



Brighton Catholic Parishes Newsletter
St James The Great
&
St Joan of Arc



23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year B

9th September, 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

Mark tells us that the crowd brought the man to Jesus. 'They' beg Jesus to heal him, 'they' are ordered not to tell anyone about the miracle, but 'they' go straight out and tell everyone about it.

What happens there is what happens here every Sunday. Coming to Mass is not a private affair. It is not my Mass, my prayer, my Church. The pronouns we use reveal a lot about our attitudes. It's our Eucharist, our prayer and our Church.

Within the Mass there are opportunities for private prayer, but Eucharist is, essentially, an action of the assembled community. In our own way we bring the deaf and the mute to Jesus each time we gather. This is what the Prayers of the Faithful are all about. This is why they are so important.

Richard Leonard SJ.



Remember In Our Prayers

Baptisms: Chloe & Charlie Whitnall

Illness: Dalia Borell, Kevin Breheny, William Cavanagh, Helen Classon, Anne de Rebello, John de Rebello, Andrew Florenti, Leanne Ickeringill, 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, Robin Turner, Tom van Kampen, Melanie Young

Anniversaries: Lino Bortolotto, Elio Taranto

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: Fr Martin Dixon

Sacramental Coordinator: Carole Cheng **Pastoral Care:** Eileen Marchmont

Organist: Mary Taylor **Cantors:** Adam Kaczanowski & Marie-France Urruty

St James

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Parish Office Hours: Tue-Thur
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School Principal: Brendan Flanagan
School Tel: 9596 4766

St Joan of Arc

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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

- ◆ Baptism presentation and welcome for Jack Campbell at the 9am Mass
- ◆ This Sunday we welcome the St Joan of Arc Confirmation Candidates, families and teachers at the 11am Commitment & Year 6 Mass
- ◆ Congratulations to Chloe & Charlie Whitnall who will be baptised at the 11am Mass
- ◆ Please remember the retired and sick priests in the Melbourne Archdiocese by giving to our special collection today. All contributions of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Masses this week replaced by Liturgy of The Word and Communion Services. Friday Mass at St Joan of Arc at 9.15am celebrated by Fr Bill Goldman.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM



Thank you to parishioners who have already returned their completed pledge commitments – either at Mass last week, or on line through our parish website. Your support is very much appreciated!

A special THANK YOU goes to those members of the Leadership Team and other volunteers who have assisted with our follow-up work. Please note that your new pledge will take effect on Sunday 23rd September 2018 – so please return your completed pledges this weekend at Mass, or give to the Parish Office. Letters of confirmation and new sets of envelopes (only applicable to new givers) will be available for collection at all Masses on the weekend of Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September.

I thank you once again for your generous response.
Fr Martin.

Come & See

What Our Community Believes

We invite you to join the R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) each Tuesday evening from 7.30pm until about 9pm. Join us for a cuppa and a talk about what we believe as followers of Jesus.

If you know someone who may be interested in learning about the Catholic Faith please bring them along. We will commence on Tues 2 October at 7.30pm in the presbytery meeting room at St Joan of Arc.

For further information please contact Carole at carole.cheng@cam.org.au or telephone the parish office on 9593 1703, Tues, Wed or Fri.

Brighton Covenant of Christian Churches

Fr Peter Cross Memorial Lecture

**Thursday 20th September at 7.30pm
Trinity Uniting Church, 15 Black St Brighton**

Title: 'Religious Trends in Australia and among Australian Teenagers'

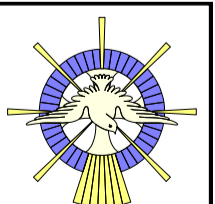
Based on his ongoing analysis of Australian Census Data and the just out data on a major nationwide study of the 'Worldviews of Australian Teenagers', Bouma will present data on trends and major changes in Australia's religious life. A lot is happening, some of it is quite surprising.



Gary is the UNESCO Chair in Intercultural and Interreligious Relations – Asia Pacific and Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Monash University. He is an Associate Priest in the Anglican Parish of St John's East Malvern. He serves on the Multi-Faith Advisory Group to the Premier and the Social Cohesion Institute of the State of Victoria, Australia. Author or Co-Author of over 25 books and 380 articles, he has been invested as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to Sociology, to Interreligious Relations and to the Anglican Church of Australia.

Refreshments will be served after the lecture. For details telephone the St Joan of Arc Parish office on 9593 1703.

St Joan of Arc Prayer Group invites you to a seminar on NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT



A time for receiving, a time for listening and a time for experiencing God's love. Thursdays 8-9.45pm
Venue: St Joan of Arc Meeting Room
Date: 13th September **Topic:** The Gift of God's Spirit
Details: Call Mary on 9592 3001.

We invite you to join us again next week



St Joan of Arc v St James Dad's Football

Last Saturday, dads from both schools took part in the inaugural clash for the 'Fr Martin Dixon Perpetual Trophy' at South Road Oval. Despite the inclement weather, the day was a resounding success for our community with families from both our parish schools coming together for a day of fun, frivolity and some football.

St Joan of Arc claimed the bragging rights for the next twelve months but St James are sure to bounce back strongly in 2019. The winner of the Japan trip raffle went to Mark O'Neill while the consolation prize of a signed Richmond jumper went to Caroline Gianatti.

Thank you to Justin Hoy, Jason Storer and Paul Ryan for organising what was a great day.

Looking For A Volunteer From St James Parish

Each month the parishioners of St James generously donate goods for the Brigidine Asylum Seekers. Would you be able to help in transporting the goods to them in South Melbourne?

Please telephone Robyn in the St James parish office on 9596 1334 to find out more. Many thanks.



Can You Help, Please?

St Vinnies need a lady's bicycle and size 1 clothes for a baby boy. If you can help with either of these items please telephone the St James Parish office on 9596 1334

Journey



Magazines Galore!

We have lots for you to read this weekend including: *Journey* our parish magazine, Melbourne Catholic, Australian Catholics & The Swag. **Take a close look at page 22 of the Mel-**



bourne Catholic magazine 'A journey towards unity in Brighton'. It's all about our parishes and the Brighton Covenant of Churches! Copies available for \$4 or copies of our article for free in the church foyer.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020



The Australian catholic Bishops' Conference in response to Pope Francis' call for a synodal church have convened a Plenary Council for the year 2020. The preparatory consultative stage will end at the beginning of lent next year. In that time all Catholics in Australia are invited to join in the process. I invite you to join in this process which we will start late in October this year.

What is a Plenary Council?

A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. A Plenary Council, or synod, can discuss and legislate on a wide range of issues, including matters of faith, morals and discipline. The last time a plenary council was held in Australia was in 1937 and prior to that in 1885, 1895 and 1905.

Why are we having a Plenary Council in Australia?

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has identified that, 'The circumstances of the Church in Australia in our time, including the patterns of change that are evident within the community of the Church, the issues confronting the Church in modern multicultural and secular Australia, the increase in entrusting responsibility for and leadership of the Church's mission to laity, and even the changing face of the Episcopate, prompt the Church to review, analyse, and discern the signs of the times, to listen anew to the Spirit, and to chart its course into the future.'

More information:

You can find more information about the Plenary Council on two websites, and I invite you to search these to help prepare for the consultation.

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

www.cam.org.au/plenary.

St James Church Roster

Saturday 6pm Mass on 8th & 15th Sept

Special Ministers: Mary Field, Elisa Wilson, Ruth Martinez

Collector: Peter Chong

Reader/Com: Helen Miller, Ursula Betka

Sunday 9am Mass on 9th & 16th Sept

Special Ministers: Marj Hess, Robert Messina, Kevin Custerson

Collector: Brian Dowling

Reader / Com: Kevin Custerson, John Taylor

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

SECOND READING: JAMES 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

GOSPEL: MARK 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up

to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



Next Weeks Readings:

Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Ephphatha

The healing that Jesus works in this passage is perhaps one of the most 'physical' of his healing actions. He puts his fingers in the man's ears and places spittle on his tongue. It is an incredibly intimate contact with a complete stranger and someone regarded as outcast and unclean because of his disabilities. When Jesus speaks the word of healing, Ephphatha ('Be opened'), he appears to be speaking not only to the man but to all those listening. Be open to the possibility of embracing those you have cast out; be open to a different understanding of Messiah.