



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



First Sunday of Advent. Year B

3 December, 2017

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 St Joan
of Arc Church

Gospel Reflection

The fact is we live in a changing world and new demands will be made on us as followers of Christ. For Mark's first readers that meant being persecuted by the most powerful government in the world. For us, at this time of year, the threat to our faith may be from a more subtle yet no less destructive enemy of the gospel — rampant consumerism.

Sean Goan

Let the reader understand, www.columba.ie



Remember In Our Prayers

Baptisms: Adelaide Bastiaan

Illness: Lucio Coceani, William Cavanagh, Kathy Chatham, Maureen Fahey, Warren Fisher, Andrew Florenti, Anna Hall, Leanne Ickeringill, Jo Kenny, Ariel Low, John Marich, Carmel Negline, Beth Pilcher, Elvira Rios, Patricia Roberts, Tracey Rowley, Catherine Ryan, Rosa Santos, Eula Scott, Edward Shelley, Ante Skoblar, Tom van Kampen, John Wilczek & Melanie Young.

Recently Deceased: Suzanne Clarke

Anniversaries: Paul Renouf

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: Fr Martin Dixon

Sacramental Co-ordinator: Carole Cheng **Pastoral Care:** Eileen Marchmont

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

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St Joan of Arc

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 9.30am-3.30pm.
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Welcome to the Brighton Parishes

Services This Week



- ◆ This Sunday we welcome our Year Prep classes to the morning Masses
- ◆ Mass on Thursday at Cabrini Hospital Btn at noon, no Mass at St James
- ◆ Welcome to the families presenting their children for baptism
- ◆ Social Justice Christmas Fair on this Sunday before & after Masses at St Joan of Arc. Meeting Wed 6 Dec at 7.30pm, St Joan of Arc presbytery.

Christmas Timetable

St James Christmas Eve: 6pm Family Mass (outdoors) & 9pm Mass. Christmas Day: 9am.

St Joan of Arc Communal Penitential Service on Tues 19 Dec at 7.30pm.

Christmas Eve: 6pm Family Mass; 8pm Mass; 10pm Mass & 9.30pm carols

Christmas Day: 8.30am Mass & 11am Mass.

Advent Christmas prayers with Holy Icons

Parishioners are invited to join the St James Prayer & Liturgy group for 20 minutes of quiet prayer with candlelit Icons for the four weeks of Advent each Saturday before the 6pm Mass in the popup church: 2nd, 9th 16th and 23rd Dec.

Venue: St James Presbytery, front room

Time: 4.25pm –5.45pm (before the 6pm Mass)



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.

Church Connect

Brighton Covenant of Churches Magazine

The Advent issue of the magazine is available to take home this weekend. Read all about the Fr Peter Cross Memorial lecture and news from our local churches. Free copies in the church foyer.



Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project

Thank you for remembering the asylum seekers this weekend by placing your donations in the collection boxes. Non-perishable foods, toiletries and gift vouchers are gratefully received.

Christmas Bowl Appeal Collectors Needed Please!



The appeal is our way of forging a loving connection between our Christian community here in Australia and overseas for those experiencing hardship and suffering. We need your help to collect for the appeal outside Woolworths in

Brighton on Friday 15 December.

Please add your name to the roster in the church foyer.

Thankyou.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is held during 11am Mass at St Joan of Arc.

Dates for the remainder of the year are: 10/12 & 17/12.

Contact Cath Beckingham on

0409 162 971 or cathbeckingham@gmail.com



Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal

Please support our appeal at all Masses next weekend. We are helping people in PNG, Vietnam, Ghana, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria, Peru and Jerusalem. Many thanks.

St Joan of Arc Thanksgiving Envelopes

Parishioners please collect your new envelopes and letters from the church foyer today. Many thanks for your financial support of the parish throughout the year.

We invite you to join us again next week

29 November 2017

A STATEMENT FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE, DENIS HART ON EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE IN VICTORIA.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE

The passage today of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill through the Victorian Parliament is deeply regrettable and most disappointing for it facilitates Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia. Victoria becomes the only place in the world this year to have legislated for Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide – almost fifty other places have, this year, rejected such legislation. Sadly, Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia expose the most vulnerable in our society and undermine centuries of care and clinical practice. Experience in other countries clearly demonstrates that Victoria is now at the beginning of a dangerous pathway where more and more people's lives will be placed in jeopardy.

Catholic health and aged care providers will continue to accompany those who face death, always striving to provide the best care to them and their loved ones. Assisted suicide and euthanasia are not part of their practice and are incompatible with the provision of quality palliative care.

The Archdiocese will strongly advocate that the Victorian Government honours its promise of increased palliative care, particularly in regional areas. At the same time, I exhort the Government to substantially increase the funding for palliative care so that all Victorians requiring this care are aware of its availability and have access when the need arises. Only last week, Pope Francis said that palliative care is “proving most important in our culture as it opposes what makes death most terrifying and unwelcome: pain and loneliness.”

I remind all people, health professionals and patients alike, that no one should ever be compelled to act against their conscience – we will continue to strongly assert that right.

I am grateful to our parishioners who joined the many voices including doctors, nurses, carers, lawyers and politicians who actively campaigned and advocated with passion and conviction for the defeat of this legislation.

May those dedicated to the care of the sick and dying, shine forth as instruments of the healing power and love of God, who leads us through the shadows of suffering with the promise of love.

At this critical time in the history of the State of Victoria, I pray for a renewed commitment of all Victorians to the sick, oppressed, marginalised and vulnerable of our society.

St James Tennis Club - Premiers win again!



After St James “Premiers” had taken out the minor premiership again this season, they triumphed over Hurlingham Park’s “Gunslingers” in an epic battle that resulted in the Premiers winning their 4th Division 1 premiership in a row and their 5th Flag out of the last 6 Grand Finals, an empathic win with the final result being 4 sets to 2.

The “Premiers” side was Jamie Phfal, Andrew Clements, Matt Stein and Jarrod Harrington. The Gunslingers were James Parkinson, Hosea Gall, Emon DK & Tom Kertapati. It was also great to see a large gallery of both St James and Hurlingham Park team mates and club members watch and support both teams, as the local community rallied around a great tennis spectacular. Well done to all in the Bayside Regional tennis Division for another great season.

Ecumenical Prayer Group Meeting

Meeting at the Trinity Uniting Church every first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. This meeting begins with a short organ recital followed by the prayer service. This is a time put aside each month for sharing greater communication. Trinity Uniting Church, Black St.

St James Church Roster

Saturday 6pm Mass on 2 & 9 December

Special Ministers: Mary Field, Lois White & Bella Parker.

Collector: John O'Donoghue.

Reader/Com: Gail Hunt & Vin Underwood

Sunday 9am Mass on 3 & 10 December

Special Ministers: Brian Bailey, Kevin Custerson & Sr Felicity Corder.

Collector: David Taranto.

Reader / Com: Brendan Flanagan & Maureen Flanagan.

FIRST READING: ISA 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

SECOND READING: 1 COR 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

GOSPEL: MARK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, be-

cause you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'



Readings Next Week

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

Beginning Advent

The season of Advent begins this week and continues through the four Sundays of Advent and ends at Christmas Eve. The first week of Advent focuses on the return of the Lord and the following weeks focus more specifically on the anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Rather than simply commemorating an historical event, Advent is a time of preparing our hearts to 'receive' Jesus into the world each year. Advent is traditionally marked by the colour of violet – the same colour as used in Lent. In recent years, some parishes have moved to a more blue/mauve colour for Advent to try to distinguish it from the season of Lent.