



Brighton Catholic Parishes Newsletter

St James The Great & St Joan of Arc



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT. Year B

11 March, 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 St Joan
of Arc Church

Gospel Reflection

When I hear people say I should not judge others, I assume they are telling me that I should not condemn other people. There is a world of difference between judging and condemning. To judge is to make an assessment. To condemn is to damn. As Christians we judge because we have to keep discerning how the things of the world can be reconciled with the things we hold to be true. Condemnation is the prerogative of God alone, who sees all, knows all and loves all. In today's Gospel, however, John tells us that even God has forfeited the right to condemn the world, but has sent Jesus to be the world's light, life, truth and saviour.

Richard Leonard SJ



Remember In Our Prayers

Weddings: Elizabeth Dean to Joseph Pirrotta

Illness: Lucio Cocceani, William Cavanagh, Kathy Chatham, Andrew Florenti, Leanne Ickeringill, Jo Kenny, Ariel Low, John Marich, Jaxon McInnes, Beth Pilcher, Elvira Rios, Tracey Rowley, Catherine Ryan, Rosa Santos, Edward Shelley, Ante Skoblar, Tom van Kampen & Melanie Young.

Recently Deceased: Matthew Horgan & Anthony Maynard

Anniversaries: Ernest Brewster, Sunny Cheng, John Golder, Patricia Lorraine Price, Parigina Mernone.

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: Fr Martin Dixon

Sacramental Co-ordinator: Carole Cheng

Pastoral Care: Eileen Marchmont

Organist: Mary Taylor

Cantors: Adam Kaczanowski & Marie-France Urruty

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Parish Office Hours: Tue-Thur

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St Joan of Arc

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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 the Brighton Parishes



Services This Week

- ◆ Please keep Fr Martin in your prayers as he is taking sick leave from the parish. While Fr Martin is away we are very thankful for the support of our visiting celebrants Fr Paul Castley, Fr Malcolm Crawford and Fr Barry Tobin.
- ◆ At the 11am Mass our RCIA candidates Hannah Do and Michael Leuner will be presented with the Scriptures



Parishioners please read the important notice on the back page

BRIGHTON PARISH HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Tuesday 27 March

7.30pm: Communal Penitential Service at St Joan of Arc

Holy Thursday 29 March

8pm: Mass of The Lord's Supper at St James & St Joan of Arc

Good Friday 30 March

- **10.30am:** Good Friday Pilgrims' Walk (Stations of the Cross). Meet at Majellan House, 257 St Kilda St (next to the Brighton Yacht Club). Walk to St Andrew's Anglican Church. In the event of heavy rain meet at St Andrews.
- **3pm:** Liturgy of The Lord's Passion at St James & St Joan of Arc

Easter Sunday 1 April

St James: 9am Mass

St Joan of Arc: 5.30am Vigil Mass, Mass at 8.30am & 11am. No evening Mass.

Please note that Daylight Savings ends on Easter Sunday.



Dear parishioners, we really need your help by volunteering to assist with the Holy Week services. The rosters are in the church foyers this weekend.

We also need palms for Palm Sunday. Please call the St James or St Joan of Arc parish offices if you can help. Branches cut into small pieces would be appreciated.

Thank You From Vinnies



The Brighton and Gardenvale St Vincent de Paul Conferences thank the parishioners whose generous donations late last year made a significant contribution towards the exciting contents of the Christmas hampers that we gave to the needy in the Bayside area. (Yes, even in sunny Bayside, there are pockets of poverty and disability.)

We put your donations to work immediately. Our Vinnies volunteers distributed brimming Christmas hampers to approximately 150 local needy families with a total value of about \$20,000. What happy faces and even some teary eyes those hampers produced!

Well done to you all. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

*Peter Roberts, President Brighton Conference and
Lois White, President Gardenvale Conference*

Parish Movie & lunch Event Thursday 15 March



You're invited to see

FINDING YOUR FEET at "the Bay" in North Brighton on Thursday 15th March at 11am. Cost \$17. Please book with Franceen on 9555 4856 by this Monday 12 March.

Enjoy the movie and lunch plus the opportunity to meet parishioners and others in our community.



Coffee that makes you feel good!

Coffee from Timor-Leste is for sale this weekend for \$8 a pack. Proceeds provide education for Timorese students. Please help!

We invite you to join us again next week

Meeting for Special Ministers Wed 21st March



Many thanks to all who responded to the invitation to complete the registration form for Special Ministers of the Eucharist.

The follow up information / training session for new volunteers, others who might still like to volunteer and for experienced Special Ministers who would appreciate a refresher session, will be at St James parish house on Wednesday 21st March at 10am.

Walter Ulenbruch, as training coordinator for Special Ministers, will facilitate the session. Everybody is welcome.

Lenten Reflections with Holy Icons

The Prayer and Liturgy group of St James invite parishioners and visitors to join in 20 minutes of quiet reflection with Holy Icons for the 6 weeks of Lent and Passion Sunday (17 Feb-25th March)

When: Saturday afternoons at 5.25pm to 5.45pm before 6pm Mass.

Location: St James Presbytery (front room)

St James and St Joan of Arc Parishes invite you to join us for our pilgrimage:



***Welcome to the Desert: A Pilgrimage to the
Heart 9th – 23rd August 2018
(plus 3 or 4 days travel home from Uluru)***

This pilgrimage to the 'Heartland of our Homeland' through some of the most significant wilderness areas in the world can be a sacred journey. Travelling through the remoteness of Woomera, Coober Pedy and other outlying areas will be an opportunity to reflect on the wonder and mystery of our lives and the silence and distractions that are part of a true desert experience.

As we travel, we will support each other in our reflections, fun times, silence and stillness, will come to see that desert horizons are full of promise and that our journey is a wonderful metaphor for life.

*Anyone interested in knowing more is welcome to take the brochure from the back of the church or contact Eileen at St James, Tues or Wed 9596 1334 or 0458 622 330.
gatherl@tpg.com.au*

Sonder Ecumenical Young Adults Lenten Bible Study



- Brighton Baptist Church in Bay St from Thur 15 Feb to 22 March at 7.30pm.
- For details and directions email Alex at: alexbolitho96@gmail.com

Sacred Heart Sandringham Lenten Lectures 2018

During Lent we are presenting four lectures on interesting topics relating to our faith. Please join us for our third lecture:

When: Tuesday 13 March at 7.30pm in the church,
13 Fernhill Rd, Sandringham

Topic: The Future of the Parish

Speaker: Fr Brendan Reed, Parish Priest of Balwyn-Camberwell-Deepdene has a doctorate in Pastoral– Theological Studies from the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium.



Ethical Easter Eggs

In 2015, Pope Francis said that “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.”

Cocoa is a key ingredient of chocolate. Much of the chocolate sold in Australia is made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions. **Most of these children have never even tasted chocolate.**

To buy slavery-free Easter chocolate look for any of these three certification symbols on the wrappers: FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance and UTZ.

St James Church Roster

Saturday 6pm Mass on 10 & 17 March

Special Ministers: Lois White, Mary Field & Bella Parker

Collector: Paul Whitehead

Reader/Com: Ruth Martinez & Vin Underwood

Sunday 9am Mass on 11 & 18 March

Special Ministers: Adrienne Benthams, Marj Hess & Katrina Rigby

Collector: Kevin Custerson

Reader / Com: Peter Toms & Denise VanBaer

First Reading 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Second Reading Eph 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by any-

thing of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Jn 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'



Readings Next Week

Jer 31:31-34, Heb 5:7-9, Jn 12:20-33

Important Notice For Parishioners

Late on Sunday night, both the presbytery and church at St Joan of Arc were broken into. The collections from both Masses were stolen.

If you placed a Thanksgiving envelope in the collection last Sunday please email the parish office at Brighton@cam.org.au or include a note with your next giving.

If your giving was a cheque, please put an immediate stop on your cheque.

The envelopes from the St James Masses were not affected. If you have any questions please telephone Marina in the parish office on Wednesday on 9593 1703.

Many thanks for your ongoing support and we are very sorry for the inconvenience.