



# Brighton Catholic Parishes Newsletter

## St James The Great & St Joan of Arc



29th Sunday In Ordinary Time. Year A

22nd October, 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:

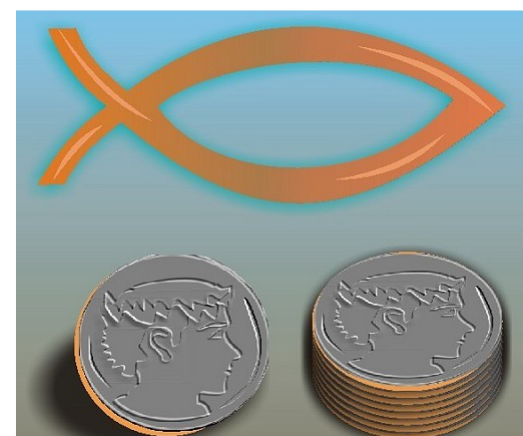
Thursday at 8pm St Joan  
of Arc Church

### Gospel Reflection

We should never be seduced by those who want the Church sidelined from the mainstream of the debates that shape the way we live, the values we share, the laws we draft and the priorities we draw up for our human community.

If the Church shows disinterest in any of this, it is untrue to the very things for which Jesus lived, died and was raised from the dead. By all means we should give to Caesar all that Caesar is justly entitled to have for the sake of the common good. A higher allegiance, however, goes to God, who will call all Caesars to account for what they have done and what they failed to do. And we might be asked to explain how we let them get away with it in the first place.

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### Remember In Our Prayers

**Weddings:** Tayla Gallaway to Tommaso Caia

**Illness:** Dalia Borell, Lucio Coceani, William Cavanagh, Kathy Chatham, Maureen Fahey, Warren Fisher, Andrew Florenti, Anna Hall, Leanne Ickeringill, Jo Kenny, Ariel Low, Michele Lyons, John Marich, Carmel Negline, Beth Pilcher, Patricia Roberts, Tracey Rowley, Catherine Ryan, Rosa Santos, Edward Shelley, Ante Skoblar, Tom van Kampen, John Wilczek & Melanie Young.

**Recently Deceased:** Olivia Haverkamp & Terry Pilcher.

**Anniversaries:** Helen Birch, Gerald Devine, Richard MacMillan & Ronnie O'Donnell.

### Parish Contacts

**Parish Priest:** Fr Martin Dixon

**Sacramental Co-ordinator:** Carole Cheng

**Pastoral Care:** Eileen Marchmont

**Organist:** Mary Taylor

**Cantors:** Adam Kaczanowski & Marie-France Urruty

#### St James

**Address:** 73 North Rd. Brighton. 3186

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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

Fr Martin is recovering from his recent illness and is looking forward to returning to the parish soon. Please include him in your prayers. Many thanks to Fr Bill Goldman and Fr Barry Moran for celebrating Masses for us.

Please give generously to our special appeal this weekend for Catholic Mission.



Children's Mass this Sunday at 11am followed by activities & snacks. All welcome.



### Fr Peter Cross Memorial Lecture

**This Wed 25th Oct**

**Guest Speaker:  
Bishop Terence Curtin**

Episcopal Bishop for the  
Northern Region &  
Episcopal Vicar for  
Evangelisation and Mission

From 2003-2010 Fr Curtin was Master of the Catholic Theological College, Melb. During this time he resided at St Joan of Arc and assisted Fr Cross in the parish. He was a marvellous support for Fr Cross during his illness and always gave generously of his time and talents to the parish. We are delighted to welcome him back to the parish on the occasion of our 10th anniversary lecture.

**When:** Wed 25th October at 7.30pm,  
followed by refreshments.

**Where:** St Joan of Arc Parish hall

***Brighton Covenant of Christian Churches***

### ***Charismatic Prayer Group***

We invite you to join us each Thursday at 8pm in the St Joan of Arc Church. Our topic this week is Migration, Faith & Giving Thanks To God.



## Pre Sacramental Classes

The Pre Sacramental program is designed for children in the parish but not attending the parish school. The program will prepare children in year 2 or above to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist in 2018.

Classes will be held in the St Joan of Arc presbytery each Wednesday from 4-5pm. Registration forms are in the church foyer for you to take home today. Classes run from 25 Oct to 29 Nov. For details email Carole at: [Carole.Cheng@cam.org.au](mailto:Carole.Cheng@cam.org.au)

## RCIA



Do you know someone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic? Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a wonderful program which nurtures and guides adults in their faith. Sacraments will be received Easter Sunday 2018.

Sessions run each Tuesday evening in the presbytery at St Joan of Arc. Please feel free to come along or invite anyone who may be interested to find out more. For more information telephone Carole Cheng on 9593 1703 or email Carole at: [Carole.Cheng@cam.org.au](mailto:Carole.Cheng@cam.org.au)

## Sonder Ecumenical Young Adult Bible Study



**Topic:** Discipleship – how to become better disciples ourselves and in spreading the Word of God

**Venue:** St. Leonard's Uniting Church,  
2 Wolseley Grove Brighton

**Dates:** Each week until 16 November

**Time:** 7.30pm on Thursday nights

**Enquiries:** [alex.bolitho96@gmail.com](mailto:alex.bolitho96@gmail.com)



*We invite you to join us again next week*

## **This Week**

**MEETING FOR PARISHIONERS  
OF ST JAMES CHURCH  
Thurs 26th October  
7.30pm School Hall**

Parishioners are invited to attend the meeting concerning the rebuild of the church. Plans to be presented in November for the Archbishop's final approval. Parishioners are asked to consider these plans and the liturgical and architectural reasons for them.

## Senior Support

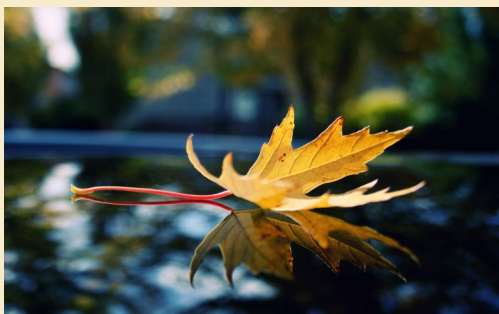
Recently I was privileged and delighted to join the parish team as a part time Pastoral Worker based at St James for two days a week.

Part of my role is to be a support person for senior parishioners either living in their own homes or in residential care and who can sometimes feel isolated and removed from Church involvement when it had previously been a precious part of their lives.

To help plan a program to address this issue and at the same time take the opportunity to update Special Minister files, I am inviting all Special Ministers and interested others to come along to share ideas at **morning tea at St James this Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am.**

With thanks, Eileen Marchmont.

***TIME OUT  
RETREAT  
TRUST THE JOURNEY***  
**Fri 3 - Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2017**



Parishioners are invited to join *Gatherings* as we reflect on the mystery of our world and the lives we live within it. This facilitated group retreat is in the relaxed and beautiful surrounds of Pallotti College, Millgrove. A process about stillness, mystery and reflection that the following quotations will help inform:

- **Venue:** Pallotti College, 80 McNamaras Rd Millgrove.  
Facilitation: Gatherings Team
- **Time:** Reg. from 3pm Friday. Retreat begins after evening meal and finishes after lunch Sunday.
- **Cost:** \$225 (members \$200) includes retreat, single room, all meals, tea breaks, supper. \$50 deposit please.
- **Details:** Eileen at St James on 9596 1334 or text retreat to 0413 488 405 for a call to be returned. Or email [gather@1tpg.com.au](mailto:gather@1tpg.com.au)

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY  
ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS  
MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE**



Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in 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. Interview process will be in Oct/Nov followed by a Training Day early December. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information.

Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) Ph: 9326 1895  
Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au)

**St Peter's Spring Fete**  
**Sat 28 October 9am to 1pm**  
**77 Were St, Brighton**

★ Something for all the family including  
★ cakes, hampers, bric-a-brac, books, toys,  
★ devonshire teas & plants. Don't miss out!

# St Andrew's Anglican Church 175th Anniversary Celebrations

All are welcome to join us this Sunday 22 October for  
St Andrew's Brighton Jazz Sunday

- 10.00am Jazz Sunday Service - Join us for this exciting service of worship. All welcome!
- 11.45am – 2.45pm Jazz and Snags!

Following the Jazz Sunday Worship at 10.00am, enjoy a sausage sizzle as leading Jazz Bands from various local schools perform in the beautiful grounds of St Andrew's Brighton.



## *St James Church Roster*

## Saturday 6pm Mass on 21& 28 October

**Special Ministers:** Lois White, Jan Grant & Alberto Sabato

**Collector:** Wendy Lord-Henry

**Reader/Com:** Ruth Martinez & Vin Underwood

**Sunday 9am Mass on 22 & 29 October**

**Special Ministers:** Brian Bailey, Marj Hess & Adrienne Bentham

**Collector:** Vickie-Lee Young

**Reader / Com:** Peter Toms & John Taylor

**FIRST READING:            ISAIAH 45:1.4-6**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

**SECOND READING:    1 THESS 1:1-5**

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

**GOSPEL:            MATTHEW 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their

malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'



**Next Sunday's readings**

30th Sunday of Ordinary time

Ex 22:20-26    1 Thess 1:5-10    Matt 22:34-40

## **HiStorical context**

### **What's in a face?**

*The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition – grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai – forbade the use of 'graven' or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.*