

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

## Catholic Parishes

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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

17th March, 2024

#### Parish Staff

Parish Priest: Fr Ian Ranson  
Retired Priest: Fr Clemente Cafarella  
Parish Secretary: Carmel Cristiano  
(Closed Monday, Tues-Fri 9.00 am—3.30pm)  
St Vincent de Paul: 1800 305 330

#### 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, 11.00am

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

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John Rudden

John Reddie

Fr Cyril Blake

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> 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

From Alejandro Monteverde, award-winning director of, comes the powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime,

and impoverished children. Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to convince the hostile mayor to secure 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.*



## SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

One of the world's most popular saints. Enslaved as a young teen by pagans and Druids, he turned to God while in captivity. Escaping at age 20, he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland converting many for 40 years. He died at Saul, site of the first church he built.

St. Patrick

### Holy Week Ceremonies 2024

<b>Monday</b> 25th March	Reconciliation 7.00pm St Finbar's
<b>Tuesday</b> 26th March	Reconciliation 7.00pm St Joan of Arc
<b>Holy Thursday</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass at <b>7.00pm</b> followed by prayer time at the Altar of Repose. <b>St Finbar's &amp; St Joan of Arc</b>
<b>Good Friday</b> 29th March	<b>Stations of the Cross at 10.30am</b> <b>St Joan of Arc</b>  <b>The Passion of the Lord at</b> <b>3.00pm</b> <b>St Finbar's</b>
<b>Easter Vigil</b> 30th March	Mass at <b>7.00pm</b> – St Joan of Arc Mass at <b>8.30pm</b> – St Finbar's
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 31st March	Mass at <b>9.00am &amp; 11.00</b> – St Finbar's Mass at <b>11.00am</b> – St Joan of Arc No evening masses.



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