

St Finbar's Brighton East, St James Gardenvale, St Joan of Arc Brighton

Catholic Parishes

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

21ST April, 2024

Parish Staff

Parish Priest: Fr Ian Ranson
Retired Priest : Fr Clemente Cafarella
Parish Secretary: Carmel Cristiano
(Closed Monday, *Tues-Fri 9.00 am—3.30pm*)
St Vincent de Paul: 1800 305 330

Weekday Masses

St Finbar's: Monday - Saturday 9.30am

St Joan of Arc: **Tuesday 5.30 pm**
NEW TIME
Friday 9.15am
followed by Exposition

Weekend Masses

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 masses

Baptism & Sacrament Registration
please call the office to organise.



Let us pray

Baptism:
*Sebastian Catalfamo,
Oscar Beks, Isabella Beks*

Recent death:

Leone Hill, Eileen Ickeringill

Anniversaries:

*Michael Rodis, Mary-Therese Rodis,
Cameron Torcasio,
Angela Portelli, Rosemarie Conti*

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.

Reflecting on Jesus' discourse on the good shepherd, Pope Francis suggests we focus on three verbs: hear, know, and follow.

Firstly, we are called to 'hear the voice of the shepherd'. This, as the Pope points out, means being open to listening. Too often, the Pope says, 'we are overwhelmed by words and by the urgency to always have something to say or do.' We need to make time and space and effort for the good shepherd's voice to cut through our frenetic business and our own noisemaking.

Secondly, we are called to contemplate what it means to be known by the good shepherd. This knowing, the Pope points out, means more than knowing superficial facts about us like what we did yesterday. The sort of knowing Jesus speaks of is much more profound: God understands; He loves.

Thirdly, having heard the good shepherd's voice and accepting that we are known and loved, each one of us is called to follow the good shepherd. 'What do those who follow Christ do?', the Pope asks. 'They go where he goes, along the same path, in the same direction.' This means seeking the lost, giving practical aid to those in need, and being compassionate to all.

Ultimately, we are called to allow ourselves to be shepherded. Sometimes this means being called out of our wayward tracks, at other times it might mean moving on from familiar pastures. Either way, we are called individually, but not to travel alone.

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Wednesday evening 24th April

Group discernment sessions

7.00 pm—8.30 pm

St Finbar's, St Joan of arc & St James

The trybooking link is <https://www.trybooking.com/CQXKD> or you can also use the QR Code to book if you prefer.



God of Peace, we pray against all forms of violence.

We pray for peace in all its forms.

We pray for peace in people's hearts.

We pray against anger, distrust and hatred that breeds the violence against individuals, groups and countries.

Amen.

APRIL- Month of The Holy Eucharist

23rd St George, St Adalbert

24th St Fidelis

26th St Mark, The Evangelist

27th St Louis Grignon de Montfort



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The GOOD Shepherd?

The John gospel writer's use of the image of Jesus as the good shepherd would have been a confronting image for the initial audience. Shepherds in first century Palestine were far from the idyllic pastoral image that we generally associate with the image. They occupied one of the lowest steps on the social ladder – men of such poor reputation that they could only be trusted to herd sheep; they certainly couldn't be trusted around other people! Jesus' use of the image cut two ways: it was a confronting image for the audience; but it was also a challenge to those leaders who had been charged to 'shepherd' their people and behaved no better than thieves – Jesus was giving them an image of what it means to be a good shepherd.

Mothers Who Pray for Their Children Australian conference

Mothers Who Pray for Their Children will hold their first Australian conference, in Melbourne, at the Catholic Leadership Centre.

Immerse yourself in a day-long program, beginning with adoration and Holy Mass. Gather for enlightening talks from local, interstate and international speakers. Listen to the uplifting melodies of acclaimed Catholic musicians, and explore stalls showcasing the richness of our Catholic community, all while embracing the conference's central theme—*'Walking the Path of Holiness.'*

Mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and spiritual mothers, come and secure your place for an enriching day of spiritual growth and community connection!

For more information, visit:

motherswhoprayfortheirchildren.com.

Saturday 27 April 2024
8.30am–5.30pm

Catholic Leadership Centre
576 Victoria Parade
East Melbourne



St JA Social Justice Grp talk

“The Palestinian West Bank: Life under occupation” by Louis Walsh

Time: 7pm

Date: **Wednesday, 1st May**

Where: St Joan of Hall, 120 New St, Brighton

Enter on the right of the church building

St Patrick's Cathedral
Upcoming Concert

Sunday 12 May, 4pm:

Mother's Day Concert featuring singer Craig Everingham
St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Tickets

\$30 Adult
\$25 Concession

music@cam.org.au

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.