

Brighton Catholic Parishes Newsletter St James The Great & St Joan of Arc



31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year B

4th November, 2018

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 at St Joan of Arc Church

Reflection

Love of self is not about canonising a loss of self-control. Jesus shows us by the way he loved his Father, us and himself that true love always involves sacrifice. If we love our self in the right way, we have the self control to forgo those things that are most destructive in our life and we have the generosity to do for others the things that will enrich their lives. Jesus knew, that we can never love others if we hate ourselves.



Let's pray in this Eucharist, then, that we will develop our mind, heart, soul and strength to love the One who has created us in love and love those given into our care with the same love we lavish on ourselves. The Gospel of Jesus Christ demands nothing less!

Richard Leonard SJ.

Remember In Our Prayers

Weddings: Stephen Hopkins to Erin Glover, Michael Langone to Rachel Santos

Illness: John Bell, Dalia Borell, Kevin Breheny, William Cavanagh, Helen Classon, Kevin Cosgrave, Anne de Rebello, John de Rebello, Andrew Florenti, Jo Kenny, Ariel Low, John Marich, Jaxon McInnes, Winifred Pereira, Beth Pilcher, Elvira Rios, Tracey Rowley, Catherine Ryan, Rosa Santos, Ed Sheehan, Edward Shelley, Ante Skoblar, Robin Turner, Tom van Kampen, Melanie Young, Meg Zeller

Recently Deceased: George Carrington, Fr Leo Griffin & Marj Kent

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: Fr Martin Dixon

Sacramental Coordinator: Carole Cheng Pastoral Care: Eileen Marchmont

Organist: Mary Taylor Cantors: Adam Kaczanowski & Marie-France Urruty

St James

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St Joan of Arc

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Parish Secretary: Elaine Bolitho
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Parish Office Hours: Tue-Fri:

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School Principal: Tony McMahon

School Tel: 9592 3840

Welcome to the Brighton Parishes

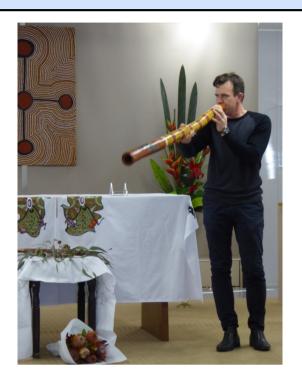
Services This Week

All services as usual this week including Melbourne Cup Day on Tuesday at St James at 7.30pm



Jason Kelly,
Trevor & Vicki Clark
with Jim Bowler

Didgeridoo player Troy Kuhl



Thank You

Many thanks to Helen Praetz, Sheila Howell and to all members of the Social Justice Group for organising the very special Aboriginal Masses last weekend. Our message sticks have now been installed in the parishes as a permanent connection with Aboriginal spirituality.

Assisting My Parish

Dear parishioners we need your help with the weekend Masses. If you are not currently rostered on to help please consider volunteering by completing one of the 'Assisting My Parish' forms available in the church. Training can be provided so please don't leave it to someone else!

Charismatic Prayer Group

Please join us for our final sessions this year. We meet each Thursday at 8pm in the St Joan of Arc Church. All welcome.



8 Nov Preparing For Christmas

15 Nov Healing Mass

22 Nov Summary of the Year29 Nov Adoration (last session)

Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project

Thank you for remembering the asylum seekers this weekend by placing your donations in the collection boxes. Non-perishable foods, toiletries and gift vouchers are gratefully received.

Bethlehem In Brighton Saturday 1st December

The Brighton Covenant of Churches present Bethlehem in Brighton in the grounds of St. Andrews Anglican Church. This free event is designed to share the true meaning of Christmas with young families. Each child will receive a welcome bag on arrival.

Activities include an interactive nativity play and photos, live music, choirs, craft, animal farm, cake stall, sausage sizzle and more.

We need your help with acting and, scripts assistants and assisting with the stalls.

Please phone the St Joan of Arc parish office on 9593 1703 if you can help in any way. Thanks.

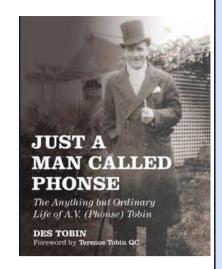
Communion To The Sick & Frail

You can arrange for a Special Minister to bring communion to anyone in the parish who is unable to attend Mass. Contact the parish office nearest to you for assistance.

We invite you to join us again next week

'Just A Man Called Phonse'

Everyone in Melbourne knew Phonse Tobin! He was a good, decent, 'ordinary' man, who loved and lived life filled with optimism, zest, common sense



and abiding good humour. With his genuine empathy for people in their time of grief, people always wanted Phonse to bury them.

Just a Man called Phonse is written by his son, biographer Des Tobin, brother to parishioner Denise Tobin Shine.

Books may be purchased through Destobin.com.au or Denise Shine 0403 401 101. If your bookshop doesn't have it, they should be able to order it in.

Ecumenical Prayer Group Meeting

Meeting at the Trinity Uniting Church every first Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm. This meeting begins with a short organ recital followed by the prayer service. This is a time put aside each month for sharing greater communication. Trinity Uniting Church, Black St.

Australian Catholics & Melbourne Catholic Magazines

Both available for you to take home this weekend. There is something for everyone so share with friends and family. Melbourne Catholic is great value at \$4.00 and Australian Catholics is free!

HAMER SINGERS: THE TENDERNESS OF SILENT MINDS

Sunday 25 November, 3.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral

Memories and hopes, laughter and grief, deep anger at what was, exquisite visions of what could be. Extraordinary music by Gustav Mahler, Jóhann Johansson (*The theory of everything*), Sir John Tavener and Arvo Pärt, in the soaring beauty of St Patrick's Cathedral.

Bookings: https://www.hamersingers.com.au/concert-

info.htmlk

Christmas Plum Puddings

Delicious home made plum puddings are available again this year from St Peter's Anglican Church in Were St Brighton Beach.



- Large 1.5kg serves up to 16 at \$40.00
- Small 750g serves up to 8 at \$30.00
- Please order by the 14th November
- Email Jane at: <u>jane.wilson.aus@gmail.com</u> *Many thanks for your support.*

Widening the Door of Hope

A Response to the Victorian Assisted Dying Legislation

Date: Tuesday 20th November 2018

Time: 7.30pm start, 7.00pm light refreshments Venue: Mercy Theatre, Australian Catholic Uni. 115 Victoria Parade Fitzroy (enter via Young Street)

Orators: Assoc. Prof. Natasha Michael

MBChB FRACP FAChPM MRCPI MRCGP MSc Director, Palliative Medicine, Cabrini Health University of Notre Dame, Sydney School of Medicine

Dr Stephen Parnis

MBBS DipSurgAnat FACEM FAICD FAMA, Former Vice -President AMA, Emergency Physician, St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne

RSVP / Inquiries: by Monday 12th November 2018 justice@cam.org.au or (03) 9926 5727

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Position Vacant

- Marketing Coordinator at Redemptorist Media Brighton.
- Full time position
- For details contact Tony, tel 9592 2777

St James Church Roster Saturday 6pm Mass on 3rd & 10th November

Special Ministers: Bella Parker, Vin Underwood,

Mary Field

Collector: Peter Chong

Reader/Com: Helen Miller & Ruth Martinez

Sunday 9am Mass on 4th & 11th November

Special Ministers: Kevin Custerson, Robert Messina,

Katrina Rigby

Collector: Brian Dowling

Reader / Com: Denise Van Baer, Marcus Hoyne

First Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.

Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.



Next Week 1 Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

gospel focus

First of all

Jesus is asked which commandment is first and he provides two commandments as his answer. However, he doesn't bundle them together as one overarching commandment - he very distinctly identifies them as first and second. Sometimes we can feel the way to express love for God is through demonstrating our love for other people in charitable or justice-focused actions. However, Jesus makes clear that the first commandment of all is the love of God with all our being - that God is worthy of love in God's own right. Our love of God may inspire us to action for others but the first step is loving God for who God is.