



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30 September 2018

### TAKING ON A NEW VISION

(Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45,47-48)

Many people ponder the eternal fate of the good men, women and children, including our ancestors in Europe or Africa who never had the experience of our Christian faith. They wonder, whether, not being baptised and certainly, not belonging to the Church, compromises their chance for salvation? In this connection, today's readings are full of insight.

The first reading and the gospel passage read to us today already feature great backgrounds of truth. They enable us not only to ponder but to include the **vision of God** in these things. Eldad and Medad did not attend the selection meeting which took place at the Tent of meeting as ordered by Moses. They were counted elders but had stayed back at the camp.

Likewise, in the Gospel, the man doing healing exorcisms did not number among the selected disciples of Jesus – at least, he was not disciples in the eyes of the disciples. But then, the disciples of Jesus had been unsuccessful in the attempt to heal the boy: "I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they were unable to (Mk 9:18)."

It was therefore, a curious scenario that played out before those same disciples, when they faced an 'outsider' successfully driving out devils by using Jesus' name! If you were his disciple, how would that make you feel? I mean, seriously?

More so, no one needs to think that rivalry and jealousy are things to be found only among the poor and the disinherited; only among those politicians who love wealth and money or the celebrity who craves excessive glamour, fame and recognition. Often, the truth is that we are all in it – all of us, together!

As Church, as religious, priests and bishops, as Christian people, those we often try to put down as 'worldly-minded people' often have stories which only God knows to the full. Are we then surprised at today's lessons about our **amazing God** who includes the excluded; and who **refuses** that our battles of jealousy, rivalry and

greed be fought or even won, using his holy name?

Apart from the parallels lying between the first reading and today's Gospel, St James opens yet another surprising episode in the second reading. James gives his answers 'to the rich'. He tells them to, "start crying for the miseries that are coming to you (Jas 5:1)". Who are the rich here? **Whose wealth** are rotten here? In short, who should start crying? I know the answer, but I will not tell you; because I know that you too - deep down your heart, you have the answer also.

But I see that the Scripture is not handing out the blind judgement and punishment on the rich. I see that the mere presence of money – or its absence, does not constitute riches or poverty; but what often does, is a person's undue attachment to, or sincere detachment from, money. This is what makes all the difference. We are in this habit of believing that God should love what we like; and that God should devalue people, relegate people and dehumanise people as we sometimes do, based on our accidental privileges... Above all, today, I have been reminded again that God is different; and that **God acts differently!**

No state of life, profession or calling escapes temptation. If, within our heroes, the best in us still falls prone to the worst in us; and our human weaknesses - including jealousy and rivalry still comes to the ploy: then **we need a new vision**. In the bigger horizon of the new vision of God, an act of favour, kindness, appointment or blessing done to another, is still what it is: action of God's unfathomable Spirit blowing wherever God wills. To God alone be glory for ever!

**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:

TBA

Principal: Julian Cotter

Phone: 3269 3427



### Saturdays

Sandgate: 11.30am – 12pm

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.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY.** This Sunday we celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September. This year, the Australian Bishop's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'. The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** New envelopes (beginning 7 October) are available for collection from Church of the Real Presence this weekend. After this weekend, the envelopes will be available from the Parish Office. 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.

**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.

**GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOP: 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!

**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.

**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.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:** If you are yet to undertake this training some additional nearby venues will be offering training.

- **Thursday 25 October** 6.30pm Bray Park
- **Sunday 18 November** Aspley

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.

**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.

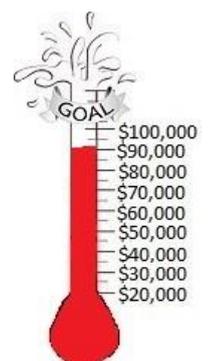
**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** On 27 September the Church celebrated the feast of St Vincent De Paul. The members of the St Vincent de Paul Society are on the front line in labouring for the poor, they are among the first to know their real needs. In the last 3 weeks, with the assistance of your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Sandgate Conference was able to assist 89 families and people in need, providing \$4,230 in food, furniture and clothing. God Bless You!

Brighton Conference are also in need of new volunteers to visit people in their homes (two conference members go together) and listen to their needs. A short meeting is held fortnightly. If you are considering this ministry and would like to "trial" being involved to see if you are interested, please ring Bernie Brearley on 3269 0396.

**VOCATION VIEW:** Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And they are not - nobody is! But still God calls. There is enough ministry for many more. Answer God's call.

**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 \$91195. All contributions are gratefully received.

**WINE & CHEESE:** Next Saturday, 6 September, following 5pm Brighton Mass. All Welcome! *Sponsored by Craig Gunn.*



| WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES  |
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| <b>CENACLE:</b> gathers <b>Tuesdays</b> following the 7am Mass at <b>Sandgate</b> .   |
| <b>BRIGHTON CHOIR PRACTICE:</b> Every Thursday 3.30pm in Brighton Church. New members enthusiastically welcomed!  |
| <b>BIBLE STUDY:</b> 7pm <b>Wednesday</b> nights at Sandgate Parish Hall. Current Topic: Revelation. For more information, please contact Vanessa Magrath 0403 492 879 |
| <b>ADORATION:</b> 12noon – 11pm <b>Thursdays</b> at Sacred Heart Church.  |

- Mao's Last Dancer condemns communist, socialist fantasy
- St Stephen's students visit drop-in shelter
- Catholic woman pleads for rights of unborn
- Church education leaders welcome funding plan
- Community campaign to rid city of pornography
- Faith central to Brisbane Broncos rugby league chief executive officer
- Archbishop challenges student faith on campus
- Outreach beyond Brisbane for Ignite Conference
- 700 turn up to give thanks at parish's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary

## 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>29-30 Sep 2018</b>                       | <b>6-7 Oct 2018</b>                  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| 5pm Saturday Brighton                         | P Ryan J Rosenberg H Rodrigues              | P Ryan H Boon F Shepherd             |
| 7am Sunday Brighton                           | R Heap TBA TBA                              | P McNamara M Thompson TBA            |
| 9am Sunday Sandgate                           | S Bria W Johnson TBA                        | L Rodrigues S Bria TBA               |
| 5pm Sunday Sandgate                           | B Fallis C Bartlett TBA                     | Youth D Wood M Judd                  |
| <b>EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS</b>               | <b>29-30 Sep 2018</b>                       | <b>6-7 Oct 2018</b>                  |
| 5pm Saturday Brighton                         | C Rosenberg-O'Brien M Neilson TBA           | E Harte P Madden K Lynch             |
| 7am Sunday Brighton                           | L Isaak P Pehrson TBA                       | P Pehrson P Cross M Cross            |
| 9am Sunday Sandgate                           | L North L Kelly V O'Brien-Cox               | J Murdoch S Butler L Kelly           |
| 5pm Sunday Sandgate                           | M Judd B Fallis V O'Brien-Cox               | L Hazelman P Janbroers V O'Brien-Cox |
| <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>                          | <b>29-30 Sep 2018</b>                       | <b>6-7 Oct 2018</b>                  |
| 5pm Saturday Brighton                         | P Stronias                                  | P Stronias                           |
| 7am Sunday Brighton                           | TBA   | TBA                                  |
| 9am Sunday Sandgate                           | TBA   | A Hennessy A Cavanagh                |
| 5pm Sunday Sandgate                           | TBA   | TBA                                  |
| <b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>                        | <b>29 Sep 2018</b>                          | <b>6 Oct 2018</b>                    |
| Brighton                                      | TBA   | C Hickey                             |
| Sandgate                                      | P Mair                                      | L Hazelman                           |
| <b>HOSPITALITY</b>                            | <b>29-30 Sep 2018</b>                       | <b>7 Oct 2018</b>                    |
| 7am Sunday Brighton                           | M Thompson D Price                          | M Thompson D Price                   |
| 9am Sunday Sandgate                           | P Janbroers M Jeays                         | E Bria C Rosenberg-O'Brien I Holdway |
| <b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>                     | <b>29-30 Sep 2018</b>                       | <b>7 Oct 2018</b>                    |
| 9am Sunday Sandgate                           | School Holidays                             | School Holidays                      |
| <b>COUNTERS</b>                               | <b>1 Oct 2018</b>                           | <b>8 Oct 2018</b>                    |
| Parish Office                                 | C Rosenberg O'Brien P Ryan                  | D Abberton B Boyle                   |
| <b>BAPTISM PREPARATION</b>                    | <b>1 &amp; 8 October</b> – M Jeays K Coffey |                                      |
| <b>DINNER IN THE PARK</b> (Homeless Outreach) | <b>Saturday 29 September</b> – B Fallis TBA |                                      |

### READINGS: (YEAR B)

|                    | <b>26th Sun in Ord Time</b> | <b>27th Sun in Ord Time</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>1st Reading</b> | Numbers 11:25-29            | Gen 2:18-24                 |
| <b>Psalm:</b>      | Ps 18:8,10,12-14.R.v.9      | Ps 127. R. v. 5             |
| <b>2nd Reading</b> | James 5:1-6                 | Heb 2:9-11                  |
| <b>Gospel</b>      | Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48       | Mk 10:2-16                  |

OPEN TO THE SPIRIT'S WORKINGS! The Spirit of God is present and active in the world. Wherever we see good we know that God's Spirit is at work. The Spirit works in surprising ways. It is sometimes through the least important member of a community that the Spirit speaks. May bigotry and prejudice never blind us to the workings of God in our Church and in our world.

**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:** Elsie MILLS (also known as Elsie HALL), Fr Derrick LONG (Ireland), and Bridget PATERSON who died recently and for Annie McKEOWN, Eileen RANKIN, Nora SMITH and the deceased members of the KEOGH and STATHAM families whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**RESPONSE:** (Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14. R. v. 9) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (cf. Jn 17:17) **Alleluia! Alleluia!** Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. **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:** (cf. Ps 118:49-50) Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

### **ENTRANCE HYMN: GATHER YOUR PEOPLE**

**REFRAIN: Gather your people, O Lord.  
Gather your people, O Lord.  
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.  
Gather your people, O Lord.**

Draw us forth to the table of life:  
brothers and sisters, each of us called to walk in your light.

We are parts of the body of Christ,  
needing each other, each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

No more harm on the mountain of God;  
swords in to plow shares. Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;  
waters of mercy, waters of hope that flow from your side.

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### **OFFERTORY HYMN: ALL THAT WE HAVE**

**REFRAIN: All that we have and all that we offer  
comes from a heart  
both frightened and free.  
Take what we bring now  
and give what we need,  
all done in his name.**

Some would rely on their power,  
others put trust in their gold.  
some have only their Saviour,  
whose faithfulness never grows old. ®

Sometimes the road may be lonesome,  
often we may lose our way;  
take courage and always remember,  
love isn't just for a day. ®

Sometimes when troubles are many,  
life can seem empty, it's true;  
but look at the life of the Master,  
who lovingly suffered for 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: SHEPHERD ME O GOD**

**REFRAIN: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. ®

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your Name. ®

Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. ®

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. ®

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me  
all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forever more. ®

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### **RECESSIONAL HYMN: SONG OF GODS PEOPLE**

**REFRAIN: Let the trumpets sound, let the music play,  
Let the song of God's people be heard,  
and let the praise of God  
resound throughout heaven and earth.**

People of God sing out your praise  
Sing of the glory of our God.  
Lift up your voice and let your praise be heard. ®

The sick, the needy, the broken, the poor,  
the rich, the strong, all gather as one.  
blest and made whole in the love of our God. ®

In You, oh God we place our trust,  
Your love and kindness, You lavish on us,  
we celebrate your life in us, O God. ®

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