



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



22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year B

2nd September, 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

***Gospel Reflection***

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.

*Dianne Bergant CSS*



***Remember In Our Prayers***

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

**Anniversaries:** Pita Aloji, James Howard Boston, Gladys Breheny, Lois Cantwell, Leo Delahunty, Desmond Lord, Angelo Molino, Sebastiana Molino, Bastiana Sottile

**Recently Deceased:** Egudio Fonda, Stephanie Fennessy

***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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**Email:** parishoffice@stjamesbrighton.org.au  
**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

- ◆ Happy Father's Day to all fathers and grandfathers today. Please keep them in your prayers every day. Don't forget the retired and sick priests in the Melbourne Archdiocese by giving to our special collection.
- ◆ Mass this Thursday at noon at Cabrini Hospital Btn. No Mass at St James.

## Brighton Covenant of Christian Churches Fr Peter Cross Memorial Lecture

Thursday 20th September at 7.30pm  
Trinity Uniting Church  
15 Black St Brighton

**Title: 'Religious Trends in Australia and  
among Australian Teenagers'**

Based on his ongoing analysis of Australian Census Data and the just out data on a major nationwide study of the 'Worldviews of Australian Teenagers', Bouma will present data on trends and major changes in Australia's religious life. A lot is happening, some of it is quite surprising. Anyone seeking to engage in Christian ministry needs to be informed of the world God so loves.

Gary D Bouma AM is the UNESCO Chair in Intercultural and Interreligious Relations – Asia Pacific and Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Monash University.

He is an Associate Priest in the Anglican Parish of St John's East Malvern.

He serves on the Multi-Faith Advisory Group to the Premier and the Social Cohesion Institute of the State of Victoria, Australia. Author or Co-Author of over 25 books and 380 articles, he has been invested as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to Sociology, to Interreligious Relations and to the Anglican Church of Australia.



Please join us for this most interesting topic which will impact greatly on the Churches of tomorrow. Refreshments will be served after the lecture.

For enquiries please telephone the St Joan of Arc Parish office on 9593 1703.



## Journey Parish Magazine



The 2018 magazine is available in the church for you to take home for **FREE!** Many thanks to all of our wonderful contributors.

## Magazines Galore!

We have lots more for you to read on this cold wet weekend including: Melbourne Catholic, Australian Catholics & The Swag.



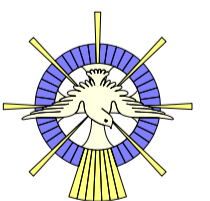
**Take a close look at page 22 of the Melbourne Catholic magazine 'A journey towards unity in Brighton'. It's all about our parishes and the Brighton Covenant of Churches! Copies available for \$4 or copies of our article for free in the church foyer.**



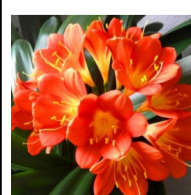
## Card Players

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

## St Joan of Arc Prayer Group invites you to a seminar on **NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT**



A time for receiving, a time for listening and a time for experiencing God's love. Thursdays 8-9.45pm  
**Venue:** St Joan of Arc Meeting Room  
**Date:** 6th September **Topic:** Jesus is Lord  
**Details:** Call Mary on 9592 3001



Brighten up your garden with some beautiful Clivias and Hippeastrums from the parish garden. Potted plants are \$12 each. Please telephone Marina in the parish office at St Joan of Arc on Wednesdays.

*We invite you to join us again next week*

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## **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

### **PROGRAM 2018**

THANK YOU to parishioners who have already returned their completed pledge commitments – either at Mass last week or through our parish office. Your support is very much appreciated!

If you have not yet done so, additional pledge cards will be distributed at all Masses this weekend to enable you to make a pledge. These completed cards and any that you have brought from home should be placed in the baskets as you leave Mass today.

A special thanks to Rev Dr. Brendan Reed who generously gave his time to be with us at all Masses last weekend.

Please note that your new pledge will take effect on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 – so please return your completed pledges no later than Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September either at Mass, or given to the Parish Office.

Letters of confirmation and new sets of envelopes (only applicable to new givers) will be available for collection at all Masses on the weekend of Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

I thank you once again for your generous response.

*Fr Martin.*

#### **STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM PRAYER**

*Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.*

*Through our Baptism we are called to service  
and to witness.*

*In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.*

*By serving others we follow your example  
and proclaim our beliefs.*

*By our Christian generosity*

*we demonstrate our love and care.*

*Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve,  
to grow in faith and service*

*and to give without counting the cost.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

#### **Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project**

Please remember the asylum seekers by placing your donations in the collection boxes. Non-perishable foods, toiletries and gift vouchers are gratefully received.



## **Ecumenical Prayer Group Meeting**

Meeting at the Trinity Uniting Church every first Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm. This meeting begins with a short organ recital followed by the prayer service. This is a time put aside each month for sharing greater communication. Trinity Uniting Church, Black St.

## **Fashion Event at St Finbar's Parish**

St Finbar's Parish is hosting a fabulous event on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The event is promising to be a wonderful, fun-filled fashionable afternoon, including a fabulous grazing luncheon and beverages, live entertainment and featuring a fashion runway show of beautiful summer collections (by TIMO, BECK SONDERGAARD, COSTER COPENHAGEN, DEVOI, HARLOW LOVES DAISY, KAREN KWOK, KERRISON DESIGNS (JEWELLERY), KIMBERLEY TONKIN, LESLEY AROUSSEAU DESIGNS, MARIKAI, ROCKABYE, VICTOR ALEXANDRE & YAYA).

Also including a Kids Runway Show, Styling Panel (with tips and tricks for advice for the Spring Racing Carnival) and Mini Market Stalls, as well as auctions, raffles and goodie bags!

If you organise a table of ten, as an added bonus we are going to GIFT the organiser a FREE ticket. Tickets can be purchased via TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/XACH> or by cash or Credit Card by completing one of the Reservation Forms in the St Finbar's Church foyer and handing in to the parish office at 86 Centre Rd. Ph Corinne on 0414 624 253.

### **A Message From Archbishop Peter Comensoli**



Dear Friends,

*"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it."* (1 Cor 12:26) With these words from St

Paul, Pope Francis has written a letter to us all, the People of God. In the letter he expresses his own heart concerning the "culture of death" that is clerical sexual abuse and the ecclesial cover-up that often has accompanied it, inflicting deep wounds of disgust, bewilderment, shame, and disheartenment.

I associate myself with these words, and the whole content of Pope Francis' letter: [www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-08/pope-francis-letter-people-of-god-sexual-abuse](http://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-08/pope-francis-letter-people-of-god-sexual-abuse)

#### **St James Church Roster**

##### **Saturday 6pm Mass on 8th & 15th Sept**

**Special Ministers:** Mary Field, Elisa Wilson, Ruth Martinez

**Collector:** Peter Chong

**Reader/Com:** Helen Miller, Ursula Betka

##### **Sunday 9am Mass on 9th & 16th Sept**

**Special Ministers:** Marj Hess, Robert Messina, Kevin Custerson

**Collector:** Brian Dowling

**Reader / Com:** Kevin Custerson, John Taylor

**FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2.6-8**

Moses said to the people: Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation. And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?

**SECOND READING: JAMES 1:17-18.21-22.27**

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

**GOSPEL: MARK 7:1-8.14-15.21-23**

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling them-

selves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'



Next Weeks Readings:

Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37.

## **GOSPEL FOCUS**

### **The things within**

*We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that evil intentions – the things that make a person 'unclean' – actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and we may be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.*