



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday of Lent – 24 March, 2019 Year C



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:

4 Apr 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 28 March 9am

Phone: 3269 5989

Sacred Heart School:

Principal: Julian Cotter

TBA

Phone: 3269 3427



Saturdays

Sandgate: 11.30am – 12pm

Brighton: 4pm (2nd Rite)

1st Saturday of the month

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.

This weekend's reflection is provided by Fr John Chalmers

(Ex 3:1-8, 13-15, 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9)

"A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard." What a silly thing to do. Everyone knows that grape vines strangle fig trees. Surely, the manager of the vineyard knows that a fig tree in a vineyard doesn't produce fruit, even if you manure and water it for three or four years. Clearly the manager is humoring, or is he diddling the man with the fig tree fixation? It's like planting cactus cheek by jowl with strawberries.

The story takes on quite a different meaning when we're aware of this fig/grape distaste for each other. An extra year's watering and manuring isn't going to make any difference. But he persists, ever open to a miraculous end to the story. So the story ends, as all good parables do, leaving us in suspense, leaving us with a question. How did things turn out a year later? Was there a miracle? You could say that figs have a rough trot with Jesus; and not only in today's parable. St Mark tells a story of Jesus cursing a fig tree because it has no fruit, even though it's not the season for figs. Obviously, Jesus had a bad day at the office and he's somewhat testy!

But those two fig tree stories have something in common. They both expect miracles and miracles there are, though quite different from each other. Read Mark and see if you can work out what the miracle of the cursed fig tree was. As for today's gospel; what might a miracle look like? This is true to life, isn't it? How many occurrences in life are indeed miracles, if only we'd open our eyes to see them?

Fr John Chalmers

Lenten Prayer

*Fast from judging others;
fast on the Christ indwelling in them.*

*Fast from emphasis on differences;
fast on the unity of all life.*

*Fast from apparent darkness;
fast on the reality of light.*

*Fast from words that pollute;
fast on phrases that purify.*

*Fast from discontent;
fast on gratitude.*

Fast from anger; fast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; fast on optimism.

Fast from worry; fast on trust.

*Fast from complaining;
fast on appreciation.*

*Fast from negatives;
fast on affirmatives.*

*Fast from unrelenting pressures;
fast on unceasing prayer.*

*Fast from hostility;
fast on nonviolence.*

*Fast from bitterness;
fast on forgiveness.*

Fast from self-concern;

fast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety;

fast on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragement; fast on hope.

*Fast from facts that depress;
fast on truths that uplift.*

Fast from lethargy; fast on enthusiasm.

Fast from suspicion; fast on truth.

*Fast from thoughts that weaken;
fast on promises that inspire.*

Fast from idle gossip;

fast on purposeful silence.

Gentle God, during this season of fasting and feasting, gift us with your presence, so we can be a gift to others in carrying out your work. Amen



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FAREWELL AND THANKYOU: On behalf of all parishioners, I wish to express my deep gratitude to Fr Chima Ofor, Fr Rafal Rucinski, Fr Peter Casey, Fr Peter Gillam and Fr Gary Walker for looking after the needs of the parish over the past month. May you continue to be richly blessed in all that you do. Fr Modestus returns to the parish at the end of the week celebrating his 1st Mass back at Brighton Health Campus, 9.30am Saturday 30 March **Liz Kelly, Parish Secretary**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Next weekend, 30/31 March, the children in the Sacramental Program will be celebrating their 1st Holy Eucharist at either the 5pm Brighton Mass or the 9am Sandgate Mass. Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith.

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. Welcome!

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA

Third Sunday of Lent 24th March 2019

Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.

Lives change when we all give 100%! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Envelopes are now available in each church. Thankyou to those parishioners who have already made contributions to this appeal. \$604.85 has been raised to date.

CHILDRENS' CHURCH: Saturday night during 5pm Mass at Brighton – all children welcome!

NEW RESIDENCE: Time has now come for me to move closer to my family on the Sunshine Coast. I wish to thank the many parishioners who have been such a wonderful support throughout the many years I have been active in the parish. I have left my new address and contact details with the Parish Office staff. I would dearly

love to keep in contact with many treasured friends. May God bless you all. **Jo Flynn**

VOCATION VIEW: Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. You can still follow Jesus more closely.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday night during Lent at Sacred Heart Church beginning at 7pm. Thankyou to the parishioners who have offered to lead Stations this year –

Friday 22 March	Bill Fallis
Friday 29 March	Linda Isaak
Friday 5 April	Pat Madden
Friday 12 April	Bill Fallis
Friday 19 April	K Lynch (9.30am Good Friday)

RCIA: This Sunday, the Elect - Ian Walters and Jaimie Rosewarne, will begin receiving their Scrutinies in preparation for their reception into the Catholic Church. As their 1st Scrutiny will be received at the 9am Sunday Mass, the readings for that Mass only will be taken **from Year A - 3rd Sunday of Lent**. Please continue to keep Ian and Jaimie in your prayers.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Practice for Easter ceremonies will continue every Tuesday night at 7pm in Sacred Heart Church. We are grateful for the current members of the choir who continue to support Marie at these practices. New members enthusiastically welcomed!

BRISBANE TALK BY JEFF CAVINS: JEFF CAVINS, who is well known by EWTN audiences worldwide for his regular program **Life on the Rock** and **Understanding the Mystery of the Bible**, will be in Brisbane to talk about **Catholic Faith and Scripture**.

Date: 05 May 2019 (Sunday)

Venue: St. James Catholic Parish Catholic Church, 165 Old Cleveland Rd., Coorparoo

Time: 12 noon to 5:00 pm

Fee: Free (but we request donations to defray expenses)

Bring-a-plate to share. Drinks provided

Enquiries : Sonny @0421437752

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.

- New Zealanders say their 'only hope is in God' as they gather to pray after horror mosque attacks
- Communities raise more than \$100,000 for Townsville flood appeal
- Cardinal Pell sentenced to six years' jail for abusing choir boys in 1990s
- Australia's first village for people living with dementia to be established in Tasmania
- Parents of nine children strive to intentionally parent in the way of God

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	23-24 March	30-31 March
5pm Saturday Brighton	P Ryan K Lynch Welcome: J Edwards POF: J Moore Offertory: Rhodes & Sol de Clercq & family	P Ryan C Hickey TBA Offertory: Sacramental children
7am Sunday Brighton	B Gray P Pehrson F Edwards	R Heap M Heap TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	C McLaren K Coffey Welcome: M Neilser POF: W Johnson Offertory: Amy-Lynne Kurtz & family	S Bria TBA TBA Offertory: Sacramental children
5pm Sunday Sandgate	Youth	C Bartlett B Fallis TBA
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	23-24 March	30-31 March
5pm Saturday Brighton	E Harte C Hickey	C Rosenberg-O'Brien J Moore K Lynch
7am Sunday Brighton	D Price P Cross TBA	L Isaak P Pehrson TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	J Murdoch V O'Brien TBA	L North V O'Brien TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	B Fallis TBA	M Judd
ALTAR SERVERS	23-24 March	30-31 March
5pm Saturday Brighton	A Grealy	TBA (Help needed please)
7am Sunday Brighton	TBA	TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	S Bastian M Armitage	TBA (Help needed please)
5pm Sunday Sandgate	M Tate	TBA
CHURCH CLEANING	23-24 March	30-31 March
Brighton	C Hickey	TBA
Sandgate	TBA	P Mair
HOSPITALITY	23-24 March	30-31 March
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson F Edwards	M Thompson D Price
9am Sunday Sandgate	Couples for Christ	P Janbroers M Jeays
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	23-24 March	30-31 March
9am Sunday Sandgate	A Hennessy M Carter	Sacrament of First Eucharist
COUNTERS	23-24 March	30-31 March
Parish Office	D Madden R Mahon	M Neilson A Finch
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Sandgate Parish Hall, 1st Sunday of the month 7 April – Kelly family	
DINNER IN THE PARK	Sat 30 March – P Cross B Fallis	

READINGS: (YEAR C)

	3rd Sun of Lent	4th Sun of Lent
1st Reading	Ex 3:1-8,13-15	Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm:	Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11.R.v.8	Ps 33:2-7.R.v.9
2nd Reading	1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12	2 Cor 5:17-21
Gospel	Luke 13:1-9	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

3rd Sunday of Lent: 'UNLESS YOU REPENT.' When misfortune strikes people considered to be sinners, others might say: 'They had it coming! God is punishing them!' In today's Gospel Jesus criticises such attitudes on two grounds. Firstly, it is wrong to see the wrath of God in every tragic event. Secondly, we need to recognise that we are all guilty of sin and in need of conversion. Instead of judging others, let us ask God to forgive our sins and help us as we undertake the difficult task of reform.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Arthur BOOL, Clare LAUMAN, David HOGAN, Justin CARR, Jason MORPHETT, Muriel URQUHART, John RHULE, Angelo MORETTI, Trish MORRISON, Jo FLYNN, Annette BOYER, Ivy BRUCE, Pat BURNS, Agnes CHARNLEY, Lee CONSTABLE, David DOWLING, Grace FERRINGTON, Marjorie GLEESON, Thomas HARTE, Sheila HOBBS, Helen HOGAN, Kellin HYDE, John JAMES, Pauline JOHNSON, Chloe MASON, Tarryn MCDERMOTT, Maria PASHEN, Trevor PAYNE, Margaret PERIL, Christina PETERS, Colin ROBINSON, John SHEPHERD, Candice THOMPSON, Samantha TSALIKIS, Susan WILKE 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 Mary HODGE, Ursula HOLLEDGE, Norman STEPHENS, Genevieve CANNON, Sr Patricia Plint RSM, Sr Veronica CLARKE RSM, John ASHE who died recently and for Keith LYNCH, Neville DOWNES, Steven GALLACHER, Maxwell JEFFREYS, Robert SMITH, Mary EMERY, Louisa BARNES, Monica CARR and Colin YEO whose anniversaries occur around this time.

RESPONSE: (Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11.R.v.8) The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Mt 4:17) **Praise & honour to you Lord Jesus, Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ.**
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. *(9AM ONLY: Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. .Praise & honour to you Lord Jesus, Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ*

MYSTERY OF FAITH: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (Ps 83:4-5) The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars,
O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

9AM ONLY: *For anyone who drinks it, say the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.*

ENTRANCE: OPEN THE HEAVENS

**REFRAIN: Open the heavens, Lord, Come to your people, hide not your face, O God.
Open the heavens, Lord, Come to your people, open the heavens, and come.**

Look on the sheep of your pasture, Lord.
Water your vineyard again
Scattered and broken, return to our aid,
Open the heavens and come. ©

**BRIDGE: Wake, awake, O Israel
see your light has come.
Rise and clothe yourself in strength
know your Lord is near.**

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, today.
Listen to hear when he comes
know that salvation will break like the dawn,
Open the heavens and come. ©

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: A TRUSTING PSALM

**REFRAIN: Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord, is faithfulness and love.
His love can never be measured.
His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in him. ©

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
His love can never grow weary.
His mercy is as though our sins have never been,
if we can place our trust in him. ©

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong.
His love can never grow weary.
He will seek and save the lost until we all return,
so let us place our trust in him. ©

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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. ©

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RECESSIONAL: BLEST BE THE LORD

**REFRAIN: Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,
the God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear the dark of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day.**

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice
to find a dwelling place secure. ©

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,
nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down,
no evil settle in my soul. ©

Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side,
I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand.
His faithful love is all the armour that I need
to wage my battle with the foe. ©

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