



Brighton Catholic Parishes Newsletter

St James The Great & St Joan of Arc



21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year C

25th August, 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 vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment.

Dianne Bergant CSA



Remember In Our Prayers

Illness: Dalia Borell, William Cavanagh, Anne de Rebello, John de Rebello, Pasquale Girardi, Margaret Golder, Esperanza Gonzalez, Kate Greenwood, Monica Harris, Paul Kimber, Ariel Low, John Marich, Jaxon McInnes, Janet Morrison, Kevin Nichollils, Winifred Pereira, Catherine Ryan, Rosa Santos, Edward Shelley, Ante Skoblar, Elizabeth Twentyman, Robin Turner, Tom van Kampen, Meg Zeller

Anniversaries: Joan McDonald

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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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 weekend we welcome our Year 3 students from St Joan of Arc who will assist at the 11am Mass. Many thanks to the Year 3 students from St James for assisting last weekend. Coming along to Mass as a family is a great way to keep your faith alive.

Congratulations to the students who will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist at the 11am Mass.

Sacrament of Confirmation Classes

The after school Confirmation Program is for Year 6 students and above who reside in the parishes but don't attend either of our parish schools.

Confirmation will be celebrated at St Joan of Arc on the 7th and 9th November and at St James on the 14th November.

There will be a parent's meeting on the 4th September at 7.30pm in the St Joan of Arc Church for parents from both parishes.



Preparation classes commence on the 11th Sept from 4-5pm in the St Joan of Arc presbytery meeting room.

Please take home a registration form and information brochure from the church foyer today.

Enquiries email Carole at: Carole.Cheng@cam.org.au

Cabrini Hospital Volunteers

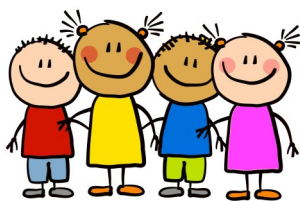
Each Sunday parishioners take communion to patients at Cabrini Hospital in Brighton. Please consider joining our team providing this valuable service.



Full training is provided by the hospital and you will only be rostered on to visit about once every two months. Weekday visits are also available.

Please see Fr Martin for details.

Children's Liturgy



We welcome all primary school children to join us for special Children's Liturgy sessions on:

8th & 15th September

but not on the 1st Sept as previously advertised

All sessions at St Joan of Arc Church during 11am Mass. Enq. to Cath Beckingham on 0409 162 971.

Father's Day Appeal



As we celebrate Father's Day next Sunday please

remember our retired priests who need our support. There are 89 retired Melbourne priests and most have served 50 years in parish ministry before retiring at age 75. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and receipts will be issued early July for donations of \$5 or more.

Many thanks.



St Vincent de Paul Society Calling Young Adults

Make a difference in our community by joining our local young adult conference – South Eastern Young Vinnies.

SEYV are a self-run group of young volunteers (typically

18 – 35), who meet regularly at St Peter's (Bentleigh East) to plan community outreach programs; they organise Kids Days Out, for example ... fun activities for kids who might otherwise miss out.

For information contact Ross 0410 955-700 (southeastern.yv.conf@svdp-vic.org.au) or Philip 0423 109-506.

Prayers

For Those Who Are Unwell

Each week we include the names of those who are ill on the front of the bulletin. At the beginning of September we will start a completely new list so please let us know if you wish to include someone currently on the old list or any new names.

Many thanks.

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

Spirituality In the Pub

Wed 28 Aug at 7.30pm

Topic: From clericalism to co-responsibility: what is our role?

Speaker: Marilyn Hatton, woman of faith and advocate for full equality for women and all in the Catholic Church.

Venue: Sandringham Hotel

Book: for a meal on 9598 7255. No need to book if just coming for lecture at 7.30pm

Details: Vin on 9530 6004, Frances on 9579 3920



- Saturday 21 September from 8.30am to 4.30pm
- St Bede's College, Mentone
- International Guest-
Fr Leo Patalinghug, priest, chef, best-selling author, martial arts teacher, breakdancing choreographer, founder of 'Plating Grace'
- Register online at www.cam.org.au/alight19

Performance

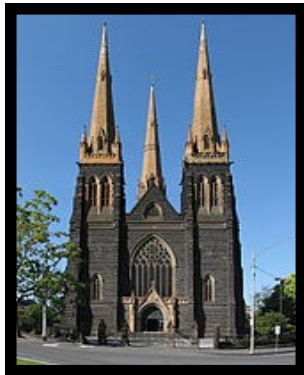
Friday 6 Sept at 6.30pm

Organ Concert to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 6 September, 2019 at 6.30pm. This concert will feature renowned organist Thomas Trotter.

Thomas Trotter has been City Organist for the City of Birmingham since 1983 and is also Organist at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, in London.

Tickets: \$20.00 (no concessions). Children under 15 free

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEUKN> or tickets available at the door.



Aid to the Church in Need is an international Catholic Charity that supports suffering and persecuted

Christians. Currently over 200 million Christians worldwide cannot freely exercise their faith; Christians are persecuted, discriminated against or oppressed in more than 40 countries.

The primary work of *Aid to the Church in Need* is focussed on providing spiritual and pastoral support to keep the Catholic faith alive. We support projects at the request of bishops and religious superiors who have nowhere else to turn. We invite you to stay informed by receiving news from the suffering Church.

Visit www.aidtochurch.org and click 'subscribe'. If you prefer to receive our newsletter via post, call 1800 101 201 during business hours to arrange.



Natural Fertility Awareness Week
19th -25th August

Did you know a woman's health is often reflected in her fertility? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method® can alert a woman to underlying health problems. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health, accredited Billing Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia.

Phone 1800 335 860 or visit www.billings.life

Recycle Your Old Spectacles

Please donate your old spectacles to 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. A Kiwanis project.

St James Church Roster

Saturday 6pm Mass on 24 & 31 Aug

Overhead/Set Up: Alberto Sabato (o)

Special Ministers: Vin Underwood, Ruth Martinez, Bella Parker

Collector: Wendy Lord-Henry

Reader/Com: Helen Miller, Gail Hunt

Sunday 9am Mass on 25 Aug & 1 Sept

Overheard/Set Up: Andrew Young (o)

Special Ministers: Adrienne Bentham, Marj Hess, Robert Messina,

Collector: Vicki-Lee Young

Welcomer: Kevin Custerson,

Reader / Com: Howard Kirsch, Marcus Hoyne

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'



Next Weekend's Readings:

Sir 3:17-20.28-29

Heb 12:18-19.22-24 Luke 14:1.7-14

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Consequences

To be Christian is more than a name; more than a title. If we put our hand up and claim the title of Christian, then there are consequences that flow from that. Those who are disillusioned by religion frequently name hypocrisy as the major reason for their disillusionment. Sometimes, that's an easy out. We can't all live like Jesus all of the time. However, we are called to take Jesus as our model of the Christian life and to use his example as a guiding beacon. To call ourselves Christian is to try to be Christ-like in all our actions.