



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18 November 2018



### 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:

**Tuesday:** 10.30am 20 November  
(Lucinda)

#### 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 29 Nov 9.00am  
(Graduation Liturgy)  
Principal: Ben Gray  
Phone: 3269 5989

##### Sacred Heart School:

Friday 7 December 9.00am  
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.

### WORLDS FALLING APART AND WORDS NEVER PASSING AWAY.

(Dn 12:1-3; Heb10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32)

In today's Gospel, Mark begins to vary the thrust of the messages of Jesus, by concentrating attention 'in those days following the distress'. It is written that 'the moon will lose its brightness; the sun darkened; and even the stars as 'falling from the heavens...' These images may seem foreign to our view of things. Yet they are no less true in imaging how real sufferings feel.

Today, face to face with distress, uncertainty and danger, a common expression speaks of 'my world literally falling apart'. Thus, the *Apocalyptic expression* in this case would not be completely foreign, but familiar to us in some sense. What with the ominous uncertainties from distressing terror attacks; the disquieting ripples of child sexual abuse putting faith in God on the brink; or the hitherto, unthinkable 'yes votes' to late-term abortions: queer events signalling the gradual but certain collapse of the moral order as we know it!

Reading the book of Daniel and hearing the Gospel of today, many will be tempted to subscribe to interpretations propagandising the proximate end of the world. But the Scriptures are not primarily intended for this purpose. And it is however, quite a disappointment that so many people get so upset and even launch themselves into 'alarm mode' by threats of, say climate change or terrorism (which are true), but remain so indifferent or unmoved by the urgency of the **very true** message of the Gospel that we change from our evil ways.

The genre of 'apocalyptic writings' to which the book of Daniel and the passage of today's Gospel highlight, are not simply all about darkness, punishment, destruction and catastrophic end of the world. **The readings do not, and need not strike fear, but rather inspire hope in believers.** "Take the fig tree as a parable; as soon as its twigs grow, and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So, with you when these things happen: know that he is near..." This 'nearness' is about the double assurance that God journeys with us in trials and difficulties. It is about Christ whose death and resurrection inspires courage in us that, trusting God,

we will be purified by what we suffer. The love of God for us stands included in what will never pass away.

The first reading and today's Gospel moreover, find their confluence in **the person of Jesus, the high priest** of God's covenant with us. In this plan, 'the Son of man will come on the clouds to gather his chosen ones from all the ends of the earth'; those who have instructed or led others in virtue, shall shine as bright as stars for all eternity (Dn 12:3; Mk 13:26). Therefore, shining as stars must come from our looking up to God; and, holding our heads high is in realisation that we ourselves stand before God as forgiven sinners. It is all because of the person of Jesus, who offered himself as the one single sacrifice of sin, gaining us our reconciliation with God.

In these readings, the Good news shows us that the ultimate realities of tomorrow are underpinned in the day to day activities and realities of today. Those who impose the secular vision in place of the moral foundations which should govern human life in society; politicians who craft the injustice often masked as 'conscience vote'; and all those who fuel the embers of personal greed and intolerance amongst us, are giving rise to the 'times of great distress' ahead; including the distress which even now, surround us in the migration, refugee and detention crises plaguing our world community.

But, dealing with the disquieting issues of today, so as to ultimately 'hold our heads high' or succeed in dealing with the ultimate issues of God's judgment tomorrow, requires us to **imbibe a spiritual insight** by having due regard for moral truths. Such a lasting conviction enables us to always look up to God and to true values for the strength to deal fairly with the injustices wrecked daily on the voiceless, the poor and needy whose affairs are daily placed on our shoulders.

**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 cards which can be put in the collection plate are at the rear of the Church. Welcome!

**PARISH THANKSGIVING MASS AND CELEBRATION:**

Thankyou to all parishioners who helped to make our Annual Thanksgiving celebration last Sunday another memorable one. We are truly blessed to have so many parishioners committed to their chosen ministries and supportive of parish programs. May God continue to abundantly bless you all.

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE:**

Practise for Christmas Masses will begin at 7pm in Sacred Heart Church this Tuesday 20 November and will continue each Tuesday until 18 December. New members always enthusiastically welcomed!

**AWAKEN TOGETHER IN CHRIST HEALING NIGHT:**

7pm **Tuesday 20 November** at St Francis' Hall. 47 Dornoch Terrace West End. A ministry bringing hope and the tangible presence of Christ to the lost and a deeper connection for those who know Him. The Awaken Ministry has been blessed with an amazing gift of healing, powerfully led by the Holy Spirit, people have been receiving many miracles and lives have been changed. We invite you to come along and enter into God's presence, watch Him move in your circumstances today. Everyone welcome!

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**CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF YOUTH:**

**Sunday 24 November** at Bowen Hills (98 Montpellier Road). If you're between the age of 13 and 30 and are connected to a Catholic parish or school in Brisbane, come and celebrate the Year of Youth! Australia's Got Talent finale contestants The Equals as well as Chris Tamwoy will kick off the night and there will be food trucks, live entertainment and music, and freebies. Contact your youth coordinator to register. Email the Youth Evangelisation Office to find out more: [youthproject@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:youthproject@bne.catholic.net.au)

**WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT:**

Vocations Brisbane is running a weekend retreat for young women who are keen to explore more about a vocation to religious life. All young women 18-40yrs old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling you!

Date: Saturday **24 – 25 November** 2018

Time: 9am Saturday - 5pm Sunday

Venue: Canossian Spirituality Centre,  
169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Road, Oxley

For more information or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508

**ADVENT GATHERING:** What does Advent mean to you? How will you prepare this year? Our Parish Pastoral Council has invited Sr Mel Dwyer to host a gathering 2.30pm **Sunday 2 December** in Sandgate Parish Hall. More information to follow. All Welcome!

**ADVENT:** This year, the Diocese of Wollongong has prepared Advent Reflection 'Saviour' that could be used for small/home groups during Advent. If you would like to host one of these group, inviting parishioners, could you please contact the parish office to order resources. Books cost approx. \$5.00 each.

**THE LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS:** Join in on the lawn at St Stephen's Cathedral with an extraordinary light and sound show. An enchanting show from the creators of Sydney's Vivid Lightwalk will illuminate the cathedral from 7.30pm until midnight every night from **Wednesday 12 December until Christmas Eve.**

**GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT:** Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held **Sunday 26 May - Friday 31 May** 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griefftoGrace.org.au](mailto:info@griefftoGrace.org.au) or phone 0478599241. For more information visit [www.griefftoGrace.org](http://www.griefftoGrace.org)

**VINNIES:** The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. When we live in conformity to the Word, hearing Jesus' words and living them out, the future holds no fear for us. As you place your gift in the St Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are hearing the words of Jesus and living them out.

**CARE FOR CREATION:** "May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope." (244) *Pope Francis. 2015. Laudato Si'*

**VOCATION VIEW:** 'As I keep the Lord ever in my sight ... my heart rejoices, my soul is glad ... You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence.' Let our Vocation be, to be one with God - forever.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU:** If you have included a gift in your Will to support the mission of the Catholic Church, please let the Catholic Foundation know so we may offer thanks and invite you to participate in the MacKillop Bequest Society. Phone 3324 3211 Email [giving@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:giving@bne.catholic.net.au)

## WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

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

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE:** Every **Tuesday** night 7pm in Sacred Heart Church beginning 20 November until 18 December. All welcome!

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

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

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

**GREGORIAN CHANT PRACTICE:** Every **Saturday** 9am at Sacred Heart Church.

- Young people in the Church work towards rebuilding faith and hope during the Year of Youth
- St Stephen's Cathedral Christmas lights to tell the story of the birth of Christ
- Bill Hayden continues to progress in faith as he awaits the joy of his First Holy Communion
- Life-changing book to help people revel in later years with joy, passion and wisdom
- Rosies on the Gold Coast have no concerns about bad behaviour during Schoolies Week
- Australian Catholic University in Brisbane to host a panel forum to discuss the role of women in Church leadership in Australian context
- Pope reminds the world to invest in peace on the centenary of Remembrance Day
- New mobile phone app being trialled in Australian hospital to help reduce the rate of stillbirth
- Life-like model of a dying elderly woman in Melbourne triggers discussion on voluntary assisted suicide
- Fr Dennis Holtschneider feels blessed he's with an order caring deep for the poor

## 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>17-18 November</b>	<b>24-25 November</b>
5pm Saturday Brighton	J Rosenberg C Hickey H Boon	K Lynch J Moore P Ryan
7am Sunday Brighton	R Heap M Heap TBA	P Pehrson F Edwards B Gray
9am Sunday Sandgate	R Corias C Murdoch L Butler	C McLaren W Johnson K Coffey
5pm Sunday Sandgate	Youth TBA TBA	TBA TBA Youth
<b>EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>17-18 November</b>	<b>24-25 November</b>
5pm Saturday Brighton	C Rosenberg-O'Brien K Lynch TBA	E Harte C Hickey P Madden
7am Sunday Brighton	B Gaffney F Edwards P Madden	D Price P Cross TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	J Murdoch N Eyles S Butler	N Eyles J Murdoch TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	TBA TBA TBA	TBA TBA B Fallis
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>17-18 November</b>	<b>24-25 November</b>
5pm Saturday Brighton	C Armitage	A Grealy
7am Sunday Brighton	TBA	TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	I Treanor S Treanor	S Bastian M Armitage
5pm Sunday Sandgate	B Gunn	M Tate
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	<b>17 November</b>	<b>24 November</b>
Brighton	M Bernard	TBA
Sandgate	M Neilson	TBA
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	<b>18 November</b>	<b>25 November</b>
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson D Price	M Thompson F Edwards
9am Sunday Sandgate	Sacred Heart Families	Couples for Christ
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	<b>18 November</b>	<b>25 November</b>
9am Sunday Sandgate	A Hennessy M Carter	A Hennessy M Carter
<b>COUNTERS</b>	<b>19 November</b>	<b>26 November</b>
Parish Office	M Neilson A Finch	D Madden R Mahon
<b>BAPTISM PREPARATION</b>	<b>3 &amp; 10 December</b> – L Kelly TBA	
<b>DINNER IN THE PARK</b> (Homeless Outreach)	<b>24 November</b> – Albany Creek Parish	

### READINGS: (YEAR B)

<b>1st Reading</b>	<b>33rd Sun in Ord Time</b> Dan 12:1-3	<b>Christ the King</b> Dan 7:13-14
<b>Psalm:</b>	Ps 15:4, 8-11	Ps 92: 1-2, 5. R. v. 1
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Heb 10:11-14, 18	Apoc 1:5-8
<b>Gospel</b>	Mk 13:24-32	Jn 18:33-37

**MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY.** We live in a world of rapid change. Many of the places of our childhood have gone or been altered significantly. Customs, attitudes and pastimes are different now. All of this reminds us of the transitory nature of life. The heavens and the earth as we know them are passing away. Only the word of God stands forever. May we place our trust in the kingdom of God and not in the passing kingdoms we create.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Justin CARR, Jason MORPHETT, Muriel URQUHART, John RHULE, Angelo MORETTI, Bernard MARSH, 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 Ray KEARNEY, and Joan SMITH who died recently and for Colin YEO, Alfred DOWNES, Agnes DOWNES, Patrick McKEERING, Anne McHARDY, and Chris TRIMBLE and the deceased members of the KEOGH and STATHAM families whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**RESPONSE:** (Ps 15:4, 8-11) Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Lk 21:36) **Alleluia! Alleluia!** Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. **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 72:28) To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

**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: ALL MY DAYS**

**ANTIPHON:** I will bless your name, sing your praise,  
give you thanks, all my days.

You have made me little less than a God,  
and have lavished my heart with your love.  
With dignity and honour you've clothed me,  
given me rule over all. ®

You have blessed me with good things and plenty  
and surrounded my table with friends.  
Their love and their laughter enrich me;  
together we sing your praise. ®

Your sun and your moon give me light,  
and your stars show the way through the night.  
Your rivers and streams have refreshed me.  
I will sing your praise. ®

How great is your love, O Father,  
that you sent us your Savior Son.  
His death and his rising will heal us,  
And draw us all unto you. ®

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**REFLECTION HYMN: THE FULLNESS OF GOD**

Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give!  
May your hidden self grow strong!  
And may you live strong in faith and built on love  
until you know how high and long,  
how wide and deep the fullness of God.

May the God of Jesus Christ,  
The Father we serve  
fill your mind that you may see, deep in your heart  
what hope his call now holds for you:  
His promise true:  
to fill your heart with power to live the fullness of God.

Know the way you learnt from Christ:  
to live life anew!  
Let your hearts be drawn to Him:  
let Christ renew the hope in you to grow into  
Goodness and Truth!  
And living so you'll come to know the fullness of God!  
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**RECESSIONAL HYMN: THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL**

**REFRAIN:** Though the mountains may fall  
and the hills turn to dust,  
yet the love of the Lord will stand,  
as a shelter for all who will call on His name,  
sing the praise and the glory of God.

Could the Lord ever leave you?  
Could the Lord forget His love?  
Though a mother forsake her child,  
He will not abandon you. ®

Should you turn and forsake Him,  
He will gently call your name.  
Should you wander away from Him,  
He will always take you back. ®

Go to Him when you're weary:  
He will give you eagle's wings.  
You will run, never tire,  
for your God will be your strength. ®

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