



Brighton Catholic Parishes Newsletter

St James The Great & St Joan of Arc



The Ascension Of The Lord. Year A

28th May, 2017

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 St Joan
of Arc Church

Gospel Reflection

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now! But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone. But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills all creation' with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says '... the Church which is His Body'.

That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?' The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do.

We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be 'The Church which is His Body.'

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Remember In Our Prayers

Baptism: Chloe Maree McGregor.

Illness: Dalia Borell, William Cavanagh, Kathy Chatham, Andrew Florenti, Dos Forsyth, Anna Hall, Leanne Ickeringill, Jo Kenny, Michele Lyons, John Marich, Alan McCann, Margaret McGrath, Sarah McPhillips, Rosemary O'Connor, Beth & Terry Pilcher, Rosa Santos, Edward Shelley, Ante Skoblar & Tom Van Kampen.

Anniversaries: Michael Hahn, Michael Shelley.

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: Fr Martin Dixon **Pastoral Associate:** Cesar Lopez

Catechist: Carole Cheng **Organist:** Mary Taylor

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St Joan of Arc

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Welcome to the Brighton Parishes

Services This Week

- ◆ Collectors please take our final Mass count this weekend. Record all those in attendance at Masses including babies. Many thanks for your assistance.
- ◆ Memorial Mass for Paula Barry. Fr Martin will celebrate the Mass at St James Church this Tuesday 30th May at 7.30pm. Paula was a great parishioner of St James and an esteemed past President of the St Vincent De Paul Conference. All welcome.
- ◆ Thursday Mass at noon in the chapel at Cabrini Hospital Brighton. No morning Mass at St James.
- ◆ Please join us on Sunday 4th June for morning tea after the 11am Mass to celebrate the St Joan of Arc Feast Day. All parishioners from both churches are most welcome.



Charismatic Prayer Group

We invite you to join us each Thursday at 8pm in the St Joan of Arc Church.

Our topics for the coming weeks are:

- June 1 Pentecost and our jubilee
- June 8 Heart of Jesus and heart of Mary show us everything in love.
- June 15 Isaiah the prophet
- June 22 The prophet Jeremiah

Card Players

Join our friendly group this Thursday at 11.30am in the St Joan of Arc parish meeting room in the presbytery. Lunch included for \$10. New players always welcome.



Australian Catholics Magazine

Includes feature article on *Extraordinary Women Inspiring Our Faith And Love*. Free copies in the church foyer today.

Confirmation Enrolments

We will be running two separate after school groups this year for students not attending a Catholic school. All Confirmation Masses will be celebrated in St Joan of Arc Church.



We are currently taking enrolments for the St James group only as classes commence June 20th. The St Joan of Arc program will be advertised later in the year. Students should be in Year 6 or above and have received the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Enrolment forms are available in the church foyers. Please note that the parent meeting will be on June 20th at St James School at 7pm. Further details on the Brighton Sacramental Program are available at www.cam.org.au/brighton



Feast Day Celebration Sunday 4th June

All parishioners of St James and St Joan of Arc parishes are invited to join us for morning tea after the 11am Mass. A good opportunity to meet other parishioners.



Roster Time

The St Joan of Arc Mass rosters for July to December will be prepared in the coming weeks. Please volunteer to assist with Masses as a reader, collector, special minister or with setting up. Training provided by contacting the parish office. Many thanks to those who already volunteer.

Monthly Collection For Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project

When you are shopping this week please add something to the trolley for our monthly collection next weekend. Household staples, cleaning products and gift vouchers from Coles, Big W or Kmart are very welcome. Collection boxes are in the church foyer at St James and St Joan of Arc Churches. Thankyou for your ongoing support.



Recycle Your Old Spectacles to Help Others See!



Many thanks to everyone who has donated spectacles for the Lions Recycle For Sight Program. The spectacles will be delivered free of charge to people in developing countries. This is an ongoing project so drop in your spectacles at any time into the specially marked box in the church foyer. Glasses cases are not needed. Many thanks.

We invite you to join us again next week

Pentecost Sunday 4 June at 6pm St Patrick's and St Paul's Cathedral Choirs Unite in Sung Prayer at St Paul's Cathedral

On Pentecost Sunday at 6pm at St Paul's Cathedral, a Choral Evensong for the Day of Pentecost will be sung by the Choir from St Paul's combined with the Choir of St Patrick's Cathedral – completing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is the first time these choirs have combined for worship. In addition, the Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Fr John Salvano, has been invited to preach. Join in the Spirit and make this a Pentecost to remember.

MARY GLOWREY MUSEUM OPEN IN MELBOURNE

Level 2, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

Dr Sr Mary Glowrey may well be Australia's next saint. A practising and extremely successful doctor in Melbourne, she gave it all up in 1920 to go to India where she became a religious sister with the Dutch Order of the Society of Jesus



Mary Joseph and spent the remainder of her life treating the impoverished, including women who previously went untreated because they did not have access to a female doctor. She founded the Catholic Health Association of India, a healthcare network that today supports the care of 21 million people annually.

Mary Glowrey's cause for canonisation is currently under consideration in Rome. The new Mary Glowrey Museum is open to the public from Monday 29 May. It displays images from the Mary Glowrey Collection, an extensive archive of letters and photographs about Mary's life, as well as interactive and audio-visual experiences.

Details: www.maryglowreymuseum.info for opening times and other information.

END OF LIFE CHOICES: A CONVERSATION Thursday 29 June, 5.45–7.45pm Collins Street Baptist Church, 174 Collins Street, Melbourne

The Victorian government proposes to introduce legislation enabling voluntary euthanasia and assisted suicide in Victoria. This is a very significant issue deserving considered public discussion.

The conversation will take place between Professors Peter Singer (Princeton University and the University of Melbourne) and Margaret Somerville (University of Notre Dame, Sydney and formerly McGill University, Montreal). This talk is being organised and presented by the University of Divinity. **Details:** Meg Nelson at mnelson@divinity.edu.au

Anniversary Mass



Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year?

The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 30 July at 11am by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs.

To register visit: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on: 9287 5587/ lmf@cam.org.au. Registrations close Friday 14 July.

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project Important date for your diary

Our Annual Trivia Night in aid of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Holyrood St. Hampton on Friday 11th August at 7.30 pm. Come and join a table or make one of your own (8 people). For [information:](#) colfoxw@gmail.com or ring 9598 7329.



Don Bosco Camp Safety Beach

A Catholic winter holiday program for young people, 9-13yo (Junior) and 13-16yo (Senior), during upcoming school holidays. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. www.donboscocamp.org.au or call 03 5987 2692.

St James Church Roster

Saturday 6pm Mass on 3 & 10 June

Special Ministers: Vin Underwood, Lois White & Josephine Stokes

Collector: Wendy Lord-Henry

Reader/Com: Jan Grant & Vin Underwood.

Sunday 9am Mass on 4 & 11 June

Special Ministers: Brian Bailey, Robert Messina & Kevin Custerson.

Collector: Brian Dowling

Reader / Com: Sr Felicity Corder & Ewa Lisik.

FIRST READING**Acts 1:1-11**

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. It is he had said what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit. Now having met together, they asked him, Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel? He replied, It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth. As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.

SECOND READING**Eph 1:17-23**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of every-

thing, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL**Matt 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13 John 20:19-23

Historical Context

To the ends of the earth

In both the gospel passage from Matthew and the passage from the Book of Acts, Jesus commissioned his disciples to go out to the whole world. In Matthew, it is to 'all the nations' and in Acts it is 'to the ends of the earth'. Both writers make it abundantly clear that the message of Jesus is not exclusively for the people of Israel but for all people everywhere. Within only a very few years, early Christian communities had sprung up all around the Mediterranean. Once Christianity became the religion of Rome it spread to all the corners of the Roman Empire.