



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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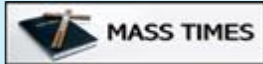
Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Office: 3324 3752

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

Saturday: 9:00am

Sandgate

Tuesday: 7am

Thursday: 5.30pm

followed by Adoration until 7pm

Friday: 7am

WEEKEND MASSES

Sign in at the door.

Brighton

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7am

Sandgate

Sunday: 9am and 5pm

Regis Aged Care: TBA

SCHOOL MASSES

St Kieran's School

Date: TBA

Principal: Ben Gray

Phone: 3269 5989

Sacred Heart School

Date: TBA

Principal: Jo Kimmins

Phone: 3269 3427



Saturdays at Sandgate 11.30am (1st Rite)

Bookings via Parish Office required.

Brighton: 4pm (2nd Rite)

2nd Saturday each month.

Next one: 11 September

Reconciliation is also available at other times by appointment.

TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 29 AUGUST 2021

This week's reflection is offered by Fr Gary Walker

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

These are the words of the prophet Hosea but they go right to the heart of genuine religion. The Jewish people knew them well. The wonderful prayer of the Jewish people, the Shema "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might" are a fitting background to this gospel.

Scholars say that Mark wrote his gospel especially for Gentiles living in Rome who were attracted to the Christian faith. They had not been brought up with the observances such as washing hands before meals, rituals that made people 'pure' or 'impure'. If they became Christians, did they have to observe these traditions? In fact, such traditions gave people a sense of identity.

In every age people perform certain acts which identify them with a particular faith-tradition or ethnicity. Muslims do not eat pork. This characteristic is not theirs alone but it goes towards identifying them in a certain way.

We know that Mark was writing his gospel after the destruction of the Temple. The Romans destroyed the heart and soul of the Jewish religion so where were the people now? The Jewish Christians continued to be Jewish in their manner and thinking. No doubt they started to change when as Christians they were excluded from the synagogues? But their ritual practices are a part of the ongoing story in the Acts of the Apostles.

In this Sunday reading Mark describes a full-blooded confrontation with the Pharisees and the scribes. This has already occurred earlier in the gospel but now the antagonism is clear and heated. Their discussion had to have something to kick start it and the Pharisees see the disciples eating food with unwashed hands which provokes them because they were strong on these practices which they received from the elders.

But such actions were not part of the Torah. Jesus points out to them that they are tied up in trivial things like washing hands which has nothing to do with true worship of God. They place too much emphasis on these issues which are a distraction from the real work of loving God as the Shema demands them to do.

Jesus calls them hypocrites! He quotes the prophet Isaiah who criticises the people from an earlier time for paying lip service to God while their hearts were far from God. Hosea spoke on this same theme.

Jesus says with great insight, 'Nothing that goes into a man from outside makes him unclean, it is the things that come out of a man that makes him unclean'. True religion comes from the heart where we battle with goodness and evil intentions. Let us battle with the important issues, not the trivial.

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| 4/5 SEPTEMBER | MINISTERS OF THE WORD | EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS |
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| 5pm Saturday Brighton | F Shepherd P Ryan H Boon | |
| 7am Sunday Brighton | D Smith J Chadwick P McNamara | |
| 9am Sunday Sandgate | S Bria P Carrigan TBA | J Murdoch |
| 5pm Sunday Sandgate | M Judd K Coffey J Monroe | |
| COUNTERS (MONDAY) | 30/8 P Ryan C Rosenberg-O'Brien | 6/9 G Jesberg D Abberton |
| CHURCH CLEANING | Week ending 5 September | |
| Brighton | D Abberton | |
| Sandgate | M Bernard | |

WEEKEND READERS: This weekend, our readers are:

5pm Sat P Ryan C Hickey TBA
 7am Sun R Heap M Heap J Chadwick
 9am Sun S Bria TBA TBA
 9am Sun Eucharistic Minister: L Kelly
 5pm Sun S Butler B Fallis J Monroe

WARDENS ROSTER NEXT WEEK 4/5 SEPT:

5pm Brighton: M Bernard K Munday
 7am Brighton: Dennis Madden K Donohue
 9am Sandgate: Maria Tansell C Vuillemain
 5pm Sandgate: V Rasquinha

VALE TRISH MORRISON: Someone was missing when we gathered for refreshments after a Celebration of Life Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Friday. For years Trish and the hospitality team have prepared, served and then washed dishes for many, many such celebrations and parish gatherings as well. While we know Trish has gone to her eternal reward, still we missed her. Trish was a most dedicated member of our parish – not only as part of the hospitality team but over the years as a parish councillor, secretary of the liturgy committee and part of the Sacramental Program. Rest in peace Trish.

CHILDRENS WORKSHEETS: We now have Children's Activity Sheets available at the church door. Each week, these sheets provide activities that focus on the weekend Gospel reading. Coloured pencils are available at the church door for the children to use.

PERPETUAL ADORATION: The Nundah Banyo Parish are preparing to re-instate Perpetual Adoration. If you would like to be involved in their weekly roster, please contact Roy or Fiona on 0412 802 122.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: The Enrolment Mass for the families in our next program will be celebrated on the weekend of 9/10 October. Please continue to pray for these families during this time.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A COVID-SAFE live-out weekend – relationship enrichment for married couples, priests and religious will be held from **Friday evening of 15 October to the afternoon of 17 October 2021 (including Mass)** at Trinity College, Beenleigh (south of Brisbane) – going home on the Friday and Saturday evenings. For bookings/details contact Maria and David Murphy, (07) 3342 1456

SEASON OF CREATION: From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world celebrate Season of Creation. The theme for 2021 is "A home for all? Renewing the oikos of God", oikos is the Greek word for home or household. All are welcome to join Queensland Churches Environment Network in celebrating the start of Season of Creation. St Stephen's Cathedral, Wednesday 1 September – 7pm. Speaker: Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Also livestreamed at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

VOCATION VIEW: Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately be overcome through prayer, perseverance and love. 'Do what the word tells you.' Be doers of the word.

DATE CLAIMER - GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

MASS: The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 25th September commencing at 11.30am. The invitation is extended to family and friends. Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions, refreshments following the Mass will not be offered. Bookings will be available from **Monday 13 September** and can be made by calling the Cathedral office on 07 3324 3030.

SAFEGUARDING POLICY: The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

Here, at Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish, we are committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Your assistance to ensure all in our community are protected is greatly appreciated.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Nan HAUFF, Maryann LEWIS, Carmel ORDERS, Shirley RYAN, Dell PURTILL, Susan HENDERSON, Kirryn ROKER, Esther HARTE, Raymond LAOULECH, Maria LEPAGE, Lorraine ANDERSEN, Kathleen OPITZ, Trent QUINLAN, Nancy BYRNE, Dave CHINNERY, Lloyd NOLAN, Helen HOGAN, Leslie RODRIGUES.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE

SOULS: For Trish MORRISON, Michael QUINLAN, Sr Mary CABRINI RSM, Sr Marie Therese ROSENBERG RSM, Fr Dan CARROLL, Phyllis SHEPPARD, Sr Elizabeth PRENDERGAST, Luke FARRELLY, Jan DEMNAR, Sr Eliza POINTING RSM, Patricia MITCHELL, Lyndsay ROBERTSON, Maria KLIMECKY, Maria McLAUGHLIN, Jolana VASIL, Sr Helen MARY PERRETT, Frans THIORIS, Rachel HAMMOND, Sr Franceen BLAYLOCK RSM, Sr Margaret KANOWSKI RSM. who died recently and for Anastacia RABBITT, Darryl GLEESON, Aunty ROSA and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.