



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23 September 2018

### INTELLIGENT IS NOT ENOUGH

(Wis 2:12, 17-24; Jas 3: 16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37).

The Book of Wisdom was written in Egypt, yet 'wisdom' is far more than any Egyptian story. The Egyptians once 'knew everything' and puzzled the ancient world, but over time their knowledge had been lost. The Germans originated the Ph.D. degree, pursuing knowledge mainly for power, until knowledge-for-power emptied Germany into powerlessness; and gave them a bad name. Today, the Americans are selling 'American smartness' the way Detroit sells cars.

But if intellectual smartness alone were the solution to all problems, why are problems now mutating and multiplying for the Americans? Knowledge, intelligence, being smart is not enough! To say that today's first reading comes from the 'Wisdom of Solomon', is to lay claim that we know where it comes from – God inspired it. Those who dismiss respect for God in the world or ridicule religious truth often claim to have freedom, but ultimately their **bondage** crumbles the world around them.

That the godless often lie in wait against the virtuous is something confirmed by our daily experiences. And, precisely because the battle of good and evil first rages within each one of us, the second reading throws a caution that we be guided by authentic wisdom, rather than by mere human knowledge. Here, is how St. James puts it: 'wherever you find jealousy, ambition and disharmony: wicked things are being done. But *'the wisdom that comes from above'* is pure, full of compassion and shows itself by doing good' (Jas 3:17).

'Wisdom' and 'knowledge' therefore, seek to be more properly qualified and clarified. Far from being one, often they have very little connection. What we call 'knowledge' is mainly information and awareness based on experience. But the common collective experience is that head-knowledge, godless intelligence and empty human smartness strip the best of our humanity into nakedness. Without the quality of God's truth and the character of God's will, our smart intelligence becomes a 'babel'; or a confusion over everything we know. We can be grey-haired professors and still fail in faith and remain very

foolish indeed! The truly wise know of their dependence on God.

Thus, the Gospel brings in a lesson about the lack of wisdom on the part of the disciples. The same happens in us when we bring false presumptions to the Christian life we are called to live. Rather than seek to understand Jesus, they presume their own standards as the paradigm to be applied to Jesus. They didn't reject Jesus. They were foolish for making no efforts to understand him. Jesus' call meant opportunities to be of service; they saw discipleship as opportunity to be honoured. We too, can become humbler and wiser, when we see a deeper reason to bear with one another and serve one another in love'; and learn every day from Christ who came **to serve**, and **to give** his life.

Among the things making our headlines today are the bad examples that we have given – as priests, as parents, as politicians. Where, for example, we abuse children or seek to arrogate to ourselves, all rights – including right to kill our children even up to a day before their birth – for whatever reason from a troubled parent, supported by 'professional' opinions. This does not show we are wise.

But **why did Jesus take a little child?** Are we struck that Christ 'took a little child, puts his arms round him, and said: whoever welcomes a child for my sake, welcomes me' (Mk 9:37). Once again, the intelligent smartness and power paradigm of this world are stood on its head by Jesus. Jesus reminds us to be careful and to remember that our thoughts are not God's thoughts neither are our ways God's ways. He prefers the child to remind us just how un-child-like we are in the ways we are drawn to evil; selfishness, arrogance, jealousy and the vengeful habits which divide, enslave and impoverish us.

Fr Modestus



### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### Brighton

**Monday:** 9.15am

#### Sandgate

**Tuesday:** 7.00am

**Thursday:** 5.30pm

*Eucharistic Adoration begins 12 noon Thursday and continues after Mass until 11pm.*

**Friday:** 7.00am

#### Regis Aged Care:

**Thursday:** 10.30am 4 Oct (Musgrave)

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Saturday:

Eventide Chapel: 9.30am  
Brighton Church: 5pm

#### Sunday:

Brighton: 7am  
Sandgate: 9am & 5pm

#### Name Tag Sunday:

4th weekend of the month

#### Parish Council Meeting:

3rd Thursday of the month

### SCHOOL MASSES

#### St Kieran's School:

Thursday 18 October 9am  
School Mass  
Principal: Ben Gray  
Phone: 3269 5989

#### Sacred Heart School:

Thursday 20 Sept 9am  
Sacred Heart Mercy Mass  
Principal: Julian Cotter  
Phone: 3269 3427



### Saturdays

Sandgate: 11.30am – 12pm  
Except 15 Sept  
Brighton: 4pm (2nd Rite)  
1st Saturday of the month

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.



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**WELCOME!** If you are new to the Parish or are visiting, we are glad you have come to share Eucharist with us today. New Parishioner cards which can be put in the collection plate are at the rear of the Church.

**RCIA:** Do you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith? Our next RCIA program begins in October. All enquiries are welcome at the Parish Office.

**SPRING DAY:** The Parish Pastoral Council would like to extend many thanks to those who donated their time, talents, goods and cheer towards our very successful day. Our aim was to build community and for those who attended that certainly was evident. It is our hope that this will be the first of these sorts of events.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** Would you like to be a parish Altar Server? All children who have received the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion are invited to be trained in this vital Ministry in our parish. If you would like to be part of this dedicated team, please contact the Parish Office.

**SACRED HEART SODALITY RAFFLE:** The prize is a Statue of Our Lady (approx. 710mm tall). Picture on noticeboard. Tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. To be drawn on Sunday 28 October. Tickets available after Mass every weekend.

**GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOP:** An introductory workshop that looks at the history, and the enduring spirituality, of this sacred oral music. Latin pronunciation and chant notation will be covered, and simple chants will be learnt, and sung, in the beautiful acoustic Church. The \$10 cost covers materials, and an afternoon tea. **Saturday 13 October**, 1-3.30pm, Sacred Heart Church, Sandgate. RSVP Monday 8 October, Frankie Pepper 0414 011 906

**NATIONAL ROSARY FOR PEACE:** Our parish Legion of Mary group will be joining the National Rosary for Peace by leading Rosary on Saturday 13 October. More details to follow. All Welcome!

**ANNUAL PARISH DINNER: Saturday 13 October** - Bracken Ridge Tavern. Pre-dinner drinks in the Phoenix Bar from 6.30pm. Dinner from 7pm. All welcome. Please bring your family and friends. Tickets \$55 per person and include canapés on arrival and 2 course dinner. Drinks may be purchased from the bar. Enquiries: John and Donna McKeown 3269 6239; Jim and Catherine Murdoch 0407 400 311.

**To avoid disappointment, please order your tickets before Friday 5 October.**

[Tickets can be paid for on-line - BSB 064 786 Account No. 51541 0100 Ref: Parish Dinner (Surname)]  
Or pay with credit card via parish website: [www.sandgatebrightoncatholic.org.au/donations-bequests-payments.html](http://www.sandgatebrightoncatholic.org.au/donations-bequests-payments.html)  
Please email your contact details and ticket requirements to the Parish Office.

**ROSARY PROCESSION:** Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession will be begin at St Stephen's Cathedral 10.30am **Saturday 20 October 2018**. Flyers on the notice boards. For more information contact 0412 802 122.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** New envelopes (beginning 7 October) are available for collection from Sacred Heart Church this weekend. If you would like to be involved in the Parish Planned Giving Program, please contact the Parish Office or complete a Planned Giving Form pinned to the noticeboard at the back of the church – return it in an envelope on the collection plate.

**CARE AND CONCERN:** Are you aware of a parishioner in need of assistance? Transport to medical appointments or church, a neighbourly visit, meals in times of need etc. Our Care and Concern team are here to assist our community. Contact the Care and Concern Coordinator via the Parish Office.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:** If you are yet to undertake this training some additional nearby venues will be offering training. This month training will be on **Wednesday 26 September** 6.30pm Mango Hill

Check the notice board for a full list of training dates to the end of this year. Please contact the Parish Office to register your place.

**VINNIES:** In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." Your gift to the St Vincent de Paul Society, via the poor box, will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them.

**VOCATION VIEW:** When Jesus says, "If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all," many people could immediately turn and walk away. Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?'

**ORGAN DONATIONS:** Thank you to those parishioners who have contributed to the Organ fund to date. Donation envelopes are available at the back of both churches. To date, we have received \$91045. All contributions are gratefully received.



## WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

**CENACLE:** gathers **Tuesdays** following the 7am Mass at **Sandgate**.

**BRIGHTON CHOIR PRACTICE:** Every Thursday 3.30pm in Brighton Church. New members enthusiastically welcomed!

**BIBLE STUDY:** 7pm **Wednesday** nights at Sandgate Parish Hall. Current Topic: Revelation. For more information, please contact Vanessa Magrath 0403 492 879

**ADORATION:** 12noon – 11pm **Thursdays** at Sacred Heart Church.

- Syro-Malankaran Church brings diverse faith practice to the community
- Proposed abortion bill undermines the 'foundation of all human rights'
- New book highlights the crisis of Christianity in the 21st century
- Aged care Royal Commission to scrutinise a 'broken' system
- Mother Teresa Shrine to open at Marian Valley in October
- menALIVE drawing men closer to living heart of the Church

\* PLUS: A regional focus on Townsville

## PARISH ROSTER

We are always appreciative of the many ways parishioners contribute to the life of the Parish by way of their selfless volunteering.

<b>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</b>	<b>22-23 Sep 2018</b>	<b>29-30 Sep 2018</b>
5pm Saturday Brighton	J Moore P Ryan K Lynch	P Ryan J Rosenberg H Rodrigues
7am Sunday Brighton	B Gray P Pehrson F Edwards	R Heap TBA TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	K Coffey D Purtill W Johnson	S Bria D Purtill W Johnson
5pm Sunday Sandgate	Youth TBA T Gunn	B Fallis C Bartlett TBA
<b>EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>22-23 Sep 2018</b>	<b>29-30 Sep 2018</b>
5pm Saturday Brighton	E Harte C Hickey P Madden	C Rosenberg O'Brien M Neilson TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	V O'Brien-Cox D Price P Cross	L Isaak P Pehrson TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	N Eyles J Murdoch TBA	L North L Kelly TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	B Fallis TBA TBA	M Judd B Fallis TBA
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>22-23 Sep 2018</b>	<b>29-30 Sep 2018</b>
5pm Saturday Brighton	A Grealy	P Stronias
7am Sunday Brighton	TBA	TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	S Bastian M Armitage	TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	M Tate	TBA
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	<b>22 Sep 2018</b>	<b>29-30 Sep 2018</b>
Brighton	TBA	TBA
Sandgate	TBA	P Mair
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	<b>23 Sep 2018</b>	<b>29-30 Sep 2018</b>
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson F Edwards	M Thompson D Price
9am Sunday Sandgate	Couples for Christ	P Janbroers M Jeays
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	<b>23 Sep 2018</b>	<b>29-30 Sep 2018</b>
9am Sunday Sandgate	A Hennessy M Carter	School Holidays
<b>COUNTERS</b>	<b>24 Sep 2018</b>	<b>29-30 Sep 2018</b>
Parish Office	D Madden R Mahon	C Rosenberg O'Brien P Ryan
<b>BAPTISM PREPARATION</b>	<b>1 &amp; 8 October</b> – M Jeays K Coffey	
<b>DINNER IN THE PARK</b>	<b>Saturday 15 September</b> — Albany Creek Parish	

### READINGS: (YEAR B)

	<b>25th Sun in Ord Time</b>	<b>26th Sun in Ord Time</b>
<b>1st Reading</b>	Wis 2:12,17-20	Numbers 11:25-29
<b>Psalms:</b>	Ps 53:3-6,8,R.v.6	Ps 18:8,10,12-14,R.v.9
<b>2nd Reading</b>	James 3:16-4:3	James 5:1-6
<b>Gospel</b>	Mk 9:30-37	Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

**THE BATTLE WITHIN.** Today's readings highlight the battle between good and evil. The virtuous person in today's First Reading, and Jesus in the Gospel, both suffer greatly at the hands of the godless. But as James notes in today's Second Reading, and as we see in Jesus' disciples, the battle between good and evil is waged within each one of us as well. While we give thanks to God for the good within us, we also acknowledge the part of ourselves that is drawn to evil and humbly seek God's mercy.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Mary CLANCY (Victoria), John RHULE, Audrey YEO, Angelo MORETTI, Bernard MARSH, Loyola MUNRO, Trish MORRISON, Jo FLYNN, Annette BOYER, Ivy BRUCE, Pat BURNS, Genevieve CANNON, Agnes CHARNLEY, Lee CONSTABLE, David DOWLING, Grace FERRINGTON, Marjorie GLEESON, Thomas HARTE, Sheila HOBBS, Helen HOGAN, Kellin HYDE, John JAMES, Pauline JOHNSON, Josiane LYNCH, Michael LYNCH, Chloe MASON, Tarryn MCDERMOTT, Maria PASHEN, Trevor PAYNE, Margaret PERIL, Christina PETERS, Colin ROBINSON, Kathy ROZIC, John SHEPHERD, Candice THOMPSON, David THOMSON, Samantha TSALIKIS, Susan WILKE, Dianne WILLIAMS, Valerie WORKMAN.

(If you know of someone no longer required to be included in this list, please contact the Parish Office. Thankyou)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS:** Fr Derrick LONG (Ireland), Bridget PATERSON, Liam RIGNEY, Sr Jacinta WIEDMAN RSM, and Val BOEVINK who died recently and for Nora SMITH and the deceased members of the KEOGH and STATHAM families whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**RESPONSE:** (Ps 53:3-6,8,R.v.6) The Lord upholds my life.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (2 Thess 2:14 ) **Alleluia! Alleluia!** God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**MYSTERY OF FAITH:** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** (Ps 118:4-5) You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### **ENTRANCE HYMN: SAVE US O LORD**

**REFRAIN: Save us, O Lord; carry us back.  
Rouse Your power and come.  
Rescue Your people;  
Show us Your face.  
Bring us back.**

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
Return and we shall be saved.  
Arise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord:  
Bring us back! ®

How long will You hide from Your people?  
We long to see Your face.  
Give ear to us, draw near to us,  
Lord God of Hosts! ®

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### **OFFERTORY HYMN: BE STILL MY FRIENDS**

**REFRAIN: I ask you, my friends, to be still;  
and know that I am here with you!  
The longing in your heart I will fill;  
for I now make my home in you!**

The mountains, the valleys, the oceans deep  
sing praises and glory to you!  
And all of creation joins in song;  
but man finds you within! ®

The crowds on the hillsides .....need Your Bread!  
The lame need your healing hand!  
The blind and the dumb cry out for you;  
when will men understand? ®

We've worked all the day, Lord, hear our prayer!  
Our hearts laboured long for you!  
But now we've returned and you know our need:  
to spend some time with you! ®

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#### **Plenary Council Prayer**

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.  
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.  
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.  
Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.  
Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.  
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.  
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.  
Amen.  
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us  
St Mary Mackillop, pray for us.

### **REFLECTION HYMN: PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS**

Make me a channel of your peace,  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord  
And where there's doubt true faith in You.

Make me a channel of your peace,  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy.

O Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to all men that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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### **RECESSIONAL HYMN: ON EAGLES WINGS**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in his shadow for life.  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

**REFRAIN: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hands.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
under his wings your refuge,  
his faithfulness your shield. ®

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come.

For to his angels he's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
up on their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. ®

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