



Emmaus Catholic Parish

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

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

10th November

2024

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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.

LET US PRAY

SICK

Elisabeth Kiernikowski

ANNIVERSARIES

Horst Oelsner

SPECIAL PRAYERS

To all the students in VCE and others
completing their exams during this time.
May God be with them.

After denouncing the flamboyant religiosity of the scribes, Jesus watched people putting money into the treasury. He saw rich people putting in 'a great deal', probably because such donations were clearly meant to be noticed.

But, as Jesus tells his disciples, a 'poor widow' gave more. As Pope Francis points out, 'she does not pray to make herself seen, she does not show off her faith.' Trusting God and acting humbly, Jesus notices her.

Yet there is another aspect to this incident, which plays out against Jesus' description of ostentatious scribes as 'men who swallow the property of widows.' The contrast between pious scribes and the poor widow could not be greater.

Jesus is not only praising humility; he is reacting to injustice. As the Pope points out, Jesus 'denounces the exploitation of this woman.' After depositing those tiny coins, she 'must return home without even the little she had to live on.'

The Pope challenges us to take this Gospel fully to heart. We are all called to be humble, but also to work for justice. 'This is a warning for all time and for everyone, Church and society,' he says. We must 'never take advantage of one's role to crush others, never make money off the backs of the weakest!' God will remember every penny ever given, but also those unjustly taken.

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This poor widow has put more in than
all who have contributed to the treasury.

Mark 12:43

November– Month of the Holy Souls

11th St Martin of Tours

12th St Josaphat

15th St Albert the Great

16th St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude

REQUESTS:

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ASKING THE PRIESTS BEFORE OR AFTER MASS. INSTEAD EMAIL THE OFFICE AND YOUR REQUEST WILL BE FORWARDED TO THEM ACCORDINGLY.

Christmas Giving Tree – Emmaus Parish community will be helping to bring the Spirit of Christmas to people who have been forced to flee their homes and seek refuge. The Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (www.basp.org.au) – with a small army of volunteers – gives assistance throughout the year to many families and young men and women trying to get started on a new life in Australia. As for the last few years, you're invited to make up a small Christmas hamper ... which we will deliver to BASP in week one of December. The tags on our Christmas Giving Tree give brief details of various family groups or households of young men and women. There are also some tags that are simply 'a shopping bag of food/household goods'. The tags don't always state gender or ages of children ... just remember that basic foods are always appreciated, and Christmas fare and some sweets will bring joy!

The 'blue' tags are all single men (sometimes a group sharing a house); I suggest basic foods, perhaps a gift card? ... and some Christmas fare for the 'blue' tags.

There are some printed pages near the tree with hamper suggestions. Please be aware of WEIGHT! The hampers are often delivered by just one person ... so hampers must be easily lifted. SPLIT into a couple of cartons or 2-3 shopping bags.

Your support brings Christmas joy into households. Thank you!



You are invited you to a special film night on Saturday 16 November at 7:30pm, in the narthex at Stella Maris Church. We'll be screening "Cabrini," a beautiful film produced by Angel Studios that shares the inspiring true story of Francesca Xavier Cabrini, the first American saint. This heartfelt movie beautifully portrays the remarkable events of her life, highlighting her mission and dedication to serving the Italian immigrants of New York City. We believe it will be a moving experience for everyone. Fr Ford will giving a brief introduction. Join us at Stella Maris for this memorable evening! Please keep in mind, seating is limited, so be sure to RSVP by 11 November, by emailing

gospelmarkch12v30@gmail.com. We kindly suggest a donation of \$10 to help support this event. We look forward to seeing you at the movies!

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.

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

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

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Emmaus Parish Pre-Christmas Morning Tea

St Joan of Arc Church will be hosting a Pre-Christmas morning tea on Sunday **24th November**, straight after **11am Mass**, in the church foyer.

All parishioners are warmly invited.

Hope you can join us for this great opportunity to connect before Christmas.

Feel free to bring a sweet or savoury to share (optional).



TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

NEW BAY HOTEL
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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.