



Brighton Catholic Parishes Newsletter

St James The Great & St Joan of Arc



32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year C

10th November, 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 6pm & *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

The things that are of concern in this world are not an issue in the next. Through death and resurrection, life is changed; not ended. This idea can be challenging at a time when we are mourning the loss of a loved one, yet we are called to respond to that challenge with a genuine hope and trust in the life that goes on in a different way.

Jesus, in fact, dismisses the whole idea of death as an ending by saying that to God all people are alive, whether on earth or in the resurrection.

Greg Sunter



Remember In Our Prayers

Illness: Dalia Borell, Ruth Brokensha, Barbara Gallo,
Marta Elena Hinds, Gabrielle Marylees, Margaret McGrath,
Freddie McGuigan, Kevin Nichollis, Mary O'Connor, Catherine Ryan,
Edward Shelley, Emily Somers, Brian Taylor, Barbara Turner,
Robin Turner

Recently Deceased: Vincenzo Farinacci, Michael Kelly

Anniversaries: Michael John O'Donnell

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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Parish Accountant: Marina Stevenson **Parish Secretary:** Elaine Bolitho

Parish Office Hours: Tue-Fri: 9.30am-3.30pm.

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

- ◆ This Sunday we welcome the Year 1 students who will assist with the 9am and 11am Masses
- ◆ Please pray for our Confirmation candidates. May their faith support and inspire them throughout their lives.

The Remembrance Book is now available in the church for you to include the names of friends and relatives who have passed away this year.

Please note that we have already included those who had funerals in the St Joan of Arc Church.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Fundraiser

As part of a personal social justice project to stand in solidarity with members of the St James School and Parish Community, Year 5 student Sophie Read and a band of fellow year 5 students have created a recipe book to raise funds for St Vincent de Paul this Christmas.



Supported by her mum, Prue and classroom teacher, Mr James McMahon, Sophie has created a cookbook called Kids in the Kitchen. This is a must buy this Christmas if you're looking for an opportunity to support members of our community in need, and our creative year 5 students and families :)

Kids in the Kitchen- Is a 25 page soft cover cookbook from some of the children and families of year 5. Recipes range from easy meals, handy treats and fancy desserts. All profits going to St Vincent de Paul families as money vouchers to ease their burden this Christmas and hopefully put a smile on their faces. For Christmas delivery (will arrive for pick up after 15/12) please order by 14th November, 9pm.

The cookbook costs \$12.50 and can be purchased via the Try Booking link below.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BGMWC>

Thank you for your support!

Australian Catholics Magazine

Must see edition includes "A story of Creation" all about Aboriginal spirituality and Jim Bowler's discoveries at Lake Mungo. Free copies in the church to take home today.

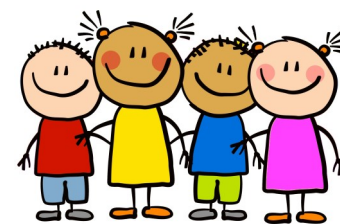
Children's Liturgy Volunteers

Over the years we have had wonderful support from parishioners in leading the Sunday classes. Our numbers have now dwindled and the program is at risk of stopping!

Cath Beckingham is the dynamic coordinator of the group but she needs help to continue. To find out more please email the parish office at:

Brighton@cam.org.au

All parishioners are welcome to apply and training will be provided.



Important Notice for all Parish Volunteers

We ask all St Joan of Arc and St James volunteers without a WWCC to please apply online by the 25th November 2019.

children.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply#Complete online application

Include the parish name on your application and we will be advised of your approval.

We appreciate that this may be difficult for some parishioners but we don't want to lose your support. Please contact the parish office on 9593 1703 for assistance or request help from family and friends.

Many thanks to parishioners who have already applied as we are now receiving the confirmation letters.

Don't forget ALL volunteers need to apply even if children are not involved in the activity.



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



God With US

An Advent Bible Study

By John Birch

Take a break from the pre-Christmas rush to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas. Based on the readings for Year A of the Revised Common Lectionary.

Meet together with our fellow Christians and invite friends or family who may just want to discover the Christmas story. Please add your details to the sign-up sheet in the church foyer by **18th November**.

Sponsored by the Brighton Covenant of Churches.

RERUM NOVARUM: WALKING TALL

A JOURNEY TOWARDS TREATY AND RECONCILIATION

In January 2018 the Victorian Government established the Treaty Advancement Commission as an independent office to facilitate the desire of the Government to establish treaties with Victoria's First Peoples. The Commission is tasked with organising the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria as the authoritative body, to develop the 'ground rules' for these treaties.

Orator: Eleanor Burke, Chair, Victorian Aboriginal Treaty Working Group

Respondent: Sherry Balcombe, Executive Officer, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Melbourne

- **Tuesday 26 November**, 7pm (light refreshments) 7.30pm start
- **Philippa Brazill Theatre**, ACU, 8 Brunswick Street Fitzroy
- **RSVP:** Friday 22 November, justice@cam.org.au or 9926 5727

MASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS, MELBOURNE WITH ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI

Wednesday 13 November, 7pm

St Peters and St Paul's, South Melbourne

Join young people from all over Melbourne to celebrate the source and summit of the Christian life.

facebook.com/events/367469000874687/?ti=icl

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. Training Day for new volunteers end of November 2019.

- Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact)
- Website: www.mercyworks.org.au
- Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

November is the month of Holy Souls. Masses can be arranged through Aid to the Church in Need for your deceased loved ones.

One hundred percent of your Mass offering will be sent to a poor priest overseas, who will celebrate Mass for your intentions. Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings or call 1800 101 201.

Plum Pudding Orders



It's time to order your delicious St Peter's plum pudding which have a reputation for their high quality. The puddings come in two sizes:

- 1.5kg (serves 16) at \$45.00
- 750gms (serves 8) at \$35.00.

Order by 20th Nov by phoning Jane Wilson on 0438 412 328 or email jane.wilson.aus@gmail.com

St Peters Anglican Church Brighton.

St James Church Roster

Saturday 6pm Mass on 16 & 23 November

Overhead/Set Up:

Special Ministers: Mary Field, Alberto Sabato, Sr Frances Suhr

Collector: Wendy Lord-Henry

Reader/Com: Gerry McCusker, Lois White

Sunday 9am Mass on 17 & 24 November

Overheard/Set Up: John Egan (o)

Special Ministers: Peter Toms, Vickie-Lee Young, Carmel Sullivan

Collector: Greg Bentham

Welcomer: Brian Dowling

FIRST READING: 2 MACC 7:1-2.9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pigs flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors. With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever. After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again. The king and his attendants were astounded at the young mans courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, Ours is the better choice, to meet death at mens hands, yet relying on Gods promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.

SECOND READING: 2 THESS 2:16-3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

GOSPEL LUKE 20:27-38

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven,

they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?' Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

**Next week's Readings**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C
Mal 3:19-20, 2 Thess 3:7-12, Lk 21:5-19

gospel focus**I am who am**

The Sadducees quote the Law of Moses at Jesus but he goes one better by quoting the very conversation when Moses encountered God in the burning bush. In this encounter, God reveals Godself to be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God does not say, I was the God of Abraham, but rather I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This distinction confirms that the relationship is ongoing, not stuck in a time before their death. It is in this same encounter that God reveals God's name as "I am who am" - represented in Hebrew by the letters YHWH from which we get Yahweh.