



Brighton Catholic Parishes Newsletter

St James The Great & St Joan of Arc



4th Sunday in Lent. Year C

31st March, 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

Reflection On The Readings

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

Dianne Bergant CSA



Remember In Our Prayers

Wedding: Erica Tudit to Luke Hanna

Illness: Paul Robert Anderson, Dalia Borell, William Cavanagh, Anne de Rebello, John de Rebello, Andrew Florenti, Esperanza Gonzalez, Jo Kenny, Paul Kimber, Ariel Low, Brian Marchmont, John Marich, Jaxon McInnes, Kevin Nicolls, Winifred Pereira, Catherine Ryan, Rosa Santos, Edward Shelley, Ante Skoblar, Brian Taylor, Robin Turner, Tom van Kampen, Meg Zeller

Recently Deceased: Trish McNeil

Anniversaries: Chris Betka, Mary Claire Latham, Mary Tomic

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: Fr Martin Dixon

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

Cantors: Adam Kaczanowski & Marie-France Urruty

St James

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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

Services This Week

- ◆ This Sunday we welcome the Year 4 students, families and teachers to the 9am and 11am Masses. We also welcome our RCIA & RCIC groups this weekend
- ◆ Thursday Mass at noon in the chapel at Cabrini Hospital Brighton
- ◆ Please note changes to the Holy Week Services:
Tuesday 16 April: Penitential Service at St James at 7.30pm not at St Joan of Arc
Thursday 18 April: Mass of The Lord's Supper at 8pm at St Joan of Arc only.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Tuesday 16th April

7.30pm: Communal Penitential Service at St James

Holy Thursday 18th April

- **8pm: Mass of The Lord's Supper**
St Joan of Arc

Good Friday 19th April

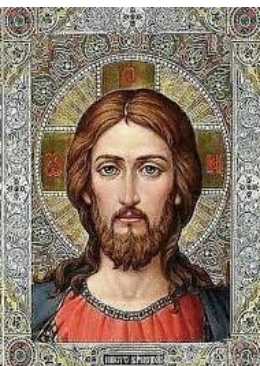
- **10.30am: Good Friday Pilgrims' Walk** (Stations of the Cross). Meet at Majellan House, 257 St Kilda St (next to the Brighton Yacht Club). Walk to St Andrew's Anglican Church for refreshments. In the event of heavy rain meet at St Andrews.
- **3pm: Liturgy of The Lord's Passion**
St James & St Joan of Arc

Easter Sunday 21st April

St James: Masses at 6am & 9am

St Joan of Arc: Masses at 8.30am & 11am.

Please note there are no evening Masses



Lenten Reflections with Holy Icons

The Prayer and Liturgy group invite parishioners and visitors to join in 20 minutes of quiet Lenten reflection with holy Icons for the 6 weeks of Lent from the 9th March –13th April.

When: Saturday afternoons at 5.25pm –5.45pm
before 6pm Mass in the pop-up church.

Where: St James Presbytery- front room.

This weekend



You are invited to enjoy time together for a chat after Masses at St James.

After 6pm Mass: Wine and cheese

After 9am Mass: Tea, coffee and biscuits

Special thanks to our wonderful volunteer helpers and contributors.



PNG Nurses

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the appeal last weekend. It's not too late to donate so please take your

donation to the parish office or donate online :

- **Account Name: St Joan of Arc Church**
- **BSB: 083347**
- **Number: 643419112**
- **Reference: PNG**

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 \$15.

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 foyers.



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



Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. The Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture.

They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Lenten Talks 2019

Fr Frank O'Loughlin, parish priest of Sandringham invites you to come along for their annual Lenten talks.

- **When: Tuesday April 2nd at 7.30pm**
- **Topic Week 4: "Holy Smoke Batman! Film as a Spiritual Practice"**
- **Speaker: Ms Anna Box.** Anna is a psychologist who uses film as therapy and bases much of her work on Story.
- **Where:** Sacred Heart Church, 11 Fernhill Rd, Sandringham.

Ecumenical Prayer Group Meeting

Meeting at the Trinity Uniting Church every first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

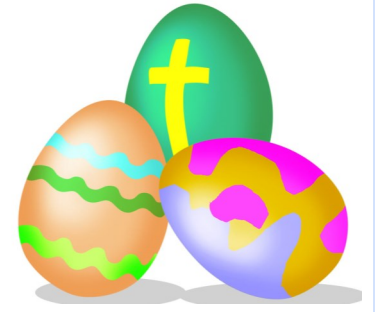
This meeting begins with a short organ recital followed by the prayer service. This is a time put aside each month for sharing greater communication. Trinity Uniting Church, Black St.

All most welcome.

Before You Buy-

Pope Francis said "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act."

It is estimated that up to 40 million people are trapped in slavery globally – 1 in 4 of these are children. They will never get an education and never taste the chocolate produced from the co-coa beans they pick. But people around the world are making decisions that could change this tragedy.



Good News: St Vincent's Health Australia is working towards slavery-free procurement of the goods and services used across their 32 sites.

Action: Follow the lead of Melbourne Catholic schools and St Vincent's and buy only slavery-free. It is delicious. It will feature one of these three logos.



Homelessness – What can Parishes do?

On Saturday 8 June, 2019, with the onset of Winter, Catholic Social Services Victoria will host a forum "Homelessness – What can Parishes do?" at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne, from 9.30am-1.00pm. The forum will focus on demonstrating practical ways participants can increase or renew support for homeless people in our communities.

Cost: \$20, includes lunch. Bookings:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BBQOR>; enquiries to Adrian Foley, Adrian.foley@css.org.au, tel 0497 780 233.

St James Church Roster

Saturday 6pm Mass on 6 & 13 April

Overhead/Set Up: Alberto Sabato

Special Ministers: Mary Field, Vin Underwood, Bella Parker

Collector: John O'Donoghue

Reader/Com: Helen Miller, Gail Hunt

Sunday 9am Mass on 7 & 14 April

Overheard/Set Up: Andrew Young

Special Ministers: Nancy Ohlert, Marj Hess, Kevin Custerson

Collector: Vickie-Lee Young

Welcomer: Kevin Custerson

Reader / Com: Maureen & Brendan Flanagan

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you. The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

SECOND READING: CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL LUKE 15:1-3. 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and

against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."



Readings Next Week

Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11



HAVE YOU thought? The Prodigal

Because the only context in which most people ever hear the word prodigal is in relation to this parable, there is a common misunderstanding of the word. Because the parable is also referred to as the parable of the lost son, many people think prodigal means lost. However, to be prodigal means to be wastefully extravagant. When the son took his father's money he adopted a prodigal lifestyle. However, the irony of the story that is often lost is that the father too was prodigal in the extravagant welcome he gave. The father's extravagance echoes God's extravagant and abundant grace and love.