

**St Finbar's Catholic Parish**  
86 Centre Rd, Brighton East

**Mass times**

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Saturday 6pm Vigil  
Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm  
Weekdays 9.15am Mon-Sat  
Reconciliation After 9.15am Mass on Saturdays  
Baptisms Most Sundays following 11am Mass  
Please contact Parish Office  
Weddings & Sacramental enquiries (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation) Please contact Parish Office



Parish Roster 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> Sun Ord / Year A	6.00pm	9.00am	11.00am	5.00pm
Lectors	Clare Sabatino	Peter Cooper	Michelle Sideridis Albana Matana	John Reddie
Special Ministers	Volunteers	Pauline Bourke	Jenny Reiche Rita Maguire	Volunteers
Data Projector	Dungan	Coopers	Leo	Volunteer
Welcoming	P Rodis A Rudden	J Trehwella P Bourke		
Counters	Jean Trehwella, Tony Conheady, Brendan Gill			
Readings	<i>First Reading:</i> Sir 15:15-20 <i>Psalms:</i> PS 118:1-2, R.v.1 Happy are they who follow the law if the Lord! <i>Second Reading:</i> 1 Cor 2:6-10 <i>Gospel:</i> Mt 5:20-22			

**Communion Antiphon**

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A**

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works. We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Seniors' Lunch will be held on Tuesday, 11th February** Bentleigh Club, Yawla St, Bentleigh, at 12 noon



Contacts for transport: Joan Hamilton,  
9592 2498 or  
Sue Sharry 9592 7229.

**St Vincent De Paul says THANK YOU**

Last weekend Bushfire Appeal raised \$3,690.05. Fantastic response St Finbar's parishioners.



**PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE AND DROUGHT**

Eternal God,  
In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.  
We turn to you now in faith, hope and love,

asking you to look with favour on our fire-ravaged and drought-stricken land, on our starving and displaced animals, on our failing crops and burning farms, towns and forests. Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them. Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires, those who have lost family, friends, property and stock. Protect our volunteer firefighters and all members of essential services.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain to quench the fires and to restore our parched earth. Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth. Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us.

**Parish Contacts**

Please feel free to contact any of these people if you would like to become more involved in Parish Life Rosters for Lectors, Collectors and Special Ministers at Mass

Paul Dungan 9592 2463

**New Volunteers NEEDED**  
**All welcome – no experience required.**  
**Age is no limit!**  
**Call Carmel at Parish Office**



Altar Serving  
Parish Office 9593 2122

Church Flowers  
Dianne Sheedy 9557 6214

Church Decoration  
Stasia & Phil Power 0400 038 535

Senior's Group  
Sue Sharry 9592 7229  
and Joan Hamilton 9592 2498

Music  
Joy Conheady 9596 2643

Choir  
Corinne 0414 624 253

Sacramental Enquiries (Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation)  
Parish Office 9593 2122

Neo-Catechumenal Community Tuesdays 8pm in Marian Room  
Adam & Giulia 0450 596 950

St Vincent de Paul Assistance Hotline:  
Freecall 1800 305 330  
(Mon to Fri 10am - 3pm)

Tennis Club [www.stfinbarstennisclubbrightoneast.com](http://www.stfinbarstennisclubbrightoneast.com)

Netball Club [www.stfinbarsnetballclub.com](http://www.stfinbarsnetballclub.com)

Basketball Club [www.scalpers.com.au](http://www.scalpers.com.au)

**PARISH NEWS - FEBRUARY, MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

**Feast Days - February**

- 10<sup>th</sup> St Scholastica
- 11<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Lourdes
- 21<sup>st</sup> St Peter Damian
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Chair of St Peter
- 23<sup>rd</sup> St Polycarp



**Lenten Discussion Groups**

Sign up on the form in the foyer if you are interested in joining a Lenten Discussion group this year. You may be interested in hosting a group in your home one evening a week during Lent. Begins the week of Ash Wednesday 26th February.

**Sacramental Program**

Children who don't attend the parish primary school are invited to attend the parish Sacramental Program in 2020. Attending lessons after school they will be prepared for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation (usually year 3), First Eucharist (usually year 4) and Confirmation (usually year 6). Please contact the parish office on 9593 2122 or [BrightonEast@cam.org.au](mailto:BrightonEast@cam.org.au) to enrol.

We are also seeking assistance with teaching the program so that the load can be shared. Curriculum and lesson plans are provided, please contact Fr Ian or Carmel to have a chat if you are interested.

**IMPORTANT DATES 2020**

**First Reconciliation**  
**ENROLMENTS FOR THIS PROGRAM**  
**WILL CLOSE THURSDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2020**

Confirmation, 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> August, evening  
First Holy Eucharist, 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October, evening  
Booking information to follow closer to the dates

**Lectors for weekend Masses**

Volunteer ministers & audio operators are needed for the roster for the Sun 5pm Masses. Please phone the parish office if you can assist. Training provided. All welcome.

**Recently Deceased**

Frank Curatore  
Antony, Angelina & Sienna Abdallah  
Veronique Sakr

**Anniversaries**

Maureen Fitzsimmons, Val Cullinan, Rosa Liberati, Mim Cullinan, Giuseppe Fazio, Emilia Dial, Danilo Carlos, Mary Delahunty

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.



May the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.

