



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



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT. Year A

15th March, 2020

**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**

Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us.

We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

*Richard Leonard SJ*



**Remember In Our Prayers**

**Illness:** Anne de Rebello, Barbara Gallo, Marta Elena Hinds, Antony LaRive, Tatiana Mansel, Gabrielle Marylees, George McLean, Freddy McGuigan, Margaret McGrath, Kevin Nichollis, Mary O'Connor, Catherine Ryan, Edward Shelley, Rob Smith, Emily Somers, Brian Taylor, Barbara Turner, Robin Turner

**Recently Deceased:** David Brazier, Marcus Condon, Robert O'Brien

**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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**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 Sunday we welcome the Year 2 students, teachers and families to the 9am and 11am Masses
- ◆ Congratulations to Mia Landman who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist at the 5.30pm Mass
- ◆ Next Sunday Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass



### Project Compassion

Father of four, Barry, embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This program encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and personal relationships and what may be been life-long patterns of violence, abuse and neglect. Today, thanks to the Caritas support, he's an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia.**

**Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### St Joan of Arc Charismatic Prayer Group

Please join our friendly group each Thursday at 8pm in the parish church. All welcome.



#### WEEKLY POCKET PRAYER

**'If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.'**

I pray that I may have the grace and wisdom to hear God's word to me and to take it into my heart.

### Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne continues to monitor the growing concerns related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and has expanded its response in line with national advice promulgated by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference on 4 March 2020. The following is an edited version:

#### Rite of Peace:

- When exchanging the Sign of Peace, individuals should avoid shaking hands but encouraged to say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow

#### Holy Communion:

- All Ministers of Holy Communion should take particular care to wash their hands before and after distribution
- Parishes should cease distributing Holy Communion from the Chalice until further notice. The faithful should be reminded that Christ is fully present under either species
- The Body of Christ may only be administered in the hand

#### Holy Water:

Holy water should be temporarily removed to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus.

#### Alternatives To Sunday Mass:

For those who are too unwell or at particular risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus can honour their Sunday obligation by praying at home, reading Scriptures or watching Mass on television or online at <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

*Please contact the parish office on 9593 1703 if you require any further information.*

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

## Working With Children Check

Many thanks to parishioners who have applied for the WWCC.

If you are a volunteer in the parish please make sure that you apply online by following these steps as soon as possible.



### Step 1: Complete an online application

To apply for a Working With Children Check online go to: [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) There is no application fee for volunteers.

### Step 2: Provide proof of identity

As part of your application, you'll need to verify your identity with us. You can do this in two ways: online, or in-person at a participating Australia Post outlet.

#### Verify your identity online

Verifying your identity online is fast and secure. Your personal details will be submitted to the Australian Government's Document Verification Service (DVS), which compares the identifying information with available government records.

If you successfully verify your identity online, you'll just need to present one acceptable photo ID document at Australia Post when you lodge your application.

When completing your online application form, you'll be prompted to enter the details of **two primary ID documents** from the following list:

- Birth certificate issued by an Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages
- Australian passport
- Australian driver's license
- Australian driver's learner's permit
- Immigration (Immi) card
- Current Australian visa or document for travel within Aust.
- Australian citizenship certificate
- Medicare card
- Marriage certificate issued by the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages (verifies against original name only)

Your documents must be current and when combined, show your full name, date of birth and photo.

#### **Verify your identity in-person**

To verify in-person, you must take **three original proof of identity documents** with you to a participating Australia Post outlet. The three documents must be current and when combined, show your full name, date of birth and photo.

You can't use two of the same type of identity documents to make up the three documents. For example, you can't use two different credit cards. With the exception of Foreign Passports, all proof of identity documentation must be Australian issued.

### Step 3: Lodge your application at an Australia Post outlet

Once you've completed your online application, you'll get an email with instructions on how to finalise your application at Australia Post. Next, take your application and documents to a participating Australia Post outlet and have your photo taken (at no charge to you).



**JOURNEY**  
CATHOLIC RADIO

This week on the Journey - the Gospel reading by Bishop Brian Mascord, reflections on physical and spiritual thirst by Fr Chris Sarkis and Sr Anastasia Reeves. Your favourites, Mother Hilda Scott, Pete Gilmore and Trish McCarthy and great music! And it doesn't stop there! Have a listen and let us know what you think!

Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email. Don't forget to tell your friends or family who you'd like to hear this show.

The Journey is a weekly program developed by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong and is the only Catholic radio program in Australia aired on general Christian radio.

### ***What can I do for vocations ?***

*The best and most important thing is to pray. From March 20-22, there is 23 hours of prayer for vocations to the consecrated life and priesthood in parishes and religious communities around Melbourne.*



*To find out where you can join in the 'Triduum of Prayer', go to [www.cam.org.au/vocations](http://www.cam.org.au/vocations) and click on 'Resources'. Consider joining in one hour around Melbourne for prayer for more vocations.*

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

#### **Saturday 6pm Mass on 21 & 28 March**

**Overhead/Set Up:** Vin Underwood (o)

**Special Ministers:** Ursula Betka, Mary Field, Elisa Wilson

**Collector:** Wendy Lord-Henry

**Reader/Com:** Bella Parker, Gail Hunt

#### **Sunday 9am Mass on 22 & 29 March**

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

**Special Ministers:** Marj Hess, Annie Sheehan, Peter Toms

**Collector:** Vicki-Lee Young

**Welcomer:** Kevin Custerson

**Reader /Com:** Maureen & Brendan Flanagan

**First Reading: Ex 17:3-7**

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

**Second Reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

**Gospel: John 4:5-42**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you

have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

**Readings Next Week**

1 Sam 16:1,6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41