



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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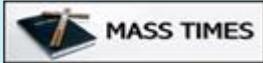
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Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (8:30am – 3:30pm)

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

Parish Secretary: Liz Kelly

Finance Officer: Angela Smith



WEEKDAY MASSES

All Masses (provide details upon entry – no booking required.)

Brighton

Monday: 9:15am

Sandgate

Tuesday: 7am

Thursday: 5.30pm

Friday: 7am

WEEKEND MASSES

All Masses (for 100 people only). Provide details upon entry – no booking required.

Brighton

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7am

Sandgate

Sunday: 9am and 5pm

SCHOOL MASSES

St Kieran's School

Date: TBA

Principal: Ben Gray

Phone: 3269 5989

Sacred Heart School

Date: TBA

Principal: Julian Cotter

Phone: 3269 3427



Saturdays at Sandgate 11.30am (1st Rite)

Bookings via Parish Office required.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 16 August 2020

COME TO JESUS WITH GREAT FAITH

On this weekend we are invited to meditate and reflect on the Kingdom of God and our salvation. All three readings today speak of the expansive and universal nature of the "Kingdom of God". Although God set the Hebrew people apart as His chosen race, He included all nations in His plan for salvation and blessed all families of the earth.

By declaring through the prophet Isaiah in the first reading "*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples,*" God reveals the truth that in His eyes there is no distinction among human beings on the basis of race, caste or colour.

In the Gospel story, Jesus demonstrates that salvation was meant for the Gentiles as well as for the Jews by healing the daughter of a Gentile woman as a reward for her strong Faith. Thus, Jesus shows that God's mercy and love are available to all who call out to Him in Faith. Most of the miracles in the Gospels happened as result of Jesus' proactive response to a human need. Jesus was very sensitive and he always responded to the needs of others and miracles happened.

An insight we can gather from this incident is the perseverance of the woman. In spite of humiliating experience or response she did not give up, but she continued her effort and finally she succeeded in achieving her goal. In our life too we may have negative and disappointing experiences when we pursue certain goals. If we believe that we can achieve our goals with the power of God that is within us, every failure will be seen as a stepping stone on the road to success. There is a famous story about Thomas Alva Edison regarding his discovery of electric bulb. It is said that he tried 10000 times to discover electric bulb and succeed at

10000th time. When somebody asked him what he felt when he failed 9999 times he said, I did not fail, but I learned that 9999 ways do not work. If we have faith in the God who is indwelling in us, we will never get disappointed; we will continue trying till we achieve our goal.

Fr. Joseph Kanatt MCBS Parish Priest

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7) Thus says the Lord: Have care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

SECOND READING: (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32) Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle and I am proud of being sent but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you and in this way save some of them. Since rejection means the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL: (Matthew 15:21-28) Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply. 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



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22/23 AUGUST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS
5pm Saturday Brighton	K Lynch P Ryan J Moore	E Harte
7am Sunday Brighton	P Pehrson F Edwards B Gray	
9am Sunday Sandgate	K Coffey M Bastian C McLaren	J Murdoch
5pm Sunday Sandgate	L Butler TBA	
	CHURCH CLEANING	
Brighton	TBA	
Sandgate	M Concannon F Edwards	

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION: Mass will be offered in Brighton Church this Saturday, 15 August, at 9am. All Welcome!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: This weekend, 45 children in the Sacramental Program will be attending workshops either before the Saturday evening Mass at Brighton or after the Sunday morning Mass at Sandgate. We look forward to sharing Mass with these children and their families during this period of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

MASS SERIES: For the next couple of weeks, we will be showing the 'Mass Series' videos presented by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at all weekend Masses. These short videos break open the parts of the Mass, and will be shown in place of the homily. This week, the videos will cover 'Greeting, Penitential Act and Opening Prayer'.

COVID-SAFE PROTOCOLS: We wish to thank all parishioners for continuing to follow the Covid-Safe plan to ensure we are able to remain compliant. We ask that you continue to remain vigilant in the following practices –

- Arrive early enough to sign-in and be seated before Mass begins;
- Sign-in using full contact details;
- Sanitize before entering the church;
- Sit in next available seating as directed;
- Maintain social distancing (particularly during sign-in and when leaving the church.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated by those volunteering to help you stay safe.

CHURCH ROSTERS: You may have noticed a change in the publication of church rosters. Each weekend, the newsletter will advise the rosters for the following weekend. If you would like a copy of your roster, please contact the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION:

- We offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at Sandgate at 11.30am. If you would like to attend, bookings are to be made via the Parish Office
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CHURCH AV EQUIPMENT: We are now opening a new roster to invite parishioners to operate the AV screen at weekend Masses. If you would like to join this roster, please either contact the Parish Office or speak to the Sacristan at Mass this weekend.

ADORATION: Eucharistic Adoration is offered in Sacred Heart Church every Thursday following the 5.30pm Mass and continues until 7pm. *"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."*

St Teresa of Calcutta

VOCATION VIEW: It is so easy to push people out of our lives but the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION: The next session will be held this **Sunday 4 October** in the Sandgate Parish Hall. Bookings are to be made via the Parish Office.

ANNUAL PARISH DINNER: This year, our Annual Parish Dinner will be held at Bracken Ridge Tavern on Saturday 10 October. Please mark your diary and join us for what has always been a wonderful night for our parish community. Ticket details to follow.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Candice THOMSON, Leslie RODRIGUES Bob MUNRO and Meredith KELLY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS: For Ronald AWANG (HENDERSON) Lois CORNELL, Lorna LEIGH, Ellenor POWER and Dianna WILLIAMS who died recently and for John MCMAHON, Maureen CURREN, Darryl GLEESON, Anastacia RABBITT, John McKEOWN, Tony HOGAN, Ferenc OCSENAS, Anna OCSENAS, Vincent DOWNES, Jean KELLY, Carmel JEFFREYS and Joseph RYAN whose anniversaries occur around this time..

