



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



20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year C

18th August, 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 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 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

This gospel is both a stark reminder of the costs involved in following Jesus and a comfort to us in the church today. Sometimes we can domesticate the Christian community into a 'feel-good' society. Our religious words and actions, however, are always meant to have an edge; our faith should 'afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted'. If Christians at home, at work, in society and on the international stage just go along with what is trendy or current because we're frightened of conflict or because we want to be seen to be part of the crowd, then we are not worthy of this Gospel.

Richard Leonard SJ



Remember In Our Prayers

Illness: Dalia Borell, William Cavanagh, Anne de Rebello, John de Rebello, Pasquale Girardi, Margaret Golder, Esperanza Gonzalez, Kate Greenwood, Paul Kimber, Ariel Low, John Marich, Jaxon McInnes, Kevin Nicholls, Winifred Pereira, Catherine Ryan, Rosa Santos, Edward Shelley, Ante Skoblar, Elizabeth Twentyman, Robin Turner, Tom van Kampen, Meg Zeller

Recently Deceased: Theo Bourboulis, Lina La Bozzette

Anniversaries: Mary Ann Moore, Albert John Nichollis

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

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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

Please show your support for our future parish by joining a Vision 2020 group this weekend.
Sign-up forms are in the foyers. Many thanks.

Prayers

For Those Who Are Unwell

Each week we include the names of those who are ill on the front of the bulletin. At the beginning of September we will start a completely new list so please let us know if you wish to include someone currently on the old list or any new names. Many thanks.

Sacrament of Confirmation Classes

The after school Confirmation Program is for Year 6 students and above who reside in the parishes but don't attend either of our parish schools.

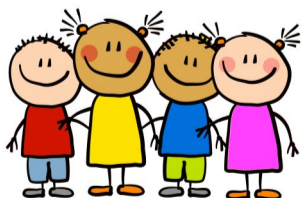
Confirmation will be celebrated at St Joan of Arc on the 7th and 9th November and at St James on the 14th November.

There will be a parent's meeting on the 4th September at 7.30pm in the St Joan of Arc Church for parents from both parishes.

Preparation classes commence on the 11th Sept from 4-5pm in the St Joan of Arc presbytery meeting room.

Please take home a registration form and information brochure from the church foyer today.

Enquiries email Carole at: Carole.Cheng@cam.org.au



Children's Liturgy

We welcome all primary school children to join us for special Children's Liturgy sessions on:

18th August, 1st Sept, 8th Sept, 15th Sept.

All sessions at St Joan of Arc Church during 11am Mass. Enq. to Cath Beckingham on 0409 162 971.



Thank You From CatholicCare

CatholicCare is deeply grateful for the support of our parishes during last week's CatholicCare appeal. Because of our donations, and donations from the Catholic Church community, they can continue to support vulnerable and disadvantaged families through a range of social services. Thank you for making a difference. We raised \$1,260.00.



Cabrini Hospital Volunteers

Each Sunday parishioners take communion to patients at Cabrini Hospital in Brighton. Please consider joining our team providing this valuable service.

Full training is provided by the hospital and you will only be rostered on to visit about once every two months. Weekday visits are also available.

Please see Fr Martin for details.

Social Justice Group

*Join fellow parishioners
for a fun night out for a great cause!*

The social justice group has booked a table at the Annual Trivia Night to raise funds for the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project.

- Friday 23 August at 7.30pm
- St Mary's Parish Hall, Holyrood St Hampton
- \$25 per person. BYO food, drinks
- To join the group ph Helen on (0418 999 800)



ANNUAL MASS OF ALL NATIONS

Sunday, 25 August 2019

Rosary at 2pm, Mass at 3pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Main celebrant: Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

ALL ARE MOST WELCOME

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



Aid to the Church in Need is an international Catholic Charity that supports suffering and

persecuted Christians. Currently over 200 million Christians worldwide cannot freely exercise their faith; Christians are persecuted, discriminated against or oppressed in more than 40 countries.

The primary work of *Aid to the Church in Need* is focussed on providing spiritual and pastoral support to keep the Catholic faith alive. We support projects at the request of bishops and religious superiors who have nowhere else to turn. We invite you to stay informed by receiving news from the suffering Church.

Visit www.aidtochurch.org and click 'subscribe'. If you prefer to receive our newsletter via post, call **1800 101 201** during business hours to arrange.

St Vincent de Paul Society Calling Young Adults



Make a difference in our community by joining our local young adult conference – South Eastern Young Vinnies. SEYV are a self-run group of young volunteers (typically 18 – 35), who meet regularly at St Peter's (Bentleigh East) to plan community outreach programs; they organise Kids Days Out, for example ... fun activities for kids who might otherwise miss out. For more information contact Ross 0410 955-700 (southeastern.yv.conf@svdp-vic.org.au) or Philip 0423 109-506.



- **Saturday 21 September from 8.30am to 4.30pm**
- **St Bede's College, Mentone**
- **International Guest-**
Fr Leo Patalinghug, priest, chef, best-selling author, martial arts teacher, breakdancing choreographer, founder of 'Plating Grace'
- **Register online at www.cam.org.au/alight19**

"THIS IS A TRUE STORY...?"

A night with Osamah Sami



Everyone loves a good story, but what happens when our stories get us into trouble? What is the importance of story-telling for understanding one another? What happens when our stories conflict?

Join JCMA for a conversation with writer, actor & poet Osama Sami. The conversation will be followed by a screening of 'Ali's Wedding', the film based on his story.

Date: Saturday 24 August 2019

Time: From 7:00pm for a 7:20pm start

Cost: Tickets \$10

Venue: Cardinal Knox Centre Theatre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne.

Entry is downstairs from the Albert Street entrance next to the fountains, or from the car park from Lansdowne Street.

Book online at: <https://jcmatruestory.eventbrite.com.au>

Online booking includes additional Eventbrite fee of \$1.53)

David Schutz on 0400 978 938.



Natural Fertility Awareness Week 19th -25th August

Did you know a woman's health is often reflected in her fertility? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method® can alert a woman to underlying health problems. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health, accredited Billing Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia.

Phone 1800 335 860 or visit www.billings.life

St James Church Roster

Saturday 6pm Mass on 24 & 31 Aug

Overhead/Set Up: Alberto Sabato (o)

Special Ministers: Vin Underwood, Ruth Martinez, Bella Parker

Collector: Wendy Lord-Henry

Reader/Com: Helen Miller, Gail Hunt

Sunday 9am Mass on 25 Aug & 1 Sept

Overheard/Set Up: Andrew Young (o)

Special Ministers: Adrienne Bentham, Marj Hess, Robert Messina,

Collector: Vicki-Lee Young

Welcomer: Kevin Custerson,

Reader / Com: Howard Kirsch, Marcus Hoyne

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6.8-10

The kings leading men spoke to the king. Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin. He is in your hands as you know, King Zedekiah answered for the king is powerless against you. So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. My lord king, he said, these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die. At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.

Second Reading: Heb 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father di-

vided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.



Next Weekend's Readings:

21st Sunday of the year

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

LIVING  GOSPEL

Speaking a hard message

Today's gospel reminds us that the message of Christianity is not always a popular one. Sometimes we are called upon to speak a hard message; a challenging message; a confronting message. The message of the gospel frequently confronts our popular culture and accepted social practice. It often contradicts the expedient decisions of our political leaders. There is a responsibility on us to speak the hard message of the gospel even at the risk of unpopularity and even in the face of threat. The Christian heroes of our time are those who call leaders to measure up to the demands of the gospel.