



Brighton Catholic Parishes Newsletter  
**St James The Great**  
 &  
**St Joan of Arc**



31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year C

3rd November, 2019

### 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 6pm & \*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 in  
 St Joan of Arc Church

#### Social Justice Group:

Every second Thursday  
 of the month in the  
 presbytery at St Joan of  
 Arc at 7.30 pm

### Reflection On The Readings

Zacchaeus is described as possessing several very honourable qualities. His interest in seeing Jesus overrode any shame he may have experienced in having to climb the tree. He responded immediately to Jesus, and the sincerity of his transformation is seen in the extent of his restitution.



The narrative draws bold lines of contrast between Jesus' attitude toward this man and that of the people who witnessed the encounter. Jesus insisted that only those who are lost can be found; only those who are perishing can be saved. Those who revere themselves as righteous seldom understand this and, as a result, miss opportunities for their own salvation.

*Dianne Bergant CSA*

### Remember In Our Prayers

**Illness:** Dalia Borell, Ruth Brokensha, Barbara Gallo, Marta Elena Hinds, Gabrielle Marylees, Margaret McGrath, Kevin Nichollis, Mary O'Connor, Catherine Ryan, Edward Shelley, Emily Somers, Brian Taylor, Barbara Turner, Robin Turner

**Recently Deceased:** Michael Kelly, Elaine McCaffrey

**Anniversaries:** Marguerite Vaughan

### Parish Contacts

**Parish Priest:** Fr Martin Dixon

**Pastoral Associate:** Carole Cheng      **Organist:** Mary Taylor

**Cantors:** Adam Kaczanowski & Marie-France Urruty

#### St Joan of Arc & St James Parishes

**Office Address:** 118 New St, Brighton. 3186    **Tel:** 9593 1703

**Email:** Brighton@cam.org.au    **Web:** www.cam.org.au/brighton

**Parish Accountant:** Marina Stevenson    **Parish Secretary:** Elaine Bolitho

**Parish Office Hours:** Tue-Fri: 9.30am-3.30pm.

#### St James School

**School Principal:** Brendan Flanagan    **Tel:** 9596 4766

#### St Joan of Arc School

**School Principal:** Tony McMahon    **Tel:** 9592 3840

## Services This Week

- ◆ This Sunday at the 11am Mass the following children will be presented for baptism: Charlie Alcock, Ayla Coluraiale, Lara Coluraiale, Willow Herring, Thomas O'Brien, Billie Rose O'Brien, Darcy Smith, Henry Swinden
- ◆ Please include in your prayers our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation who will be Confirmed over the next two weeks
- ◆ Tuesday Mass as usual at 6pm at St James. Thursday Mass in the chapel at Cabrini Hospital Brighton at noon. Funeral Mass for Elaine McCaffrey at 2.30pm at St Joan of Arc on Friday.

***The Remembrance Book is now available in the church for you to include the names of friends and relatives who have passed away this year. Please note that we have already included those who had funerals in the St Joan of Arc Church.***

### Children's Liturgy Volunteers



Over the years we have had wonderful support from parishioners in leading the Sunday classes. Our numbers have now dwindled and the program is at risk of stopping!

Cath Beckingham has and continues to be the dynamic coordinator of the group but she needs help to continue. To find out more please email the parish office at: [Brighton@cam.org.au](mailto:Brighton@cam.org.au)

All parishioners are welcome to apply and training will be provided.

### Important Notice for all Parish Volunteers

**We ask all St Joan of Arc and St James volunteers without a WWCC to please apply online by the 12th November 2019.**

[children.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply#Complete online application](https://children.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply#Complete online application)

Include the parish name on your application and we will be advised of your approval.

We appreciate that this may be difficult for some parishioners but we don't want to lose your support. Please contact the parish office on 9593 1703 for assistance or request help from family and friends. Many thanks.



### God With US An Advent Bible Study

By John Birch

Take a break from the pre-Christmas rush to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas.

Based on the readings for Year A of the Revised Common Lectionary.

Meet together with our fellow Christians and invite friends or family who may just want to discover the Christmas story.

Please add your details to the sign-up sheet in the church foyer by Monday 18th November.

Sponsored by the  
Brighton Covenant of Christian Churches.



### Card Players

Join our friendly group this Thursday at 11.30am in the St Joan of Arc meeting room in the presbytery. Lunch included for \$15.

### Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project

Thank you for remembering the asylum seekers this weekend by placing your donations in the collection boxes. Non-perishable foods, toiletries and gift vouchers are gratefully received.



We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin nation as the traditional custodians of this place we now call Brighton

## Australian Catholics Magazine

Must see edition includes "A story of Creation" all about Aboriginal spirituality and Jim Bowler's discoveries at Lake Mungo. Free copies in the church to take home today.

## Cabrini Brighton Communion Ministry Volunteers Needed



Are you interested in providing assistance to Cabrini Pastoral and Bereavement Services Department as a Holy Communion Ministry Volunteer?

This work involves distributing Communion to Catholic patients at Cabrini Brighton on Wednesdays & Thursdays. If this appeals to you please contact Therese Proy on 9508 1927 or [tproy@cabrini.com.au](mailto:tproy@cabrini.com.au). No experience needed. Cabrini Health provides extensive orientation and ongoing training for volunteers.

## MASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS, MELBOURNE WITH ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI

Wednesday 13 November, 7pm

### St Peters and St Paul's, South Melbourne

Join young people from all over Melbourne to celebrate the source and summit of the Christian life.

[facebook.com/events/367469000874687/?ti=icl](https://facebook.com/events/367469000874687/?ti=icl)

## ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL ORGAN RECITAL BY CHRISTOPHER TRIKILIS

Friday 15 November, 6pm

St Patrick's Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

To coincide with the exhibition, *The Invention of Melbourne: A Baroque Archbishop and a Gothic Architect* at Old Treasury Building, Spring Street, Melbourne (1 August 2019 – 2 March 2020), an Organ Recital will be given by Christopher Trikilis, Director of Music at Our Lady of Victories Basilica, Camberwell, commencing with short introduction by Rev Dr Max Vodola PP, Chairman of Diocesan Historical Commission, and Dr Paul Taylor, Director of Music, St Patrick's Cathedral.

**Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=567168&>



Aid to the  
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

November is the month of Holy Souls. Masses can be arranged through Aid to the Church in Need for your deceased loved ones.

One hundred percent of your Mass offering will be sent to a poor priest overseas, who will celebrate Mass for your intentions. Visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings](http://www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings) or call 1800 101 201.

## Plum Pudding Orders

It's time to order your delicious St Peter's plum pudding which have a reputation for their high quality. The puddings come in two sizes:

- 1.5kg (serves 16) at \$45.00
- 750gms (serves 8) at \$35.00.



Orders can be placed by phoning Jane Wilson on 0438 412 328 or email [jane.wilson.aus@gmail.com](mailto:jane.wilson.aus@gmail.com)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

**MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE** – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Training Day for new volunteers end of November 2019.

Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact)

Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au)

Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895

### *St James Church Roster*

#### Saturday 6pm Mass on 2 & 9 November

**Overhead/Set Up:** Alberto Sabato (o)

**Special Ministers:** Ursula Betka, Vin Underwood, Elisa Wilson

**Collector:** Wendy Lord-Henry

**Reader/Com:** Lois White, Gail Hunt

#### Sunday 9am Mass on 3 & 10 November

**Overheard/Set Up:** Andrew Young (o)

**Special Ministers:** Adrienne Bentham, Marj Hess, Katrina Rigby

**Collector:** Vickie-Lee Young

**Welcomer:** Kevin Custerson

**Reader /Com:** Maureen Flanagan, Brendan Flanagan

**FIRST READING: WISDOM 11:22-12:2**

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook mens sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

**SECOND READING: 2 THESS 1:11-2:2**

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

**GOSPEL LUKE 19:1-10**

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he

hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house,' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'



Next week's Readings

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C

2 Macc 7:1-2.9-14, 2 Thess 2:16-3:5, Lk 20:27-38

## **HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

### **Tax Collectors**

*Tax collectors were hated by most Jews at the time of Jesus. Firstly, the taxes they collected were going to support Rome – a foreign, Gentile power that was an unwelcome occupying force in Palestine. The Jews' taxes were paying the wages of the army that occupied their country, so tax collectors were seen as collaborators with the enemy. Secondly, the system of tax collection lent itself to abuse and corruption. Tax collectors were required to collect a certain amount from their district; any excess they collected was theirs to keep – that was their income.*