



# Brighton Catholic Parishes Newsletter

## St James The Great & St Joan of Arc



27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year B

7th 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

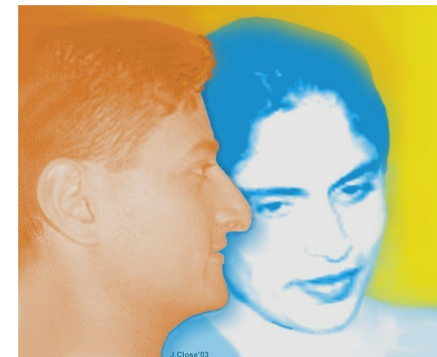
One of the differences between human beings is that between male and female. These distinctive ways of being human are meant to be integrated into a unity which does not abolish the difference.

Our Lord reminded his Jewish audience of this by going to the Jewish creation stories and alluding to the passage in Genesis. He says: 'But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the *two* become *one* body. They are no longer *two*, therefore, but *one* body.'

So, Our Lord is saying that when a man and woman cleave to each other in marriage, that is 'a Paradise moment'. Gender difference is incorporated into a new unity which does not abolish, but paradoxically enhances the difference.

Same sex partners can, of course, bring many virtues and loving dimensions to their relationship: enduring friendship, care in troubled times, joy. But they cannot embody the celebration of difference in the way a heterosexual couple do when cleaving into a new unity.

*Fr Michael Tate*



### Remember In Our Prayers

**Weddings:** Lisa Stefanelli to John Sikalias

**Illness:** John Bell, Dalia Borell, Kevin Breheny, William Cavanagh, Helen Classon, Anne de Rebello, John de Rebello, Andrew Florenti, Leanne Ickeringill, Jo Kenny, 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, Meg Zeller

**Recently Deceased:** Paul Cleveland & Margaret Hart

**Anniversaries:** Felix Mobilia, Barry Naughton, James Daniel O'Connor

### 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

- ◆ This weekend we welcome Fr Bill Goldman and Fr Paul Castley who will be celebrating Masses for us while Fr Martin is on annual leave. Please keep Fr Martin in your prayers.
- ◆ Weekday Masses on Tues, Wed and Thurs replaced by communion services. Mass on Friday.
- ◆ This weekend members of our St Vincent de Paul conferences will join us for Observance Sunday.
- ◆ Please collect your Stewardship Pledge Acknowledgment letters today.

### Life, Marriage & Family Sunday

Take home a free copy of  
***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 are also available at:  
[Www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://Www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily)



### St Vincent de Paul

#### Thank You

St Vincent de Paul Conferences across Victoria are taking the opportunity to highlight the work of SVDP in our community at this weekend's Masses – it is a time of thanksgiving and gratitude. We are grateful for the ongoing, generous support of our parishioners, St James Primary School and Star of the Sea staff, parents and students. On behalf of the members of our Gardenvale Conference, we thank you all most sincerely and wish every blessing for you and your families.

We also thank Brian Taylor, who has been a faithful and hard-working St Vincent de Paul member for 54 years. During those years he has served as Treasurer of Hampton Regional Council and as both President and Treasurer of Gardenvale Conference. This year, 2018, Brian retired from the Conference. State Council have awarded him Emeritus Vincentian status.

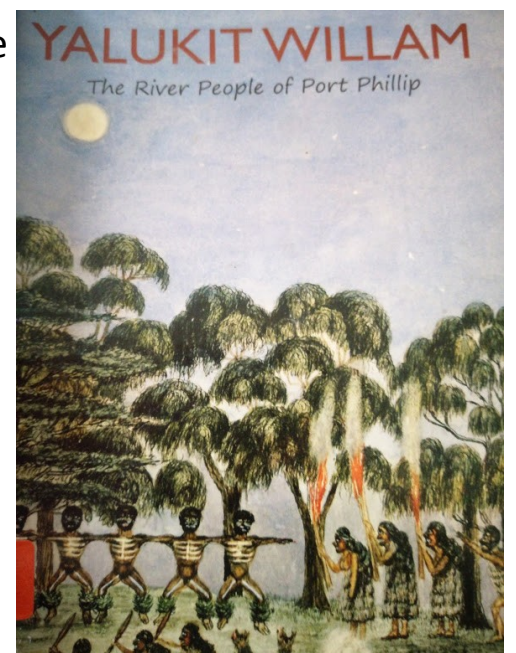
We acknowledge and celebrate Brian's years of generous service by presenting him with his well-earned Emeritus Vincentian Award at Sunday's Mass.

## The Boon Wurrung People

Melbourne was the shared country of the Boon Wurrung and the Woi Wurrung (today Wurundjeri) peoples. Both were part of the larger Kulin confederacy or nations of five peoples that shared similar languages or *wurrungs*. Kulin means 'the people'. These language groups were part of about 30 tribes in Victoria, numbering perhaps 60,000 people before the British arrived.

The six clans of the Boon Wurrung people, sometimes called the 'Coast' or 'Westernport' tribe, were associated with today's southern suburbs, Mornington Peninsula, Westernport and Wilson's Promontory. The Yalukit Willam was the northernmost clan of the Boon Wurrung. They were recorded occupying the coastal strip from St Kilda to the Werribee River, including Williamstown, Port Melbourne, South Melbourne and Prahran.

Today's City of Melbourne was a central location where the Kulin clans met regularly for social, ceremonial, trade, initiation, marriage and judicial purposes, often north of Emerald Hill near today's Queens Bridge. (Meyer Eidelson, *Yalukit Willam, The river people of Port Phillip*, City of Port Phillip, 2014)



Here in Brighton, an Indigenous art trail along the foreshore records the activities of Aboriginals, gathering emu eggs, shell fish and yams. Dendy Beach is the site of several middens, or piles of shells, which mark places of feasting. Stone axe heads have been found on the foreshore and water wells are to be found at Ricketts Point.

#### Have You Lost A Ring?

Please contact the St Joan of Arc parish office on  
9593 1703 or [Brighton@cam.org.au](mailto:Brighton@cam.org.au)



## *We invite you to join us again next week*

### **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](mailto:carole.cheng@cam.org.au) or the parish office on 9593 1703, Tues, Wed or Fri.



### **Monthly Collection For Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project This Weekend**

Thank you for remembering the asylum seekers this weekend 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 7.30pm. 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.

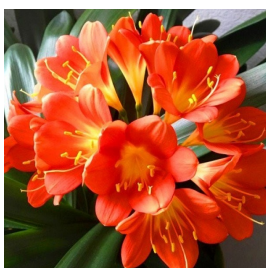
Trinity Uniting Church, Black St.

### **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.

### **Plants For Sale**

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.



### **Can You Help, Please?**

St Vinnies need a lady's bicycle and size 1 clothes for a baby boy. If you can help with either of these items please telephone the St James Parish office on 9596 1334. Thankyou.



### **IS GOD DEAD IN THE WEST?**

**Tuesday 9 October, 6pm for 6.30pm start**  
**Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne**

Please join Greg Sheridan for a discussion, hosted by ACU's [PM Glynn Institute](http://www.pmglynninstitute.com), of his new book *God is good for you*, with Virginia Bourke.

**RSVP:** [pmg@acu.edu.au](mailto:pmg@acu.edu.au) or (02) 9739 2184

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS**



MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information.

Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) Tel: 9326 1895

Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au)



### **Melbourne's Annual March for the Babies Saturday October 13th**

Assemble in the Treasury Gardens, cnr Spring St and Wellington Parade at 1pm. The March concludes with speeches in front of Parliament House commemorating the 100,000 Australian lives a year lost through abortion in our country.

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

#### **Saturday 6pm Mass on 6th & 13th October**

**Special Ministers:** Vin Underwood, Ruth Martinez, Mary Field

**Collector:** Paul Whitehead

**Reader/Com:** Ruth Martinez & Ursula Betka

#### **Sunday 9am Mass on 7th & 14th October**

**Special Ministers:** Robert Messina, Nancy Ohlert & Carmel Sullivan

**Collector:** Kevin Custerson

**Reader / Com:** Howard Kirsch & John Taylor

### First Reading: Gen 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,  
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,  
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

### Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

### Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because

you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.



Readings For Next Week

Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30

## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### Discipleship

*This section of Mark's Gospel explores what it means to be a disciple. While this particular passage may seem to be a bit out of place, Jesus seems to be stressing to the disciples that there are some bottom lines – some non-negotiables – when it comes to being a disciple. Unlike the Pharisees who are preoccupied with the letter of the Law, Jesus encourages his disciples to get beyond that and understand the spirit of the Law – God's dream for humankind. The shift in the passage to the focus on children seems a little disconnected but the whole passage is about living in the kingdom with the right attitude.*