



Emmaus Catholic Parish

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

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

17th November

2024

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Parish Office Hours: Tues– Fri 9am–3.30pm
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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 9:30am St Finbar's
Tues 9:30am St Finbar's
5:00pm St Joan of Arc Exposition
5:30pm St Joan of Arc Mass
Wed 9:30am St Finbar's
Thurs 9:30am St Finbar's
Fri 9:15am St Joan of Arc
9:30am St Finbar's
Sat 9:30am St Finbar's

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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 mass

Baptism & Sacrament Registration
please call the office to organise.

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.

LET US PRAY

SICK

Elisabeth Kiernikowski

ANNIVERSARIES

Kathleen McCormak, Maxine Dunin,
William Thompson

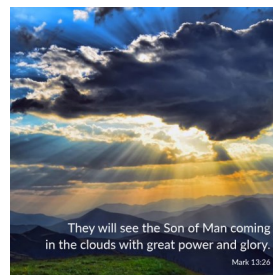
As Pope Francis points out, the story Jesus tells in this week's Gospel passage is 'not a discourse on the end of the world, but rather an invitation to live the present well.' We are told 'to be vigilant and ever ready for when we will be called to account for our life.'

The Pope reminds us that Jesus is speaking about more than specifics. The dimming sun, darkening moon or falling stars need not be taken as literal descriptions of the future. Rather, Jesus is giving us a true prophetic insight: all created things will pass and Christ will gather his people in glory.

The key to this passage, as the Pope explains, is that human history has meaning through Christ. 'Human history, like the personal history of each of us,' he says, 'cannot be understood as a simple succession of meaningless words and facts.'

What Jesus wants us to know, the Pope suggests, is 'that the history of peoples and that of individuals have a purpose and an aim to fulfil: the definitive encounter with the Lord.'

Therefore, as the Pope puts it, we should reflect on 'whether the Word of the Son of God has illuminated our personal existence, or whether we turned our back to it.' After all, it is when things seem gloomiest that we should turn towards the light.



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They will see the Son of Man coming
in the clouds with great power and glory.
Mark 13:26

Emmaus Parish Anointing Mass & luncheon prior to Christmas

Where: St Finbar's Church, Tuesday 3rd December 11am
(No 9.30am mass)

If you would like to assist in the preparation of the mass & luncheon please contact the office or priest, asap.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM—St Joan of Arc & St James

November— Month of the Holy Souls

18th Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul
21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22nd St Cecilia
23rd St Columban, St Clement I

New stewardship envelopes for St Joan of Arc and St James parishioners are now available for distribution. You have been reissued a new envelope numbers as part of the amalgamation of Emmaus Parish. Included is a form should you wish to transition over to a new donation system.

Christmas Giving Tree – Great response last weekend - many of the tags have been taken from our Christmas Giving Tree. Thank you! There are still some left ... please make up a small hamper for people who are supported throughout the year by the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (www.basp.org.au). Your support brings Christmas joy into households. Thank you!

There are also some tags for 'a shopping bag of food and household items'.

There are some printed pages near the tree with hamper suggestions. Please be aware of WEIGHT! The hampers are often delivered by just one person ... so hampers must be easily lifted. SPLIT into a couple of cartons or 2-3 shopping bags.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - "GARABANDAL, Only God Knows"

Come & enjoy a wonderful evening at the movies to watch "GARABANDAL, Only God Knows". The story about four young girls from a poor village in Spain, who experienced from 1961-65 visitations, miracles and messages from our **Heavenly Mother Mary**. Presented by Francis & Patricia Seymon, from the Victorian Garabandal Centre, held in the Marian Room at St Finbar's Church, 86 Centre Rd, East Brighton on Thursday 28th November at 7pm, followed by chats over tea & coffee.

RSVP Rhonda PH 9578 4485 (by 26 November 2024). Look forward to seeing you there!



Emmaus Parish Advent Carols at St Finbar's Church, 86 Centre Rd, Brighton East.

Friday 6th December 2024, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Join Emmaus parishioners and singers for a beautiful and unique journey through the Christmas Story. It will be a great way to prepare for the Christmas season. Readings and Carols will be followed by light refreshments in the Marian Room. Everyone welcome! Please RSVP on the form at the back of the church. Hope you can join us.

St Finbar's & St Joan of Arc Restoration Appeal

If you prefer to donate via online facilities please follow this link or use the QR Code provided.

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj4HAAT>

or just head to our website <https://www.melbcatholic.org/emmaus>

& tap **DONATE**, then select campaign titled

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Emmaus Parish Pre-Christmas Morning Tea

St Joan of Arc Church will be hosting a Pre-Christmas morning tea on Sunday 24th November, straight after 11am Mass, in the church foyer.

All parishioners are warmly invited.

Hope you can join us for this great opportunity to connect before Christmas.

Feel free to bring a sweet or savoury to share (optional).



Let us pray together!

The Emmaus Charismatic Prayer Group warmly invites you to join us for a Charismatic Mass celebrated by Fr. Ken Barker, MGL

When: Monday, 25 November 2024

Time: 11:30 am **Where:** St Joan of Arc Church
Followed by light refreshments in the Church foyer

Fr Ken Barker is the founder and moderator of the Missionaries of God's Love religious congregation. The Missionaries of God's Love Priests and Brothers are a Catholic order in Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Indonesia and the Philippines.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

We are committed to holding the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.