



## Emmaus Catholic Parish

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

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Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe—Year B

24th November

2024

**Parish Priest:** Fr Ian Ranson  
Retired Priest: Fr Clemente Cafarella  
Parish Secretary: Carmel Cristiano  
Parish Office Hours: Tues— Fri 9am—3.30pm  
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### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 9:30am St Finbar's  
Tues 9:30am St Finbar's  
5:00pm St Joan of Arc Exposition  
5:30pm St Joan of Arc Mass  
Wed 9:30am St Finbar's  
Thurs 9:30am St Finbar's  
Fri 9:15am St Joan of Arc  
9:30am St Finbar's  
Sat 9:30am St Finbar's

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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 mass

**Baptism & Sacrament Registration**  
please call the office to organise.

**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.

### LET US PRAY

**RECENT DEATH**  
John Martin

**SICK**  
Elisabeth Kiernikowski

### ANNIVERSARIES

'History teaches us,' Pope Francis reflects, 'that kingdoms founded on the force of arms and on the abuse of power are fragile and sooner or later collapse.'

Jesus makes clear that his kingdom is not the usual worldly one with which Pilate was familiar. Rather, as the Pope puts it, Jesus 'did not come to dominate but to serve. He did not come amid signs of power, but with the power of signs.'

In our celebration of Christ the King, therefore, we should focus on aligning ourselves and the Church with the values of Jesus' kingdom.

As the Pope suggests, one characteristic of this kingdom is that it is '*liberating*, there is nothing oppressive about it.' Jesus, he adds pointedly, 'treats every disciple as a friend, not as a subject.' The Church, therefore, should be a place of welcome.

The Church should also be a place of transparency and truthfulness. As the Pope says, 'when Jesus reigns in the heart, he frees it from hypocrisy, he frees it from subterfuge, from duplicity.' If we really 'live under the lordship of Jesus,' the Pope points out, then we cannot 'live double lives.' Telling Pilate that he bears witness to 'the truth,' Jesus invites us to do likewise.

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### URGENT HOUSEKEEPING

1. PLEASE RESPECT PRIVACY IN THE PRESBYTERY OF ST JOAN OF ARC.
2. WE CURRENTLY HAVE A RETIRED PRIEST LIVING IN THE HOUSE. THE LOUNGE ROOM, DINING ROOM AND KITCHEN AREA PAST THE MEETING ROOM IS NOT TO BE USED.
3. IF YOU REQUIRE A MEETING AREA ONLY USE THE MEETING ROOM ON THE WALLEN ST SIDE OR DISCUSS WITH THE OFFICE.
4. Confessions are only before mass during the 30 min period. At the 5.30pm mass at St Joan of Arc confessions have been in excess of the 30 min period. Please respect the time. We have volunteers who have dedicated their precious time to assist the priests, give them a lift home and close up the church. They should not be held back for an extra 1-1.5 hours.

## November– Month of the Holy Souls

25th St Catherine of Alexandria

30th St Andrew, Apostle

## Pope Francis appoints two new Melbourne auxiliary bishops

Congratulations to Reverend Father Think Nguyen and Reverend Father Rene Ramirez RCJ on their appointment to the new auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Melbourne by Pope Francis.

**Christmas Giving Tree for the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project.** Many of the tags have been taken ... and the hampers are starting to come in. Thank you!

Please bring your hampers in **this weekend and next**. We will deliver them to BASP on **Monday 2nd Dec** ... which gives the Brigidines' volunteers time to distribute them before the end-of-year rush.

Your gifts are very much appreciated ... messages of thanks from previous years ...

*Thank you so much for kids gifts and food. Love you. God Bless you."*

*Thank you to help you ... I and my child love you .... Miri Christmas and happy new year*

*What a beacon of hope and love through action! So very blessed by your kindness, support and generosity.*



Thank you! To help move hampers on delivery day ... call Philip 0423 109-506

## **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - "GARABANDAL, Only God Knows"**

Come & enjoy a wonderful evening at the movies to watch **"GARABANDAL, Only God Knows"**. The story about four young girls from a poor village in Spain, who experienced from 1961-65 visitations, miracles and messages from our **Heavenly Mother Mary**. Presented by Francis & Patricia Seymon, from the Victorian Garabandal Centre, held in the Marian Room at St Finbar's Church, 86 Centre Rd, East Brighton on Thursday 28th November at 7pm, followed by chats over tea & coffee.

RSVP Rhonda PH 9578 4485 (by 26 November 2024). Look forward to seeing you there!



**Emmaus Parish Advent Carols** at St Finbar's Church, 86 Centre Rd, Brighton East.

Friday 6th December 2024, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Join Emmaus parishioners and singers for a beautiful and unique journey through the Christmas Story. It will be a great way to prepare for the Christmas season. Readings and Carols will be followed by light refreshments in the Marian Room. Everyone welcome! Please RSVP on the form at the back of the church. Hope you can join us.

## St Finbar's & St Joan of Arc Restoration Appeal

If you prefer to donate via online facilities please follow this link or use the QR Code provided.

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## **Emmaus Parish Anointing Mass & luncheon prior to Christmas**

**St Finbar's Church**  
**Tuesday 3rd December, 11am**  
**(No 9.30am mass)**

**If you would like to assist in the preparation of the mass & luncheon please contact the office or priest, asap.**

## **Let us pray together!**

**The Emmaus Charismatic Prayer Group warmly invites you to join us for a Charismatic Mass celebrated by Fr. Ken Barker, MGL**  
**When:** Monday, 25 November 2024  
**Time:** 11:30 am **Where:** St Joan of Arc Church  
**Followed by light refreshments in the Church foyer**

Fr Ken Barker is the founder and moderator of the Missionaries of God's Love religious congregation. The Missionaries of God's Love Priests and Brothers are a Catholic order in Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Indonesia and the Philippines.

## **SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

*We are committed to holding the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.*