



Bayside Catholic Mission St James & St Joan of Arc Parishes



28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year A

11th October, 2020

Services

Please contact the office regarding baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Online Mass

Sunday at 11am.

Click on the links at :

<https://baysidecatholicmission.org>

or

<https://bit.ly/BaysideCatholicMission>

Parish Groups

Most groups are not currently meeting.

Card Players:

First Thursday of the month in the St Joan of Arc presbytery meeting room from 11.30am.

Meditation:

Mon 10am in presbytery at St Joan of Arc.

Prayer Group:

Thursday at 8pm, 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.

St Vincent de Paul Society

For welfare assistance ph: 1800 305 330.

Parish Contacts

Parish Priests: Fr David Cartwright & Fr Dean Mathieson

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Reflection On The Gospel

These days young couples ask for their children to be baptised for a variety of reasons. Initially, it's clear that for some, baptism is an elaborate naming ceremony, or the ritual preliminaries to having a 'we've had a baby party'. For others, while they don't quite know why they want baptism, they just know they do. And for some parents it's clear that they wish to pass on to their children the life of Christ that has nurtured them.

At the baptismal ceremony, I always begin by saying that for the first three centuries of the Church's history, this sacrament was celebrated at dawn on the Easter Vigil not only because the rising sun symbolised Christ's light dawning in our lives, but because baptism was always done in secret. For 300 years Christians who took the waters of baptism at dawn could be dead by lunchtime. For them, baptism was no social day out; it was a life and death commitment.

In the parable of the King's banquet, Jesus foreshadows the days when those whom one would expect to be Christian would reject the invitation to faith, and those thought least likely to respond to God's call would flock into the Church.

Since the earliest days of Christianity, the Wedding Banquet was seen as a metaphor for two things: the Eucharist and Eternal Life. Curiously, this parable, while using the imagery of the Banquet, is less concerned about the meal and more about who's in and who's out, and why!

We can see this through the tenants who turn down the opportunity to go to a Royal Wedding – still an almost unimaginable thing to do. It's seen in the poor who recognise the gift and the giver, get dressed up and have somewhere to go. And it's seen in the impostor who is not correctly dressed for the occasion and is speechless when called to account.

This last character is clearly the one in the earliest Christian community who has taken the waters of baptism, but was betraying St Matthew's persecuted community. When discovered, people like this guest were thrown out. In Matthew's time, impostors cost lives.

So what does all this have to say to our own time? It's not about how one dresses for Mass or for Eternal life! It's not about the fear of being found wanting in being able to mouth the right words when called to account. It is about being poor enough to recognise the gift of God in the invitation to faith and about being generous enough to respond completely. For taking care about what we say and do, the values by which we live our lives at home, at work, at play and in the way we relate to each other is how we show that we mean what we profess. It is also how others legitimately judge whether we are really genuine about our faith or just another impostor.

Like the earliest Christians, when we were baptised we were clothed in a white garment – a wedding robe. Like theirs, our baptismal day was no naming ceremony and no social day out. It was the day we were issued with a standing invitation to the feast of life in Christ where people act as they profess, and where frauds are spotted a mile away.

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Remember In Our Prayers

Illness: Kuldip Ahluwalia, Nici Bonning, Angela Boston, Anne de Rebello, Kevin Fox, Alan Giles, Marj Hess, Geraldine Kennedy, Antony LaRive, Tatiana Mansel, Gabrielle Marylees, Margaret McGrath, Freddy McGuigan, Kevin Nichollis, Catherine Ryan, Edward Shelley, Rob Smith, Brian Taylor, Barbara Turner, Robin Turner, Walter Uhlenbruch

Anniversaries: Maria Reitano, Rod Sullivan



Mass This Sunday

We are being spiritually united each Sunday at 11am at www.baysidecatholicmission.org and praying in our own time and way at home. This Sunday Mass (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time) will be streamed from Sacred Heart Church, Sandringham. Click on the link to view <https://bit.ly/BaysideCatholicMission>

The liturgy guide and prayers and a good range of prayer suggestions and can be accessed at: <https://catholic.org.au/prayathome#Sunday>

Bayside Mission 2020– 'Where to from here?'

We will be having a series of four weekly talks and discussions about the Bayside Catholic Mission and how we can engage and support each other and the concept of mission in our communities and beyond. More information about the format and the speakers will be announced soon.

In the meantime, please keep the dates free: Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November at 7.30pm.

Further details on the Bayside Catholic Mission in the letter from the pastors.

AN OPEN INVITATION TO JOIN St Joan of Arc Charismatic Prayer Group

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is a spiritual movement within the Catholic Church. It started 53 years ago, and it was blessed by every Pope. Pope Francis calls the movement 'a current of grace for the whole Church'.

Our group at St Joan of Arc started 28 years ago. The prayer meeting has been a place where many people have found a new dimension to their spiritual lives and have discovered the love of God in a more profound way.

St Paul wrote in 1 Cor 14:26: "When you assemble, one has a hymn, another some instruction to give, still another a revelation to share, one speaks in a tongue, another interprets. Let all things be done to build up the community."

With COVID restrictions we moved our meetings to ZOOM. We get together on every Thursday night at 8pm.

Please join us by sending an email to sja.brighton.prayer.group@gmail.com to receive an invite to ZOOM.



St Joan of Arc Centenary 2021



Hello everyone!

I'm very excited to be a part of the planning committee for the St Joan of Arc Centenary celebrations. My family has been involved in the St Joan of Arc parish for four generations, with three generations still regularly attending Sunday Mass.

This is a significant event for all of our parishioners, and it's wonderful to have something to look forward to after the tough year we've all had.

I'm really looking forward to hearing all your ideas at our meeting next week. Everyone who has contacted us to be a part of the planning team will be sent a Zoom link.

Please email the parish office before Thursday if you haven't received the link or would like to be included in the meeting.

Cath Beckingham

Cooking Fun

The students at St James have been busy during remote learning putting together a cookbook of their favourite recipes. The proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will go to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

Our Brighton SVDP Conferences are anticipating a much increased call for our support at Christmas time this year so this lovely fundraising gesture by St James students and families will be most welcome.



St James' Favourite Recipes

Buy now for Christmas gifts.

- Closing date for orders is Fri 30th October.
- Each Book costs \$15 plus booking fee (\$0.88).
- To purchase please follow this link:
- <https://www.trybooking.com/BLZTU>

Books can be collected from 64 Martin St Brighton the week beginning 30th November.

A message will be sent if alternative plans for receiving your book need to be made due to COVID. Many thanks for your support.

Stewardship Pledges

We hope that everyone is continuing to do well.

Thank you for your continued messages of support to our parish community – both in St James and St Joan of Arc.

As you will appreciate, our normal sources of collection through our weekly masses have just about ceased however we are still faced with ongoing overheads for both parishes.

I know that both Fr David and Fr Dean have appreciated all the financial support that is being given by our community.

Contributions for the support of Fr David and Fr Dean, can be made through the Church Account - please notate this on your banking detail as "First Collection".

We are all so thankful again for your continued financial support to both the House and Church Account.

BSB : 083347 Account Number: 64341 9112

Account Name : St Joan of Arc Church

BSB: 083347 Account Number: 6633 09906

Account Name: St James Church

Alternatively, we can also offer the option of CDFPay:

St Joan of Arc Link: [CDFpay for St Joan of Arc Parish, Brighton](#)

St James Link: [CDFpay for St James' Parish, Gardenvale](#)

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call me on 0439 031 900. We are more than happy to chat with you and discuss any issues that you may have.

We very much look forward to seeing you at the parish office, when we are able to resume working.

Thank you.

Warm regards, Marina Stevenson.



World Mental Health Day - 10 October

This year many of us are more acutely aware than ever of the challenges of nurturing good mental health in ourselves, our families and communities. World Mental Health Day is a good opportunity to reflect on the Social Justice Statement *To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia today*, and to access the *Do Not Be Afraid* website's guidelines and resources to assist parishes in welcoming and supporting people with mental ill-health and their families.

[Read more...](#)



Exploring Pope Francis' new encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*:

On Fraternity and Social Friendship

Pope Francis has written his third encyclical entitled *Fratelli tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship)*, which he addresses to all people of goodwill and offers as a proposal for a way of life 'marked by the flavour of the Gospel'.

Following the release of the new encyclical, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli encouraged the faithful to read the pope's words: 'Situated as we are in the latter stages of this Pandemic, *Fratelli tutti* offers much that we might embrace as we determine who we are as people of God in Melbourne, and how we might emerge from this time of exile to go on mission into the world with the beating heart of Jesus. I urge everyone to read it, and to then return to it with time and space to draw more deeply into the riches within.'

Continue reading

A man walks into a library and orders a hamburger. The librarian says, "This is a library."

The man apologizes and whispers, "I'd like a hamburger, please."



Dear Parishioners,

You are invited!

Nazareth Parish
Pastoral Council are
pleased to present the
inaugural



**Comedy Night,
Friday 30th October
7pm-8pm on ZOOM.**

Entertained by award winning comedian Ben Price (from Australia's Got Talent). This family-friendly event will be sure to put a smile on your face!

Set yourself up with some wine, cheese and sit back and relax for a light-hearted hour of fun with your fellow parishioners!

Details to follow in next week's bulletin."

Michael Staunton