



## Emmaus Catholic Parish

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

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Second Sunday of Advent Year C

8th December

2024

**Parish Priest:** Fr Ian Ranson  
**Retired Priest:** Fr Clemente Cafarella  
**Parish Secretary:** Carmel Cristiano  
**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

Eva M

#### RECENT DEATH

Sandra Dobrili

Vernon Forbes

'The voice of the Baptist still cries in the deserts of humanity today', says Pope Francis. There is, the Pope observes, a desert of indifference in our world filled with 'closed minds and hardened hearts.'

During Advent we are all called to heed the Baptist's cry. Christians, the Pope suggests, should therefore repent from any selfish inaction on our part. We cannot simply affirm that 'we're okay' because we are Christian and that 'things are fine as they are and we don't need any kind of conversion.'

Rather, the Pope encourages us to ask ourselves whether 'we have within us the same feelings that Jesus has? Is it true that we feel as Christ feels?' Do we see the needs of others – for forgiveness, companionship, or aid – or are we focused on ourselves?

Having heard the cry, we are also called to share the Baptist's mission to make Jesus known. And the best way to preach the Gospel, the Pope advises, 'is to open a door.'

We open a door to belief when our faith is lived authentically and we are attentive to those around us. We must 'lay low the mountains of pride', the Pope affirms, 'fill in the ravines dug by indifference and apathy', and 'make straight the paths of our laziness and our compromises.'

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## December— Month of the Immaculate Conception

9th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10th Our Lady of Loreto

11th St Damasus I, Pope

12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

13th St Lucy

## Christmas Masses 2024

Parish Advent Carols – St Finbar’s Church

Friday 6th Dec, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

### Reconciliation

Communal Prayers

Followed by Individual Reconciliation

St Joan of Arc Church

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.00pm



### Christmas Eve Mass, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec

St Joan of Arc Church: 5.30pm

St Finbar’s Church: 5.30pm, 9.00pm

### Christmas Day Mass, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec

St Joan of Arc Church: 11.00am

St Finbar’s Church: 9.00am, 11.00am

THE SECOND PURPLE CANDLE IS THE  
“Candle of Peace.”  
DURING THIS SECOND WEEK OF  
ADVENT, WE REFLECT ON OUR LIVES  
AND ORIENT OURSELVES TOWARD  
CHRIST’S COMING, PREPARING OUR  
HEARTS TO RECEIVE HIM ANEW.



‘I want to encourage you ... to look forward, not only to our commemoration of the birth of our Saviour, but also to the gift that his incarnation has already given to us, the gift of our eternal life in God. Advent pushes us forward, asks us to be awake and attentive, and—with expectation, and therefore with real joy—to come to the time of our Lord’s incarnation.’

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

*reflecting on the significance of Advent as a time of preparation and joyful expecta-*



### MASS COLLECTIONS

This parish has 2 collections at each mass. The 1st collection is for the priest and retired priests .

The 2nd collection supports all the everyday expenses of our parish (this includes the running of our churches & presbytery).

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

### 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

**St Finbar’s & St Joan of Arc Restoration Appeal**

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### 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.*