



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2nd Sunday of Easter – 28 April, 2019 Year C



MASS TIMES

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:

2 May 10.30am (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:

Principal: Ben Gray

Thurs 30 May – 9am

Phone: 3269 5989

Sacred Heart School:

Principal: Julian Cotter

Fri 21 Jun – 9am

Phone: 3269 3427



Saturdays

Sandgate: 11.30am – 12pm

Brighton: 4pm (2nd Rite)

1st Saturday of the month

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.

DIVINE MERCY; PROOF OF GOD'S LOVE

(Acts 5:12-16; Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31)

Living through the octave of Easter means our sitting-in a bit more deeply with the Gospels. It means receiving Paul's letters afresh and re-living the resurrection-faith anew in our time. The 'Risen Lord' appearances of Jesus in these readings swell support for the Christian truth. Sincere openness to the truth of the resurrection means indeed, 'hearing the voice' of Jesus.

Never mind the strong promises of faith and solidarity expressed in Jesus, the disciples all did run away when the crucifixion scene heated up. A disciple of Jesus - Simon of Cyrene only got *compelled* to help carry the cross of Jesus. Mark notes yet another disciple - the young man clad on 'linen cloth' who was caught by his cloth: He too, left his cloth to them and ran away from Jesus – naked! All these, with Peter who denied Jesus and Judas who betrayed him.

Like Jesus' followers, we have all got our poor pasts. For Jesus's closest followers who, notwithstanding Jesus' three whole years of instruction and orientation for them, still they failed him. For us, even after our claims to faithfulness to his Gospel, we shame to stand for the truths of our faith. It is true that amidst the resurrection joys, the tensions still lurk behind the minds of those 'friends and followers' of Jesus. Again, and again, the risen Jesus appears before them and encounters them amid their fears: what does he say to them? What words could begin his address to his disciples? Do we think about these?

The risen Lord impacts God's love to the weary hearts of his followers and imparts his 'divine mercy' to them as the ultimate proof of love. He sends them on mission, doubling down on his trust and confidence which they had betrayed but still regained from him. Jesus would not disgrace them in their misdeeds nor berate them in their incompetence. Jesus demonstrates that to forgive is indeed, divine. Thus, he commissions the early Church as envoys of the Father in the same way that the Father sent him. Jesus unfolds the mystery of the divine mercy.

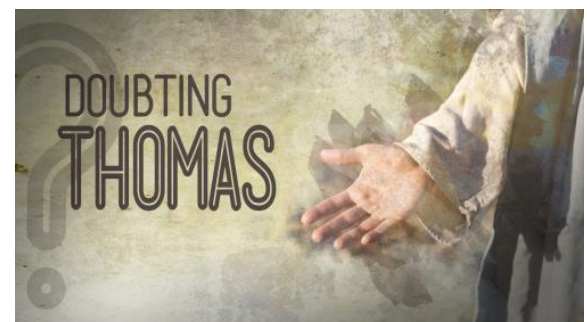
Today, by showcasing such a post-resurrection community of renewed discipleship before us, we too, should appreciate how far a long way we have come. We too, must learn from our strengths and weaknesses. We ought to pay attention as Church, and as individual Christians. The recent happenings of world-wide persecutions of Christian peoples can only point to the renewal of the resurrection faith among God's people.

We should brace up towards the regeneration that comes with martyrdom, rather than cave in to a 'human spirit' whose aim is merely for us to be more like the world so as to be accepted by the world. Thus, the Johanne witnesses in both the **Apocalypse and the Gospel refute our doubts but deliver the message of encouragement and resilience.** Jesus stands in the beginning, middle and end of it all by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the one and same Jesus, who is believed, confessed and worshiped as 'Lord and God (Jn 20:28) as guaranteed in the power of the resurrection.

There are, therefore, remarkable ways in which today's opening prayer of the Holy Mass is linked to the various readings proclaimed to us to encourage us. The prayer is mindful of our descendance from such a forgiven, renewed and transformed forebears in faith. It acknowledges that our gifts are bigger and richer, just as our needs today are greater. Hence, it raises our collective longings before God namely, that the true faith may be kindled and the right understanding gifted to our forebears and constantly inspired by the spirit of God, be correctly grasped afresh in our time.

This is our prayer even as we relive and celebrate the Easter joy and the divine mercy.

Fr Modestus





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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 brochures, which can be put in the collection plate, are at the rear of the Church.

FAREWELL SR MARGARET CHEERS RSM: On Wednesday this week, Sr Margaret Cheers RSM was farewelled from St Vincent's Chapel at Nudgee. Sr Margaret was one of the Mercy Sisters who came to Brighton with Sr Val and two others in 1988. For seven years or so she was actively involved in the Sacramental Program where children and their parents took part in the program with the leaders in their homes. She was also part of the crazy and fun Sunday night practices with the Youth Music group that Sr Val started; went away on Youth Camps at Alexandra Headlands; sang in the choir and was active in the parish and the school. Thanks for all you did Sr Marg. You are fondly remembered. May you rest in peace.

ROSARY BEFORE MASS: During the month of May, Rosary will be offered before each weekend Mass. All are welcome to participate in this powerful prayer for peace throughout the world.

MASS COUNT: Every five years, the Archdiocese conducts a Mass Count over a period of 4 weeks. This year's count will be conducted over the next month beginning this weekend. These results will assist the Archdiocese in planning parish pastoral needs in the future. Thankyou for your understanding.

VOCATION VIEW: You've got an incredible message to make credible. It is not like selling used cars! It is proclaiming eternal life, forgiveness and Great Love!

PROJECT COMPASSION: Thankyou to those parishioners who made contributions to Project Compassion. \$3,176.30 was raised in the parish this year.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace. Through your continued generosity, Vinnies are able to assist families by providing food, furniture and clothing. Thank You!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Sunday 28 April, Sacred Heart Church. All Welcome! The program of the day will be as follows:

- 1.30pm Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Reconciliation (2 Priests)
- 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Litany of Divine Mercy
Veneration & blessing of Divine Mercy images
Litany to the Sacred Heart
Reading from St Faustina's Diary & Life
- 4.30pm Benediction
- 5.00pm Holy Mass

CHILDRENS' ROSARY: This will return to Sacred Heart School (Tuesday morning in Sacred Heart Church) and St Kieran's School (Wednesday morning under the Peace Tree) beginning at 8am during May. All families welcome!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS AUSTRALIA – MORETON NORTH: A fun family fundraising night not to be missed. 5 local bands (including 'Trinity' from our Parish Dinner and a new girl band called 'Jetty Street' featuring parishioners Greta & Alice Simpson, food & drinks. Come and enjoy while supporting your local Special Olympics Club! Sandbag Community Centre, Rainbow Street, Sandgate. Saturday 4 May 6pm – 10pm. \$17 Adults, \$35 family. Tickets at door or via Eventbrite facebook page. All Welcome!

WINE & CHEESE: Next Saturday, 4 May, following 5pm Brighton Mass. All Welcome!

BRISBANE TALK BY JEFF CAVINS POSTPONED: Due to serious illness in the family, this talk has been postponed. Organizers will be at the venue (St James Catholic Church, Coorparoo) on Sunday 5 May from 12.00pm – 3.00pm for prayers and viewing of Jeff's DVD. Enquiries: Sonny 0421 437 752

FESTIVAL OF THE THREE SAINTS: Holy Cross Church, Woolloowin – Sunday 5 May beginning with Mass at 9.30am. Come and join in the Feast in honour of the Martyred Three Saints – Alfio, Filadelfo & Cirino. All Welcome!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Training is being offered in the parish for the Altar Serving Ministry.

Sandgate Church	Monday 6 May 3.30pm;
Brighton Church	Tuesday 7 May 3.30pm

This training is open to all children who have received the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist and who are available to participate in a monthly weekend roster.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

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

BIBLE STUDY: every Wednesday in Sandgate Parish Hall from 7pm. Topic: Completing Paul's last missionary journey and commencing the study of Isaiah. Contact Vanessa: 0403 492 879. All Welcome!

LEGION OF MARY: Every **Thursday** in the Parish Office from 9am-10.30am. New members welcome!

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

ADORATION: 12noon – 11pm **Thursdays** at Sacred Heart Church. Holy Hour begins at 10pm.

- Queensland bishops stand up for dignity of life in the parliamentary inquiry considering voluntary assisted dying laws
- Brisbane trekkers tackle the Kokoda trail in Papua New Guinea to honour Australian journalist and fundraise for Motor Neurone Disease
- French president and Paris archbishop vow to rebuild Notre Dame Cathedral within five years after blaze
- Death toll continues to rise – about 300 dead and 500 injured from the Easter bombing in Sri Lanka
- Unhealthy forms of feminism causes damage to women’s rights, a Brisbane Verbum Dei Sister says
- The Catholic Leader prepares for a new distribution model – changes to affect regional dioceses
- 80-year-old Eileen Hearn brings her humble devotion to the Divine Mercy to the suburbs
- PLUS a regional focus on the Rockhampton diocese



PARISH ROSTER

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD	27-28 April	4-5 May
5pm Saturday Brighton	J Moore P Ryan K Lynch	P Ryan F Shepherd H Boon
7am Sunday Brighton	F Edwards B Gray P Pehrson	M Thompson P McNamara D Smith
9am Sunday Sandgate	W Johnson C McLaren K Coffey	S Bria L Rodrigues TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	M Judd TBA	B Fallis TBA
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	27-28 April	4-5 May
5pm Saturday Brighton	E Harte C Hickey	P Madden K Lynch
7am Sunday Brighton	D Price P Cross	P Pehrson M Cross
9am Sunday Sandgate	N Eyles J Murdoch TBA	J Murdoch S Butler L Kelly
5pm Sunday Sandgate	B Fallis TBA	P Janbroers TBA
ALTAR SERVERS	27-28 April	4-5 May
5pm Saturday Brighton	TBA	TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	TBA	TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	S Bastian M Armitage	A Hennessy A Cavanagh
5pm Sunday Sandgate	M Tate	TBA
CHURCH CLEANING	27-28 April	4-5 May
Brighton	TBA	C Hickey
Sandgate	TBA	L Hazelman
HOSPITALITY	27-28 April	4-5 May
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson F Edwards	M Thompson D Price
9am Sunday Sandgate	Couples for Christ	E Bria C Rosenberg-O'Brien
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	27-28 April	4-5 May
9am Sunday Sandgate	A Hennessy M Carter	A Hennessy M Carter
COUNTERS	27-28 April	4-5 May
Parish Office	D Madden R Mahon	D Abberton B Boyle
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Sandgate Parish Hall, 1st Sunday of the month 5 May – Bria family	
DINNER IN THE PARK	11 May – F Edwards B Fallis	

READINGS: (YEAR C)

1st Reading	2nd Sun of Easter Acts 5:12-16	3rd Sun of Easter Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
Psalm:	Ps 117:2-4, 22-27.R.v.1	Ps 29:2, 4-6,11-13.R.v.2
2nd Reading	Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19	Apoc 5:11-14
Gospel	John 20:19-31	John 21:1-19

2nd Sunday of Easter: MY LORD AND MY GOD. St Thomas was a great apostle who is believed to have preached the Good News as far afield as India. Later, he was martyred for his faith. May the risen Christ come to us, as he came to Thomas, and strengthen our faith. May we in turn express our faith by being ambassadors of mercy and reconciliation.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: George BASTIAN, Clare LAUMAN, David HOGAN, Justin CARR, Jason MORPHETT, Muriel URQUHART, John RHULE, Angelo MORETTI, Trish MORRISON, Annette BOYER, Ivy BRUCE, Pat BURNS, Agnes CHARNLEY, Lee CONSTABLE, David DOWLING, Grace FERRINGTON, Marjorie GLEESON, Thomas HARTE, Helen HOGAN, Kellin HYDE, John JAMES, Pauline JOHNSON, Chloe MASON, Tarryn MCDERMOTT, Trevor PAYNE, Christina PETERS, Colin ROBINSON, John SHEPHERD, Candice THOMPSON, Samantha TSALIKIS and 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: For Sheila HOBBS, Sr Eugenia BARRETT RSM, Sr Margaret CHEERS RSM, Sr Miriam DEVINE RSM, Sr Ruth WYATTE RSM, Anthony BARNES, Margaret WOODS, Sr Clotilde QUINLAN RSM, who died recently and for Julie ELFVERSON, Gwen JAZOWY, Keith LYNCH, Neville DOWNES, Steven GALLACHER, Teresa PEHRSON, Alfred PEHRSON, Peggy PEHRSON and Colin YEO whose anniversaries occur around this time.

RESPONSE: (Ps 117:2-4,22-27.R.v.1) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Jn 20:29) **Alleluia! Alleluia!** You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

MYSTERY OF FAITH: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (Jn 20:27) Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia!

ENTRANCE: EASTER SONG

My Lord, he died for a kingdom
To redeem the hearts of men.
Now my people, don't you weep.
He has risen from His sleep
He lives again, Alleluia.

**REFRAIN: Sing Alleluia, the Lord is risen.
He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

My Lord came forth like the morning
With the splendour of the sun.
Came triumphant from the womb,
From the darkness of the tomb
The victory won, alleluia. ®

My Lord united our mountains
With the everlasting hills.
Now the seasons and the sea
Sing his song of victory,
Rocks and hills, alleluia. ®

My Lord renewed all creation.
That had waited late and long.
Now we all with one accord
Live and love the Risen Lord.
This is our song, alleluia. ®

*Words and Music Sr Miriam Therese Winter
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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: THE GIFT OF PEACE

**REFRAIN: His peace He gives to us,
is peace He leaves with us,
Not for us alone,
but that we might give it again to all men.**

The man who looks for God in the depths of his heart,
Will find a hidden quiet that nothing can disturb or take away. ®

The man who sees his life as an open door,
Through which all men might come to love and give again, will know true peace. ®

The man whose joy it is to discover the world,
And meet the eyes of God in the beauty that is His,
Will sing of peace. ®

The man who knows that God has prepared him a home,
For all eternity to rejoice and to be free,
will have true peace. ®

REFLECTION: BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way,
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and Live. ®

**REFRAIN: Be not afraid, I go before you always,
Come follow Me and I will give you rest.**

If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side;
know that I am with you through it all. ®

*Text based on Is 43: 2-3; Lk 6:20 ff.
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RECESSIONAL: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

**REFRAIN: Let your light shine
with the brightness of Christ.
Let your light shine for the world.
Walk in the light of the glory of God,
O, come, let your light shine.**

Darkness is touched by the dawn, word become flesh in our lives, Jesus the light. ®

Stars of the heavens so bright,
rich with the depth of your love, guiding our way. ®

Fire in the desert of night, lead us to freedom and peace,
promise of life. ®

Called to be one in the light, you are the salt of the earth,
Savior of life. ®

Reach out with healing and hope, Spirit alive in our hearts,
Spirit of love. ®

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