



**OFFICE**

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**CATHOLIC CHURCHES**



**St Finbar's**  
86 Centre Rd  
Brighton East VIC 3187



**St James**  
73 North Rd  
Gardenvale VIC 3185



**St Joan of Arc**  
118 New Street  
Brighton VIC 3186

**7th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

**23rd February**

**2025**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Ian Ranson  
**Parish Secretary:** Carmel Cristiano  
**Parish Office Hours:** Tues— Fri 9am—3.30pm  
**St Vincent de Paul:** 1800 305 330

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

Mon 9:30am St Finbar's  
Tues 9:30am St Finbar's  
5:00pm St Joan of Arc Exposition  
5:30pm St Joan of Arc Mass  
Wed 9:30am St Finbar's  
Thurs 9:30am St Finbar's  
Fri 9:15am St Joan of Arc  
9:30am St Finbar's  
Sat 9:30am St Finbar's

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

St Finbar's: Saturday 5:30pm  
Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am  
St Joan of Arc: Sunday 11.00am, 5:30pm

**Confessions times:** 30 mins prior to mass

**Baptism & Sacrament Registration**  
please call the office to organise.

**Memorial Garden Vases** Please use our vases when you bring flowers for your loved ones to the Memorial Gardens at Brighton and Gardenvale. Pop into the Bayside office to collect a vase and we would appreciate a gold coin donation to cover the cost.

**LET US PRAY**

**SICK** John Evans

**RECENT DEATH**

Nicholas Byrne, Dr John Kenny

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Bill Trewhella, Rosina Penso,  
Luigi Tammaro, Matteo & Grazie Anelli

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

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Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly.

Luke 6:27



**5TH MARCH**

## EMMAUS PARISH MASS TIMES

### ST FINBAR'S CHURCH 9.30AM

St Finbar's Primary School children will be in attendance

### ST FINBAR'S CHURCH 7.00PM

### ST JOAN OF ARC CHURCH 9.30AM

St Joan of Arc Primary School children will be in attendance

### ST JOAN OF ARC CHURCH 7.00PM

**St James**  
Catholic Primary School

**ENROL NOW for 2025 (limited spaces available)**  
**and PREP 2026 (applications now open)**

(School Tour Dates)  
10th February - 10.00am - 11.00am  
25th February - 12.00pm - 1.00pm  
11th March - 12.30pm - 1.30pm  
26th March - 12.00pm - 1.00pm

(PERSONAL TOURS AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND)

**SCHOOL FEATURES**

- Caring community
- Contemporary learning spaces
- Small classes
- Adaptive and nurturing
- Strong foundations to excel
- Allied Health support

Concessional School Fees for Eligible Students

SCAN ME

Contact us  
St James Primary School  
8 St James Cl, Brighton VIC  
(03) 9598 4765  
Principal: Carmelina Corio  
Email: ccorio@stjamesbrighton.catholic.edu.au

## STRENGTH IN PRAYER

*“Prayer is the most powerful means we have on earth to come closer to God.”*

~ St. Padre Pio ~

*Lord, thank You for Your constant love and grace.  
Help us to live with compassion, serve with humility and walk with faith.  
Let us reflect Your goodness in everything we do.  
Amen.*

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**Register at: 7064 3923 or [brightoneast@cam.org.au](mailto:brightoneast@cam.org.au) DO NOT LEAVE IT LATE!**



## MASS COLLECTIONS

This parish has 2 collections at each mass.

**1st collection** is for the priest and retired priests .

**2nd collection** supports all the *everyday expenses of our parish* (this includes the running of our churches & presbytery).

If you would prefer to give by card, tap machines are available in the foyers of the churches.

Thank you for your generosity.

## St Finbar's & St Joan of Arc Restoration Appeal

If you prefer to donate via online facilities please follow this link or use the QR Code provided.

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj4HAAT>

or just head to our website <https://www.melbcatholic.org/emmaus>

& tap **DONATE**, then select campaign titled

**St Finbar's & St Joan of Arc Restoration Appeal**

Scan to donate on Mobile



**SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

*We are committed to holding the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.*