



# Brighton Catholic Parish Newsletter

## St James The Great & St Joan of Arc Churches



Sixth Sunday of Easter. Year A

21st May, 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

St Paul also tells us that another of the fruits of Christian love is self-control. Sacrifice and self-control are really where the law of love comes into its own. The secular world keeps peddling the myth that self-expression is the only way to happiness. Most of us can see how irrational this position is and how unliveable the world would be if everyone expressed all their feelings and desires as they wished.

Sometimes the most loving thing is to do nothing. If we are very angry with friends, for example, abusing them physically or verbally won't help. If we are sexually attracted to our best friend's spouse, having an affair will end in tears. On a more positive note, if we are alert to the poverty in which others live in our world, making sacrifices so that they might have something will not take away from us at all. Self-control is the ally of love and it helps us sort out the appropriate time to undertake the appropriate action.

*Richard Leonard SJ.*



### Remember In Our Prayers

**Illness:** Dalia Borell, William Cavanagh, Kathy Chatham, Andrew Florenti, Dos Forsyth, Anna Hall, Leanne Ickeringill, Jo Kenny, Michele Lyons, John Marich, Alan McCann, Margaret McGrath, Sarah McPhillips, Rosemary O'Connor, Beth & Terry Pilcher, Rosa Santos, Edward Shelley, Ante Skoblar & Tom Van Kampen.

**Anniversaries:** Andrea Condon, John Condon, Marie O'Connor, Nancy Reis.

**Recently Deceased:** Antonia Muscella.

### Parish Contacts

**Parish Priest:** Fr Martin Dixon **Pastoral Associate:** Cesar Lopez

**Catechist:** Carole Cheng

**Organist:** Mary Taylor

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

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**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

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**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 Brighton Parish

## Services This Week

- ◆ This Sunday we welcome Fr Werner Utri as celebrant at the morning Masses. Fr Martin is assisting with the Stewardship Program in Fr Utri's parish in Balwyn North.
- ◆ Collectors please take a Mass count this weekend and next weekend. Record all those in attendance at Masses including babies. Many thanks for your assistance.
- ◆ Please join us on Sunday 4th June for morning tea after the 11am Mass. Celebration for St Joan of Arc Feast Day.
- ◆ **Memorial Mass for Paula Barry.** Fr Martin will celebrate the Mass at St James Church, on Tuesday 30th May at 7.30pm. Paula was a great parishioner of St James and an esteemed past President of the St Vincent De Paul Conference. All welcome.



### Charismatic Prayer Group

Join us each Thursday at 8pm in the St Joan of Arc Church. All welcome.

## Confirmation Enrolments

As the new Brighton Parish we will be running two separate after school groups this year for students not attending a Catholic school. All Confirmation Masses will be celebrated in St Joan of Arc Church.

**We are currently taking enrolments for the St James group only as classes commence June 20th.** The St Joan of Arc program will be advertised later in the year. Students should be in Year 6 or above and have received the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Enrolment forms are available in the church foyers. Please note that the parent meeting will be on June 20th at St James School at 7pm.



Further details on the Brighton Parish Sacramental Program are available at [www.cam.org.au/brighton](http://www.cam.org.au/brighton)

## Prayer Card For Expectant Mothers



The Archdiocese Life Marriage and Family Office has produced a small prayer card especially for expectant mothers. Copies are available in the church foyer for you to take home today.

## Monthly Collection For Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project



When you are shopping this week please add something to the trolley for our monthly collection. Household staples, cleaning products and gift vouchers from Coles, Big W or Kmart are very welcome. Collection boxes are in the church foyer at St James and St Joan of Arc Churches. Thankyou for your ongoing support.

## Recycle Your Old Spectacles to Help Others See!



Many thanks to everyone who has donated spectacles for the Lions Recycle For Sight Program. The spectacles will be delivered free of charge to people in developing countries. This is an ongoing project so drop in your spectacles at any time into the specially marked box in the church foyer. Glasses cases are not needed. Many thanks.

## Australian Catholics Magazine

Includes feature article on *Extraordinary Women Inspiring Our Faith And Love*. Free copies in the church foyer today.



## St Vincent de Paul Clothing Bin at St James

A Vinnies clothing bin is now located alongside the St James 'pop up' church, entrance off Murphy Street.

We ask all parishioners to use this bin for unused clothing apparel etc. Please spread the word amongst your friends as the supply of clothing is vitally important to the works of the Society.



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

### **'R FOR RELATIONSHIPS' DAY**

**Sunday 4 June, 9.30am–4.30pm**  
**Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre,**  
**383 Albert Street, East Melbourne**

Do you think your relationship could do with a tune up? R (Relationship) Day is for you! Relax, Review, Renew, Recall, Romance, Revisit, Revitalise and Rejuvenate. This one-day marriage enrichment group program is based on 'The seven principles for making marriage work', developed by researcher and practitioner John Gottman. Throughout the day, you will be invited to explore ideas and behaviours which will help you to continue to build connection, friendship and intimacy in your relationship.

**Cost:** \$100 per couple. BYO lunch.

**Details and bookings:** CatholicCare on 9287 5516.

### **DUELLING STRINGS**

**Trinity Uniting Church,**  
**15 Black St, Brighton,**  
**Sunday May 28 at 2.15 pm.**

A one-hour contest between the four strings of a baroque violin and 168 strings of a harpsichord will be fought out.

Combatants will be David Irving of the University of Melbourne and noted harpsichordist David Macfarlane. Compositions by Bach, Sweelinck and Biber will be heard and the audience will vote for a winner.

Tickets at door \$15, \$10 conc, under-18 free.

Information 9599 4720 (Bayside City Council)



### **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project** **Important date for your diary**

Our Annual Trivia Night in aid of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Holyrood St. Hampton on Friday 11th August at 7.30 pm. Come and join a table or make one of your own (8 people). For [information:](#) [colfoxw@gmail.com](mailto:colfoxw@gmail.com) or ring 9598 7329.

### ***Journey Through Song***

*A fundraising concert featuring Spoken Word Poetry, Opera, Jazz, Contemporary Song and World Music with artwork from detained refugees.*

- ◆ Tickets: \$35, \$30 concession, \$25 group 10+
- ◆ Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/PVCL](http://www.trybooking.com/PVCL)
- ◆ Enquiries: [grjones2020@gmail.com](mailto:grjones2020@gmail.com)

**100% of ticket sales go to the Human Rights Law Centre for the support of refugees and asylum seekers.**



### ***Don Bosco Camp*** ***Safety Beach***

A Catholic winter holiday program for young people, 9-13yo (Junior) and 13-16yo (Senior), during upcoming school holidays. A fun, exciting holiday for all,

regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment.

[www.donboscocamp.org.au](http://www.donboscocamp.org.au) or call 03 5987 2692.

### **END OF LIFE CHOICES: A CONVERSATION**

**Thursday 29 June, 5.45–7.45pm**  
**Collins Street Baptist Church,**  
**174 Collins Street, Melbourne**

The Victorian government proposes to introduce legislation enabling voluntary euthanasia and assisted suicide in Victoria. This is a very significant issue deserving considered public discussion. The conversation will take place between Professors Peter Singer (Princeton University and the University of Melbourne) and Margaret Somerville (University of Notre Dame, Sydney and formerly McGill University, Montreal). This talk is being organised and presented by the University of Divinity.

**Details:** Meg Nelson at [mnelson@divinity.edu.au](mailto:mnelson@divinity.edu.au)

### **2017 – 2018 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK** **AVAILABLE 28 MARCH 2017**

This is a Cabrini Brighton fundraiser with \$14.00 from each book/digital copy sold going towards our fundraising for the St Phillips Mission in Swaziland. The 2017 – 2018 Entertainment book is available at Cabrini Brighton Reception, 243 New Street, Brighton or online at [www.entbook.com.au/1836s35](http://www.entbook.com.au/1836s35).

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

#### **Saturday 6pm Mass on 20 & 27 May**

**Special Ministers:** Bella Parker, Alberto Sabato & Carmel Negline

**Collector:** John O'Donoghue

**Reader/Com:** Antoinette Negline & Adele Nicolas.

#### **Sunday 9am Mass on 21 & 28 May**

**Special Ministers:** Peter Toms, Nancy Ohlert & Sr Felicity Corder

**Collector:** Kevin Custerson

**Reader / Com:** Brian Bailey & Brian Dowling.

## FIRST READING      Acts 8:5-8.14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

## SECOND READING      1Pet 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

## GOSPEL:      John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will

no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



Next weekends readings

Acts 1:1-11      Eph 1:17-23      Matt 28:16-20

## GOSPEL FOCUS

### Paraclete

*The Greek word, paraklētos, is translated into a number of different terms in English translations of the gospel. Its technical use was for a lawyer or attorney. However, its use in scripture is like the broader meaning of advocate that we use today: someone who stands up for another; someone who speaks up for another; someone who intercedes on behalf of another. An advocate is one who lends strength and support to someone who is disempowered. That is exactly what Jesus did for many people during his ministry and it is also what the Holy Spirit is sent to do.*