



Bayside Catholic Mission St James & St Joan of Arc Parishes



29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year A

18th 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

There are people inside and outside the Church who think that Christ did not give the Church a mandate to speak about political matters. They regularly quote the Gospel we have just heard to support their case. But if one knows and understands the context and meaning within which this text was written it provides no ammunition for those who want the Church to stay indoors, reflect on things 'spiritual', preach the eternal verities, and sing hymns more ancient than modern.

In Jesus' day, we know that some people thought he was a Zealot. Zealots were a well-organised group who agitated for the end of the Roman occupation of Israel. One of the things Zealots did was withhold paying the Roman taxes. We can see why some people thought Jesus may have been a Zealot. He took the part of the poor, the sick, women and those who lived on the fringes of society. He attacked the religious authorities of his day and certainly stirred up trouble in many places he went. On the other hand he rejected violence, taught his followers to pray for their enemies and to return good for evil. Jesus showed us that the justice and equality God longs to see in the world comes from a community which is converted by love, not by weapons, fear or revenge. Jesus was no Zealot.

Rather than undermine civil authority, however, Jesus, in this passage, supports it. But he does more. 'Give to Caesar what is Caesar's' is followed by 'And give to God, what is God's', which encompasses all the Caesars of this world, all civil authorities and states. The sense that we as the People of God can split off our obligations to the Gospel from the State is as false as it's dangerous.

We only have to think of some of the darkest chapters last century to see what happens when good, church-going people, like us, do not put their Sunday devotion in touch with their Monday politics. Evil can reign.

Christian leaders, who are charged to proclaim and defend the Gospel, are obliged to use whatever forum necessary to declare that God's personal love encompasses everyone and everything under heaven. As the prophet Isaiah reminds us today, God calls each one of us by name.

At times we may not agree with our religious leaders; we may think them ill informed; we may even think they have overstepped the mark. If this is the case we should tell them, enable them to consider other perspectives and to broaden the basis upon which they make their judgments. But we should never be seduced by those who want the Church sidelined from the mainstream of the debates that shape the way we live, the values we share, the laws we draft and the priorities we draw up for our human community.

If the Church shows disinterest in any of this, it is untrue to the very things for which Jesus lived, died and was raised from the dead. By all means we should give to Caesar all that Caesar is justly entitled to have for the sake of the common good. A higher allegiance, however, goes to God, who will call all Caesars to account for what they have done and what they failed to do. And we might be asked to explain how we let them get away with it in the first place.

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Remember In Our Prayers

Illness: Kuldip Ahluwalia, 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



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 will be streamed from St Joseph's Black Rock. Click on the link to view <https://bit.ly/BaysideCatholicMission>

Mass Times

At the end of the Mass this Sunday, we will be making an announcement about Sunday Mass times. The video presentation will then be available to view on the website.

Praying and meeting together

As the current restrictions allow religious gatherings of five people and a 'faith leader' we can have some prayer gatherings of five people at a time. Although it is a small group, nonetheless, it is some opportunity to pray and spend time with each other and for Fr Dean and I to get to know some of you.

- **Saturday 17th AND 24th Oct, 12pm or 1pm at St Mary's, Hampton**
<https://www.trybooking.com/BMBPE>
- **Wednesday 21st Oct, 10am or 11am at St Joan of Arc, Brighton**
<https://www.trybooking.com/BMBPK>

Parish Meetings

We will hold meetings for each community via Zoom in a couple of weeks. It will be an opportunity to give an update about various matters pertaining to parishes.

Please register by clicking on the links below, or go to the website.

- **St James - Tues 27th Oct, 6:30pm**
<https://www.trybooking.com/BMCRD>
- **St Joan of Arc - Tues 27th Oct, 7:45pm**
<https://www.trybooking.com/BMCRG>

Bayside Mission 2020– 'Where to from here ?'

Save the date for our series of four weekly talks and discussions about the Bayside Catholic Mission as we look to the future. More information about the format and the speakers (including the Archbishop!) 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.

The Living Water Website

(Recommended by the Social Justice Group)

"Tapping into a deep spring of love and wisdom; healing balm for our troubled times.

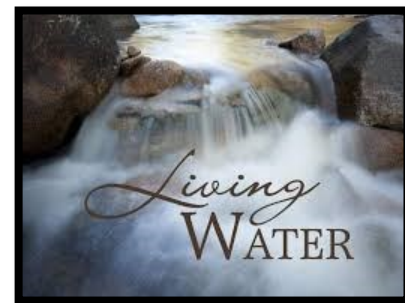
Jesus called it 'living water', with which we will never thirst."

Meditation simplifies us...

to the point where we can receive the fullness of truth and fullness of love.

John Main OSB

<https://www.thelivingwater.com.au/>



We can help!

As special government support is wound back, many people who would not normally need assistance may be experiencing severe difficulties.

We would ask that parishioners be alert as to any friends, neighbours or family members who may be in need, and encourage them to contact the St Vincent de Paul welfare assistance line;

1800 305 330 Mon-Friday 10am-3pm



Message from
Gardenvale and Brighton
St Vincent de Paul conferences

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 fund-raising 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.

You are invited!

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



Please [click here](#) to secure your place at the online Comedy Night featuring award winning comic and master impersonator Ben Price (Australia's Got Talent)!

This family-friendly hour of laughs is free and guaranteed to bring a smile to your face so BOOK NOW! A zoom link will be emailed to all registrations on the morning of the event.

For event enquiries, please contact Lynn Chen, Parish Office on 9589 2271.

Proudly supported by the Nazareth Parish Pastoral Council.

These are a couple of Ben Price's comedy.

<https://youtu.be/e1IQPsKjISU>

<https://youtu.be/DmHbWR-aUSo>

Michael Staunton

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Saint Mary MacKillop's canonization

15 things you didn't know about St Mary MacKillop

Mary MacKillop was born on Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. She lived in 18 houses over a period of 15 years. She spent her mission activity largely in the north-eastern parts of Melbourne where all the poorest people lived. To celebrate ten years since St Mary MacKillop's canonisation, we look at these and various other lesser-known details about the life of Australia's first saint.



Continue reading

Online Safety

The eSafety Commissioner has recently published a free e-book resource 'Online safety for grandparents and carers' which provides advice about online safety issues that children and young people may experience. This resource provides "key advice about online safety issues that can affect children and young people" including practical tips to help grandparents and carers to talk about these issues with children and young people and manage them.



Helpful topics include: setting up devices safely; managing time online; preventing unsafe contact from strangers as well as a guide to some of the most popular sites and apps.

Grandparents and carers can order a hard copy or download and view the resource online:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparents-carers>

Majellan Day Online Family Liturgy Live on Facebook

Sunday 18th October from 2.20pm

Liturgy, Live Music, Family Blessings and much more to celebrate our Annual Majellan Day. Send your Prayers and Intentions to us and a Redemptorist Priest will bless them during the liturgy.



Join on Facebook YouTube or on www.majellan.media

The Liturgy includes music, a homily, the blessing of intentions, and much more. We would love you to join us and

help make this Majellan Day the best ever!

www.majellan.media

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 note 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.

Sam shows up at a revival meeting, seeking help. "I need you to pray for my hearing," he tells the preacher.

The preacher puts his fingers on Sam's ears and prays and prays. When he's done, he asks, "How's your hearing now?"

"I don't know," says Sam. "I don't go to court till next Tuesday."

