



Brighton Catholic Parishes Newsletter

St James The Great & St Joan of Arc



17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year B

29th July, 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

Gospel Reflection

Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

Diane Bergant CSS



Remember In Our Prayers

Illness: Kevin Breheny, William Cavanagh, Sr Felicity Corder, Tony Dixon, Andrew Florenti, Leanne Ickeringill, Sr Eileen Jones, Jo Kenny, Patricia Landy, Ariel Low, John Marich, Jaxon McInnes, Winifred Pereira, Beth Pilcher, Elvira Rios, Tracey Rowley, Catherine Ryan, Rosa Santos, Edward Shelley, Ante Skoblar, Liz Smith, Robin Turner, Tom van Kampen, Melanie Young

Anniversaries: Bernadette Hyland, Benjamin John Newbold, Robert Taranto

Recently Deceased: Carlos Chavarria

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: Fr Martin Dixon

Sacramental Coordinator: Carole Cheng

Pastoral Care: Eileen Marchmont

Organist: Mary Taylor

Cantors: Adam Kaczanowski & Marie-France Urruty

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Parish Office Hours: Tue-Thur

9.15am-3pm. Entrance in Murphy St

School Principal: Brendan Flanagan

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St Joan of Arc

Address: 118 New St, Brighton. 3186

Tel: 9593 1703 **Fax:** 9593 3155

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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

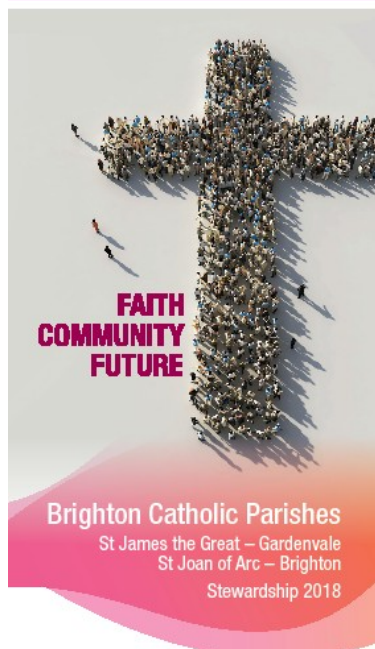
School Tel: 9592 3840

Welcome to the Brighton Parishes

Services This Week

- ◆ Thursday Mass in the chapel at Cabrini Hospital Brighton at noon replaces morning Mass at St James
- ◆ Ecumenical Prayer Group Meeting at Trinity Uniting Church in Black St, this Wednesday at 7.30pm

PARISH.LIFE.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2018

Our Parish Stewardship Program begins next week – commencing with our Welcome Weekend. The Program recognizes that ‘Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church’ and will challenge us to reflect on what it means to be a member of St Joan of Arc and St James the Great parish communities.

We encourage you to be actively involved – read the materials, listen to the speakers and follow the Program on the parish website and our parish Facebook. Reflect, pray about and discuss the themes and topics with your family, friends and fellow parishioners.

PARISH ‘OUR FUTURE’ FORUM

All parishioners are warmly invited to a special forum as part of the Program – ‘Our Future’ Forum on Wednesday 22 August at 7.30 pm in St James Church (enter off Murphy Street). This is a great opportunity to make your contribution to the discussion. You will hear about the values we hold dear, our recent achievements and the priorities we have for the future. Please mark this date in your calendar. Full Program details will be available on the dedicated Program page on our parish websites – which will be updated regularly throughout the Program.

Together we pray for the success of the Program:

Stewardship Program Prayer

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.
Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.
In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.
By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.
By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.
Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve,
to grow in faith and service
and to give without counting the cost.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

We invite you to join us again next week

Card Players

Join our friendly group this Thursday at 11.30am in the St Joan of Arc parish meeting room in the presbytery. Lunch included for \$15.



Sonder Young Adult Christian Group

Join with other young adults for our next bible study program. It's relaxing and informative.

When: Thursdays from 2 Aug to 30 Aug

Time: 7.30-9.00pm

Venue: Brighton Baptist Church,
164 Bay St Brighton

Details: alexbolitho96@gmail.com



St Mary's Annual Trivia Night To support the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project

Date: Friday, 10th August

Venue: St Mary's Hall, Holyrood St, Hampton.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per person. Tables of 10 people. Make a table or Join a table.

BYO Drinks and Nibbles

Bookings: 9598 7329 or
colfoxw@gmail.com



Monthly Collection For Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project

When you are shopping this week please add something to the trolley for our monthly collection next week. Household staples, cleaning products and gift vouchers from Coles, Big W or Kmart are very welcome. Collection boxes are in the church foyers
Thankyou for your ongoing support.



Recycle Your Old Spectacles to Help Others See!

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.



Group For Young Adults

Hearts in Action (young adults aged 25 to 49) is hosting a talk by Father Elio Capra Sdb on 'Personal Identity and Self Esteem in The Light of Spirituality'.

Venue: St Francis' Pastoral Centre, cnr of Lonsdale and Elizabeth St. Melbourne CBD.

Date: Saturday 11th August (2pm to 4.45pm)

Cost: \$10 donation

Contact: Cathy Gill (Mob: 0408 013 397)

Devonshire Tea



Join us for a sumptuous "Devonshire Tea" at the Bay Rd Nursery Café, 112 Bay Rd, Sandringham.

Mix pleasure with serious discussion. Your chance to ask questions about the issues that are important to you (e.g. assisted suicide/ euthanasia). AFA Victorian and National Vice President Terri Kelleher will briefly outline the challenges that lay ahead of us.

When: Sun 26 August from 3pm to 5pm

Donation: \$30 includes Devonshire Tea and bottomless tea or coffee

RSVP: 23 August

Inquiries: Maria on 0438 088 681 or
marialusby4@gmail.com

Book: online at www.trybooking.com/WDXL

All funds to Australian Family Association

St James Church Roster

Saturday 6pm Mass on 28 July & 4 August

Special Ministers: Bella Parker, Ruth Martinez, Lois White

Collector: John O'Donoghue

Reader/Com: Antoinette Negline & Adele Nicolas

Sunday 9am Mass on 29 July & 5 August

Special Ministers: Robert Messina, Katrina Rigby, Peter Toms

Collector: Vicki-Lee Young

Reader / Com: Peter Toms

FIRST READING: KINGS 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. Give it to the people to eat, Elisha said. But his servant replied, How can I serve this to a hundred men? Give it to the people to eat he insisted for the Lord says this, They will eat and have some left over. He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples,

'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.



Readings Next Week

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

GOSPEL FOCUS

Messiah

At the time of Jesus there was a heightened expectation that the Messiah – the anointed one of God – would come and once again set the people of Israel free. However, there was great conjecture about what sort of person the Messiah would be. Some thought he would be a warrior king; others a wise priestly leader; others thought a shepherd-king in the image of David. Confounding all these expectations, Jesus' model of Messianic leadership was that of the servant leader; a leader who was one with the people, offering hope and meaning in the midst of their everyday suffering and struggling.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Plenty for all

The feeding of the multitude is a profoundly political statement. Quite simply, there is sufficient food in our world to ensure that no one should ever be hungry. Sadly, the distribution of that food is such that there are some in our world whose bellies are expanding from an excess of food while others' are distended from the lack of it. We can easily feed the entire world. It is the responsibility of those of us in the developed world with more than we need to bring about a more equitable distribution with those who don't even have enough to live.