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## CATHOLIC CHURCHES



**St Finbar's**  
86 Centre Rd  
Brighton East VIC 3187



**St James**  
73 North Rd  
Gardenvale VIC 3185



**St Joan of Arc**  
118 New Street  
Brighton VIC 3186

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

18TH MAY 2025

### 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
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 & Sacraments:

Please call the office to organise.

**2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:**  
take our brochures in church foyer  
Register at: 7064 3923 or  
[brightoneast@cam.org.au](mailto:brightoneast@cam.org.au)  
**DO NOT LEAVE IT LATE!**

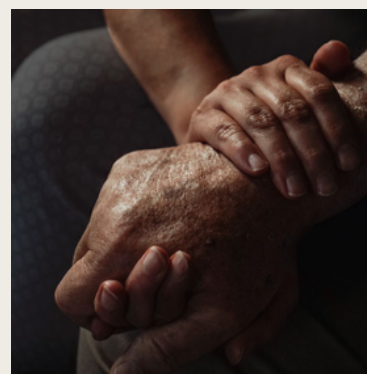
### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Everything is new! There is a new law of love, a new heaven and earth that is established in the church, a new depth of communion there, and a new glory of God that shines forth from its members.

The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this love is the diversity discussed last Sunday. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder that the commandment is called new. It calls for something completely different.

The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there. The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God.

Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way. The eschatological future is anticipated in the present. The age of fulfilment has dawned.



"By this love ...  
everyone will know  
that you are my  
disciples."

John 13:35



### Warm welcome for Pope Leo XIV

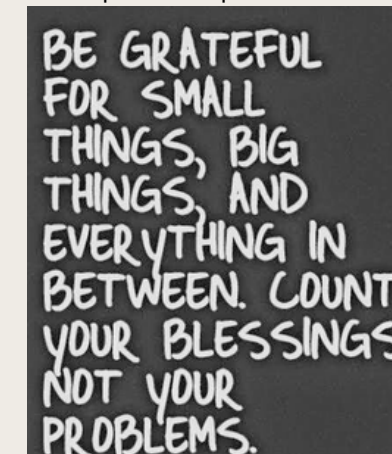
The election of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost as the new pope has been greeted enthusiastically around the world. Named Leo XIV, he is the first American to be elected pope.

The Redemptorists of Oceania were quick to congratulate the new pope. Fr Sam Kono CSsR, Acting Provincial said, "With gratitude, we congratulate our new leader of the Catholic Church, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost who chooses the name Pope Leo XIV. May he be enriched by the Spirit as he commences his papacy. We assure him of our prayers for this new ministry. May wisdom shine, hope increase, and love prevail. Viva il Pope Leo XIV."

Pope Leo XIV was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago. He entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine (OSA) in the province of Our Lady of Good Counsel, in Saint Louis in 1977.

He studied at the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago and was ordained in 1982. Two years later he was sent to work as a missionary in Chulucanas in Piura, Peru. In November 2014, Pope Francis appointed him apostolic administrator of the diocese of Chiclayo, Peru, elevating him to bishop.

In March 2018, he became second vice president of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference. On January 30, 2023, Pope Francis appointed Cardinal Prevost as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. source: majellan



### LETS US PRAY SICK

Lorraine Gill  
RECENT DEATH  
Clive Condict  
ANNIVERSARIES  
Anne Sinclair



### MASS COLLECTIONS

This parish has 2 collections at each mass.

- 1st collection is for the priest and retired priests .
- 2nd collection supports all the everyday expenses of our parish (this includes the running of our churches & presbytery).
- CHEQUES MUST BE MADE OUT TO EMMAUS PARISH ONLY.**  
Not to St Finbars or St Joan of Arc.  
Our account name is  
**EMMAUS PARISH.**

If you would prefer to give by card, tap machines are available in the foyers of the churches. Thank you for your generosity.

### Leaving Collection for Community Health Workers in PNG

The Social Justice Group has, for a number of years, been supporting students to become Community Health Workers, in Aitape, in Papua New-Guinea. To raise funds for this project we will be having a leaving collection on 2 weekends as follows:  
St Finbars on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, and St Joan of Arc on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Donations are tax-deductible. We urge people to bring cash, but we will also have the facility to take donations via credit card,

Thankyou in advance for your great generosity.

Parish Priest: Fr Ian Ranson  
Parish Secretary: Carmel Cristiano  
Parish Office Hours: Tues (St Finbar's), Wed- Fri (St Joan of Arc) 9.00am—3.30pm  
St Vincent de Paul: 1800 305 330

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.