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

Catholic Parishes

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FIFTHTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

17th March, 2024

Parish Staff

Parish Priest: Fr Ian Ranson

Retired Priest : Fr Clemente Cafarella

(Closed Monday, Tues-Fri 9.00 am—3.30pm)

St Vincent de Paul: 1800 305 330

Parish Secretary: Carmel Cristiano

Weekday Masses

St Finbar's: Monday - Saturday 9.30am

St Joan of Arc: Tuesday 7.00pm Friday 9.15am

followed by Exposition

Weekend Masses

St Finbar's: Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 9:00am, II:00am

St Joan of Arc: Sunday 11.00am, 5.30pm

Confessions times: 30 mins prior to masses

Baptism & Sacrament Registration please call the office to organise.



The moment of eschatological fulfilment gathers together the sense of the past ('the days when Christ was in the flesh'), the future ('the days are coming'), and the

present ('the hour has come'). We

live in the time when the past and the future are made present; we live in the 'already-but-not-yet' time of anticipation/fulfilment. This is a moment of great ambiguity, of fear and trepidation but of electric excitement. It is a moment of decision. We hover at the edge of dawn, weighing whether or not to step forward into the new day or to return to the darkness of night.

This 'hour' brings a new covenant, a deep interior relationship with God that is not based on law but which overflows from a commitment of the heart. It brings an abundant harvest that springs from a simple grain of wheat. It brings a promise from God's own Son that those who serve him will be honoured by God, and those who obey him will enjoy eternal life.

Although the 'hour' brings all of these blessings, it only does so with a price. The new covenant could only be written on new hearts; the abundant harvest sprang from the dying grain of wheat; eternal salvation was won at the price of Christ's blood. As challenging as the message of these readings may be, the last note is one of hope. It can overcome the demons that control us, because it is the power of the almighty God.

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Let us pray

Baptism: Hana Jahja

Anniversaries:

Albert Parsons

Anniversaries:

Iohn Rudden

John Reddie

Fr Cyril Blake

Angola Eario

Angela Fazio

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.

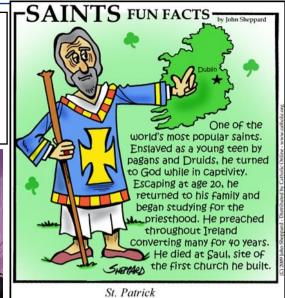


The gospel reading begins with some Greeks wanting to meet Jesus. Why is it significant that they were Greeks? The Jews were very clear about the distinction between Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles). Regardless of their intentions and goodwill, a Gentile was simply not a Jew. Greeks, who worshipped an entire pantheon of gods, were regarded as almost as far from Jewish belief in one God as was possible. Yet Jesus made clear that his message was for everyone: Jew and Gentile alike. His death and resurrection would bring a 'rich harvest' of belief among Gentiles as well as Jews.



MARCH—Month of St Joseph

18th St Patrick 19th St Joseph 23rd St Turibius Parish catch up—All welcome St Finbar's Marian Room After 9.30am mass cuppa & cake **NEXT:** Monday 18th March



MORNING TEA WELCOME TO FR IAN RANSON, FR CLEM, FR STEPHEN, FR GREG & ALL PARISHIONERS OF ST FINBAR'S, ST JOAN OF ARC & ST JAMES.

When: after 11 am mass Sunday 24 th March 2024

Where: St Joan of Arc foyer

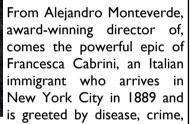
All parishioners very welcome

Please bring a plate to share.

For further info please text or ring Susan 0417358631

Great Movie! A must see.

In theaters now **Dendy Brighton**



and impoverished children. Cabrini sets off on a daring hostile mayor to secure mission to convince the housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.

Cabrini (2024) | (angel.com)

REFLECT

Lent is a time of spiritual reflection for the Christian community in preparation for the celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter.

Holy Week Ceremonies 2024

Monday Reconciliation 7.00pm St Finbar's

25th March

TAKE UP

YOUR CROSS

Tuesday Reconciliation 7.00pm St Joan of Arc 26th March

Holy Thursday Mass at **7.00pm** followed by prayer

28th March time at the Altar of Repose.

St Finbar's & St Joan of Arc

Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 10.30am

29th March St Joan of Arc

The Passion of the Lord at

3.00pm

St Finbar's

Easter Vigil Mass at **7.00pm** – St Joan of Arc

30th March Mass at **8.30pm** – St Finbar's

Mass at 9.00am & 11.00-**Easter Sunday**

St Finbar's

31st March Mass at 11.00am - St Joan of Arc

No evening masses.



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