

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

Catholic Parishes

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

3rd March, 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 7.00pm
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.



'Jesus' behaviour recounted in today's Gospel passage', Pope Francis says, 'exhorts us to live our life not in search of our own advantage and interests, but for the glory of God who is love.' The

Pope suggests that Jesus' action in the Temple should be seen as being deliberately and provocatively prophetic. Jesus was not throwing a tantrum! Rather, He was making a point: something was awry in the way people understood and used the Temple. Hearts and behaviours needed to change.

For his 2024 Lenten message, Pope Francis chose to focus on the first of today's readings concerning God's self-revelation on Mount Sinai. The Pope notes that there was considerable resistance in the background of this great moment. Below the mountain there was what the Pope called a 'nostalgia for slavery that paralysed Israel in the desert and prevented it from moving forward.' Times change, and so must we all.

Given that Lent is 'a season of conversion, a time of freedom', the Pope encourages us Christians to refocus our attention on the needs of all. This is a season for 'communitarian decisions ... capable of altering the daily lives of individuals and entire neighbourhoods', he said. We should reflect on 'the ways we acquire goods, care for creation, and strive to include those who go unseen or are looked down upon.' We should ask ourselves, what Temple tables and transactions need overturning in our own time. As the Pope so powerfully says: 'Woe to us if our Christian penance were to resemble the kind of penance that so dismayed Jesus.'

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Let us pray

Baptism:

Sofia Fazzari, James Snowden,

William Wallis

Recent death:

Nick Davey

Anniversaries:

Bill Horgan, Noel Mendis

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.

Different View

Just like Jesus

This gospel passage must be one of the most commonly misused passages in the Bible. So often it is used as justification for someone losing their temper, or worse, an outrageous temper tantrum, or 'dummy spit'. People will declare in their defence, 'Well, Jesus lost his temper and got angry in the Temple!' They fail to appreciate the difference between their own hot-headedness and the outrage against injustice that was being expressed by Jesus. They also seem to miss the significance of the fact that this was a 'one off' for Jesus!



MARCH—Month of St Joseph

4th St Casimir

7th Sts Perpetua & Felicity

8th St John of God

9th St Frances of Rome

Would you like to help with music or audio visual at St Joan of Arc?
No experience required.

Call Carmel or send an email to the office to organise a time to have a trial of the system.



BRIGHTON COVENANT CHURCHES Ecumenical Prayer Service

Date: 6 March 2024 (first Wednesday of the month)

Place: Trinity Uniting Church
15 Black Street, Brighton

Time: 7:15pm - Organ music, 7:30 to 8 pm - Prayer

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Check out Books for You,
Now opened in the foyer
of St Joan of Arc church.

You are welcome to borrow books & return.

MORNING TEA WELCOME TO FR IAN RANSON, FR CLEM, FR STEPHEN, FR GREG & ALL PARISHIONERS OF ST FINBAR'S, ST JOAN OF ARC & ST JAMES.

When: after 11 am mass Sunday 24 th March 2024

Where: St Joan of Arc foyer

All parishioners very welcome

Please bring a plate to share.

For further info please text or ring Susan 0417358631



St. Finbar's School Principal Appointment

The position of Principal of St. Finbar's will be readvertised on the weekends of March 2 and March 9. The panel will then meet to review applications and interview for the position by the end of Term 1. We ask that you keep the panel members in your thoughts as they work through this process.



Only 1 more week to go to!

Please pick up your form in the Church foyer to finalise our unity of parish name for the churches of Brighton, Brighton East and Gardenvale.

Once complete, please place form in the designated box.



Holy Week Ceremonies 2024

Monday

25th March

Reconciliation 7.00pm St Finbar's

Tuesday

26th March

Reconciliation 7.00pm St Joan of Arc

Holy Thursday

28th March

Mass at **7.00pm** followed by prayer time at the Altar of Repose.

St Finbar's & St Joan of Arc

Good Friday

29th March

Stations of the Cross at 10.30am
St Joan of Arc

The Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm
St Finbar's

Easter Vigil

30th March

Mass at **7.00pm** – St Joan of Arc
Mass at **8.30pm** – St Finbar's

Easter Sunday

31st March

Mass at **9.00am** – St Finbar's
Mass at **11.00am** – St Joan of Arc
No evening masses.



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