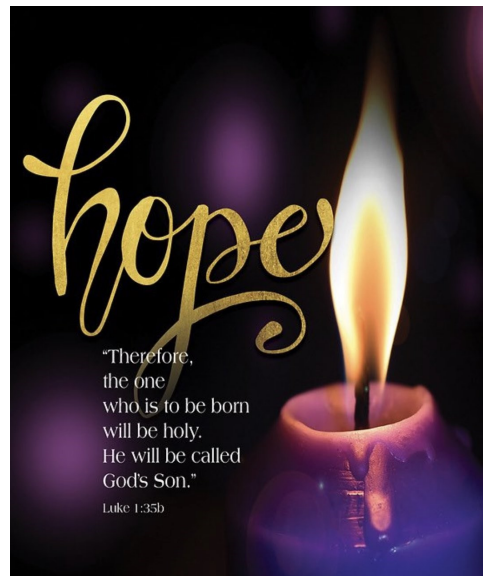
6th St Nicholas

7th St Ambrose

### Emmaus Parish Anointing Mass & luncheon prior to Christmas

St Finbar's Church  
Tuesday 3rd December, 11am  
(No 9.30am mass)

If you would like to assist in the preparation of the mass  
& luncheon please contact the office or priest, asap.



St Vincent de Paul Society is selling Christmas cards and  
Columbian calendars in the church foyer. Cash only.  
Please place cash in the Poor Box by the side door of the church.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal  
There will be a Christmas appeal for St Vincent de Paul at St Joan of Arc parish at the 11am and 5.30pm mass this Sunday.

Thank you to **Jim Sinclair**, our amazing inhouse interior decorator specialist who has kindly offered his time and expertise together with **Stasia and Phillip**, in bringing the true spirit and meaning of Christmas to the parish of Emmaus. Jim has incorporated the beautiful story of the Jesse Tree. Here is a brief explanation of the art behind the Jesse tree.

“A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,” Isaiah tells us. From the house of Jesse of Bethlehem, God chose the one who was to be king of Israel, David, the youngest of Jesse’s seven sons. Through David, Jesse is the ancestor of Jesus. The Jesse tree is a traditional image found in mosaics and windows. Many of these images are very ornate, with branches depicting Jesus’ ancestors and various prophets and other biblical figures.

**Emmaus Parish Advent Carols** at St Finbar's Church, 86 Centre Rd, Brighton East.

Friday 6th December 2024, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Join Emmaus parishioners and singers for a beautiful and unique journey through the Christmas Story. It will be a great way to prepare for the Christmas season. Readings and Carols will be followed by light refreshments in the Marian Room. Everyone welcome! Please RSVP on the form at the back of the church. Hope you can join us.

**Christmas Giving Tree** – Please bring hampers for the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project ([www.basp.org.au](http://www.basp.org.au)) **this weekend 30 Nov/1-Dec at the latest**. Remember weight – split into two cartons! (Some of the volunteers doing deliveries are not as young and strong as they once were !). ALSO needing 3-4 volunteers to help moving the hampers to BASP on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec (10:30am)** – contact Philip 0423 109-506. Thank you for your great support of these people trying to make a new start in life as part of the Australian community!

### St Finbar's & St Joan of Arc Restoration Appeal

If you prefer to donate via online facilities please follow this link or use the QR Code provided.

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj4HAAT>

or just head to our website <https://www.melbcatholic.org/emmaus>

& tap **DONATE**, then select campaign titled

**St Finbar's & St Joan of Arc Restoration Appeal**

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**SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

We are committed to holding the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.