



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



23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year C

8th September, 2019

### *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 6pm & \*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 in  
 St Joan of Arc Church

#### **Social Justice Group:**

Every second Thursday  
 of the month in the  
 presbytery at St Joan of  
 Arc at 7.30 pm

### *Reflection On The Readings*

Whatever our particular crosses may be we are one with all those who have 'gone before us marked with the sign of faith' and who found Christ in the midst of their suffering. This Gospel promises us that Christ walks beside us bearing the burden of the struggle.

May this Eucharist give us eyes to see Christ present in our most difficult moments and make us more compassionate so we never add to the weight of another person's burden, but help carry it as best we can.

*Richard Leonard SJ*



### *Remember In Our Prayers*

**Illness:** Dalia Borell, Marta Elena Hinds, Kevin Nichollis, Catherine Ryan, Edward Shelley, Brian Taylor, Robin Turner,

**Anniversaries:** Gladys Breheny, Joan McDonald

### *Parish Contacts*

**Parish Priest:** Fr Martin Dixon

**Pastoral Associate:** Carole Cheng      **Organist:** Mary Taylor

**Cantors:** Adam Kaczanowski & Marie-France Urruty

#### St Joan of Arc & St James Parishes

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**Parish Accountant:** Marina Stevenson    **Parish Secretary:** Elaine Bolitho

**Parish Office Hours:** Tue-Fri: 9.30am-3.30pm.

#### **St James School**

**School Principal:** Brendan Flanagan    **Tel:** 9596 4766

#### **St Joan of Arc School**

**School Principal:** Tony McMahon    **Tel:** 9592 3840

## Services This Week

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)

- ◆ This Sunday at the 11am Mass we welcome for Baptism presentation: Alessia Bronzoni, Eleanor Hyams, Lachlan Orloff and Henry Walker.
- ◆ Please join us for refreshments after the 6pm and 9am Masses at St James. Many thanks to all those who have contributed.

## Come & See What Our Community Believes



We invite you to come along and find out more about the Catholic faith. During October we will commence classes for our R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group. Invite your friends, family, neighbours or anyone who may be interested.

For further details please contact our Pastoral Associate, Carole Cheng at [carole.cheng@cam.org.au](mailto:carole.cheng@cam.org.au) or the parish office on 9593 1703 (Tues, Wed or Fri)

### Priest's Retirement Collection



Many thanks to everyone who donated to the special collection to support our retired priests last week. We raised \$1,610.60.



### Children's Liturgy

We welcome all primary school children to join us for special Children's Liturgy sessions on:

**8th & 15th September**

All sessions at St Joan of Arc Church during 11am Mass. Enq. to Cath Beckingham on 0409 162 971.

## Parish Magazine 2019



Dear parishioners last year we were able to produce a terrific parish magazine thanks to your contributions.

We invite parishioners and parish groups to tell us about activities throughout the year. Send in stories about special birthdays, anniversaries, sacraments celebrated, holidays, photos, cartoons, recipes and any items that may be of interest to parishioners.

Before including photos make sure that you have the permission of those photographed. Please email your submissions to Elaine in the parish office at [Brighton@cam.org.au](mailto:Brighton@cam.org.au) or just call in. Many thanks.

**Saturday 21 September**  
from 8.30am to 4.30pm



- St Bede's College, Mentone
- International Guest-  
**Fr Leo Patalinghug, priest, chef, best-selling author, martial arts teacher, breakdancing choreographer, founder of 'Plating Grace'**
- Register online at [www.cam.org.au/alight19](http://www.cam.org.au/alight19)



We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin nation as the traditional custodians of this place we now call Brighton



## Christian Meditation Conference

Come along to hear Fr Laurence Freeman, a Benedictine monk and director of the World Community for Christian Meditation, who is visiting Melbourne 7-12 October.

He is one of the most significant teachers of meditation in the Christian tradition worldwide and will be speaking on Friday 11 October at 7-9 pm and Saturday 12 October 9.30-3.30 pm at Santa Maria College Polding Centre, 50 Separation St Northcote.

Enquiries [mirellapace49@gmail.com](mailto:mirellapace49@gmail.com) Registrations: [wccmaustralia.booking@gmail.com](mailto:wccmaustralia.booking@gmail.com)

## St Vincent de Paul Hampton Regional Council



### FESTIVAL MASS AND GATHERING Everyone is warmly welcome

**WHEN:** Thursday 26th Sept 7.30pm

**WHERE:** St Finbar's Catholic Church  
86 Centre Road Brighton East.

**RSVP:** Tina Dalen - Support Services

T: 9895 5894 E: [support.services@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:support.services@svdp-vic.org.au)

Family, friends and parishioners are welcome to come along; for catering purposes, please include in your RSVP. We look forward to seeing you there.

### ***Homelessness: Preparing for 2020,*** **Parish Forum, Tuesday 24 September,** **6pm for 6.30-8.30pm**

During 2019 churches and groups across the Melbourne metropolitan area co-operated to provide winter shelter to several hundred rough sleepers on the coldest nights of the year.

This forum will begin to prepare for next winter and help make connections between parishes, churches and groups that will make next year's winter shelter a success.

Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (Entry via car park off Lansdowne Street) RSVP: 20 September 2019 Cost: \$20.00 - concessions available, please contact Lucia Brick. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEOEB> Enquiries: Lucia Brick tel: 9287 5566 or e: [lucia.brick@css.org.au](mailto:lucia.brick@css.org.au)

## Catholic Man Breakfast Series On Friday the 20th September



Features Fr Leo Patalinhug. Fr Leo is being hosted to Australia by several Archdioceses, including The Archdiocese of Melbourne. He has a high profile as a chef, TV host and martial arts exponent which are tools in his real trade of 'evangelizing'. Cost is \$50 with group discounts available. The time is strictly 0700 – 0900 hours. There is a new venue being the Athenaeum Club, 87 Collins St Melbourne (His talk will be "be a man and feed your family").

**This event is cosponsored by the Office of Life Marriage and Family Office of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.**

Enquiries: [michael.bohan@menalive.org.au](mailto:michael.bohan@menalive.org.au)

The *Catholic Man Breakfast Series* is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith.

## Ecumenical Youth Group

Youth Fridays is a program of activity, games, sports, music for young people in the area. St Stephen's Anglican Church and Trinity Uniting Church run the program which is open to all. Christian values are reflected in the conversations and sessions.



Ages are divided into U13's and 13+. Everyone cooks and shares a meal. For details contact Rev'd Paul Carr on 0435 767 867 or Rev'd Kevin Kim on 9592 4176. The group runs each Friday at St Stephen's Anglican Church, 111 North Rd. Brighton. All welcome!

### ***St James Church Roster***

#### **Saturday 6pm Mass on 7 & 14 September**

**Overhead/Set Up:**

**Special Ministers:** Elisa Wilson, Alberto Sabato, Sr Frances Suhr

**Collector:** Peter Chong

**Reader/Com:** Gerry McCusker, Lois White

#### **Sunday 9am Mass on 8 & 15 September**

**Overheard/Set Up:** Steve Lorenzo (o)

**Special Ministers:** Nancy Ohlert, Maureen & Brendan Flanagan

**Collector:** Greg Bentham

**Welcomer:** Brian Dowling

**Reader / Com:** Kevin Custerson, Peter Toms

## FIRST READING: WISDOM 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

## SECOND READING: PHILEMON 9-10.12-14.17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

## GOSPEL LUKE 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does

not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'



Readings Next Week

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Tim 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32

## **Historical** **Context** **Radical poverty**

*The earliest Christian communities were characterized by a redistribution of all wealth and possessions to ensure that the needs of every single member were met. This was the first interpretation of Jesus' teaching to give up possessions to embrace discipleship. Modern religious life, grounded in the monastic traditions of the Middle Ages, embraces a radical poverty in order to free religious from societal notions of status and power so that they might more freely and openly serve others. Lack of possessions and wealth brings a humility and openness that is almost impossible when playing the game of 'keeping up with the Joneses'.*