



Brighton Catholic Parishes Newsletter

St James The Great & St Joan of Arc



28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year B

14th October, 2018

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

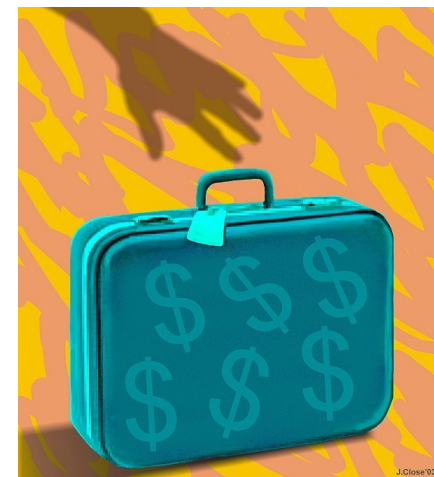
Prayer Group:

Thursday at 8pm at
St Joan of Arc Church

Reflection

This gospel shouldn't necessarily be read as a condemnation of wealth – rather, it is the man's inability to surrender his wealth that Jesus challenges. Jesus sees to the heart of the man and asks if he is willing to give up that which is most important in his life. The man is unable to do what Jesus asks of him and goes away sad. Why sad? He's sad because he knows that he has been tested and failed. He knows that what he genuinely desired was within his reach but he needed to let go of his position, his status, his wealth, to be able to grasp what he desired in both hands.

Greg Sunter



Remember In Our Prayers

Illness: John Bell, Dalia Borell, Kevin Breheny, William Cavanagh, Helen Classon, Anne de Rebello, John de Rebello, Andrew Florenti, Jo Kenny, Ariel Low, John Marich, Jaxon McInnes, Winifred Pereira, Beth Pilcher, Elvira Rios, Tracey Rowley, Catherine Ryan, Rosa Santos, Ed Sheehan, Edward Shelley, Ante Skoblar, Robin Turner, Tom van Kampen, Melanie Young, Meg Zeller

Recently Deceased: Leanne Ickeringill

Anniversaries: Peter Andrade, Olivia Haverkamp, Rod Sullivan

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: Fr Martin Dixon

Sacramental Coordinator: Carole Cheng

Pastoral Care: Eileen Marchmont

Organist: Mary Taylor

Cantors: Adam Kaczanowski & Marie-France Urruty

St James

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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 all of our parishioners who have assisted with the services, especially at short notice while Fr Martin has been away. We are very happy to welcome back Fr Martin this weekend as well as Fr Barry Moran and Fr Paul Castley.

- ♦ Baptism presentations this Sunday at the 11am Mass: Gisele Biggs; Ollie Chamberlain; Harry Condon; Heidi Mescher; Lucia Morrison, Emilia Speck; Tyson Stock; Jack & Harry Wilkerson
- ♦ St Joan of Arc Confirmation Masses this Wednesday at 7pm and Saturday at 6pm. Please include the candidates in your prayers
- ♦ Please collect your Stewardship Pledge Acknowledgment letters today



**St James and St Joan of Arc
Parishes Brighton**

TRUST THE JOURNEY RETREAT

23 -25 November, 2018

Pallotti College, 80 McNamara's Rd.,
Millgrove 3799

You are invited to join us at beautiful, prayerful Pallotti College, Millgrove where we will enjoy the company of others as we rediscover familiar ways and explore new and different ways of deepening relationship with God.

This retreat will be a very gentle, informal process that is about stillness, listening, mystery and reflection and will include some input based on the following quotation from *Dreaming our Story* by Elizabeth Cain:

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

If interested please contact Eileen at the parish on 9596 1334 or email gather1@tpg.com.au

**Brochures with full details are available
at the back of the church.**

**Come & See
What Our Community
Believes**



We invite you to join the R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group each Tuesday evening from 7.30pm until about 9pm. Join us for a cuppa and a talk about what we believe as followers of Jesus. If you know someone who may be interested in learning about the Catholic Faith please bring them along.

We will commence on Tues 23rd of Oct at 7.30pm in the presbytery meeting room at St Joan of Arc.

Please contact Carole at carole.cheng@cam.org.au or the parish office on 9593 1703, Tues, Wed or Fri.

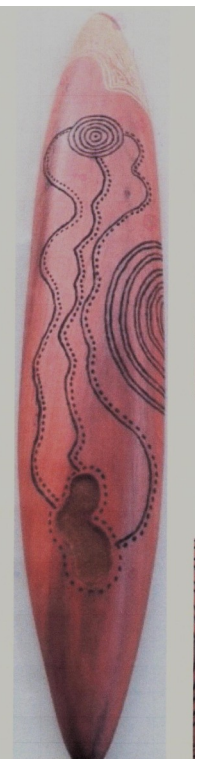
Parish Message Sticks

Artist Vicki Clarke will officially install the message sticks in our churches in a fortnight. She writes,

“My ancestors have etched and painted the Creator Spirit thousands of years before Abraham had received the Laws from the Creator Spirit. The Creator Spirit touched the sacredness of their relationship to country and all that had been created.

Traditionally, Message Sticks were passed between different clans and language groups to establish information and transmit messages. They were often used to invite neighbouring groups to corroborees, initiation ceremonies, right of entry to country and invitations to religious rituals.

The Message Stick is one of the many ways my old people communicated and sometimes the stick was used as a teaching stick for drawing tribal boundaries, sacred ceremonial places, totems and tracking the animals throughout the land. When a Message Stick is handed to you from another person then you become the Messenger. As custodian of an Aboriginal artefact it should only be passed to another worthy custodian”.



Living Icons- Mothers, Fathers & the Gospel of the Family

The *Living Icons* publication from the Life, Marriage & Family Office is bringing attention to the pivotal role that a Mum and Dad play through their contribution to their children's development. Every one of us belongs to a family. We can all try to make things better in the family God has – by his design – placed us in. We encourage you to read and share *Living Icons* with family and friends who you think will be encouraged by its message of hope. Videos: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily



We invite you to join us again next week



Many thanks to everyone who supported the appeal which raised \$2,345.55 for the sick and retired priests in our Archdiocese.

Bethlehem In Brighton Saturday 1st December

The Brighton Covenant of Churches present Bethlehem in Brighton in the grounds of St. Andrews Anglican Church. This free event is designed to share the true meaning of Christmas with young families. Each child will receive a welcome bag on arrival.

Activities include an interactive nativity play and photos, live music, choirs, craft, animal farm, cake stall, sausage sizzle and more.

We need your help to make this event a great success:

- volunteers to play the parts of: Mary & Joseph; carpenter, 3 shepherds, an angel, 3 wise men, and assistance with the costumes
- Craft, costume and scripts assistants

Please phone the St Joan of Arc parish office on 9593 1703 if you can help in any way.

Many thanks.



Palms Australia invites you to
EXPLORE A NEW MISSION

Opportunities now open in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa and Myanmar
For info call 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au
Q&A: October 16, 5.30PM - Ross House Association, 247 Flinders Lane

Melbourne Catholic

The October edition of the Melbourne Catholic Magazine is out now featuring the theme of *Listening*. Lots of interesting articles, book and film reviews to enjoy. Copies available for \$4 in the church foyer.

Spirituality In The Pub

Stars and Kings and Baby Things...

The Infancy Narratives Matthew's Gospel

Dr Mary Coloe

Wed 24th October at 7.30pm

Dr. Mary Coloe is a Presentation Sister and Associate Professor at Yarra Theological Union, Box Hill. In 2013 she was appointed by Pontifical Council for Christian Unity to a 6 year international dialogue between the Catholic Church and the Church of Christ.

Please join us at the Sandringham Hotel for a meal from 6pm (ph to book on 9598 7255) or the lecture at 7.30pm. For details ph Vin on 9530 6004.

Don't Miss Out On These Events!

Sat 20th Oct: St Peter's Anglican Church Fair

From 9am to 1pm at 77 Were St, Brighton.

Cakes, jams, crafts, hampers, trash & treasure, wine & plant raffles, Devonshire teas, books, bbq & children's activities

Sun 21st Oct: Songs of War And Peace

A concert by The Bayside Singers at Trinity Uniting Church, 15 Black St Brighton. Armistice Centenary Concert. Tickets at the door \$20, concession \$15.

Details: Jen Verwoert on 0419 492 222.

St Joseph's Parish, Black Rock

Dear Parishioners, if you know of anyone who has attended St Joseph's in the last 90 years, can we please have their contact details. We would also like class photos, individual photos, photos of events or buildings projects and stories of any memories. We would like to create a memory book that will be available next year as part of the many events we have planned for the year.

We are planning to have an open morning and a dinner dance and would like to invite as many past pupils as possible. Any teachers who taught at St Joseph's we would love to hear from you too.

Please contact the office on

90years@sjblackrock.catholic.edu.au or 95894685

St James Church Roster

Saturday 6pm Mass on 20th & 27th October

Special Ministers: Alberto Sabato, Bella Parker & Elisa Wilson

Collector: Wendy Lord-Henry

Reader/Com: Lois White & Gail Hunt

Sunday 9am Mass on 21st & 28th October

Special Ministers: Adrienne Bentham, Marj Hess & Kevin Custerson

Collector: David Taranto

Reader / Com: Brendan & Maureen Flanagan

FIRST READING: WISDOM 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

GOSPEL: MARK 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to

one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'



Next Weeks Readings:

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45.

gospel focus

Sacrifice

Sacrifice is a term that gets used quite a lot in religion and yet it's a term with which modern society is very uncomfortable. We're not really 'into' sacrifice. We're much more into feeling good about ourselves and comfortable in our existence. Jesus called on the rich man to make a sacrifice – to let go of what he really loved and valued. What Jesus really called the man to do was to place his trust in Jesus and not in material wealth – that was the sacrifice he was called to make. Ultimately, the man couldn't do that! He couldn't let go of certainty and security and entrust his life and soul to Jesus.