



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**CLOSED WEDNESDAYS**

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**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 February, 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:**

19 Feb 10.30am 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:**

Principal: Ben Gray  
Thurs 21 February 9am  
Phone: 3269 5989

**Sacred Heart School:**

Principal: Julian Cotter  
Wed 6 March 9am  
Phone: 3269 3427



**Saturdays**

Sandgate: 11.30am – 12pm

Brighton: 4pm (2nd Rite)  
1st Saturday of the month

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.

**CHOOSING ATTACHMENT TO GOD**

(Jer 17:5-8; 1Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26).

Jeremiah did his preaching approximately five centuries prior to the ministry of Jesus, while that of Paul followed more than three decades after Christ's resurrection. Led from today's Gospel, we can connect with the thoughts raised by Jeremiah and the admonition published by St Paul.

The words of Jeremiah come with an insistence that there is a certain blindness and disadvantage in losing one's confidence in God. Jeremiah affirms that the strength of the righteous man's confidence is better found in God. This teaching re-surfaces in today's Gospel. It is the good news which we need not contradict its preaching like some did in Paul's Corinth when they said, 'there is no resurrection'. We can't afford this faithlessness let alone living.

By way of calling us to always re-examine ourselves, our values and our choices, the Lord Jesus asserts that those who choose God are indeed, blessed. In this reckoning, are we not happy to learn that **the rich who depend on God are truly 'poor'**? Are we not surprised to know from the perspective of the Gospel that the rich are also indeed, blessed, if only they recognise and acknowledge God, knowing their dependence on God and seeing the transitory nature of the earthly comfort?

In Luke's own account of the beatitudes, the Lord Jesus is not so much about *going up the hill* as he is about *going down the hill* or better, 'standing on the plain' and therefore, meeting his people on a level ground of the plateau – at their own level. Some people tend to pick issues with the beatitudes, since they think – wrongly of course, that Jesus was referring only to material possession and to those having them. But the religion of Jesus is mainly about the inside of us, about what dispositions inform our actions and what attitudes command our hearts more. So, the 'rich' who count on God are poor indeed!

Is it okay to begin to assure yourselves that things aren't today, what they used to be in those days of yore? Does not this form of response impede rather than enhance the Gospel? What about God's Grace which has been multiplied for us today more than ever before? And, does one really need the falling back to those already over-

used and exhausted excuses which claim that striving after the demands of the Gospel, overlooks the complexity of modern life's 'grey' areas?

Today, Jesus declares his blessings – 'how happy are you...'; and he pronounces curses – 'But alas for you...!' precisely because, he knows that we do have the choice for good and evil. Jesus urges us to make the choice for good; to **be straight with God and with the faith we profess in Christ**. If the modern life and its complexities throw up the grey areas, then add to it, the colour of faith and hope. Take the clear stand amidst the uncertainties of our time; and be among the happy ones of today who are said to 'hope in the Lord'!

Let us never forget that the dangers which the materially rich ignore today are encompassing - claiming absolute contentment in present yet transient comforts, seeking a godless existence of self-sufficiency, proposing only money for achieving lasting happiness, endorsing alternative lifestyles of negative self-love, self-enclosure and self-righteousness. All these are widespread temptations wresting away from their victims, the love of God who, truly, is the master.

Yes, it is good sometimes to know poverty, feel hunger, weep and be reviled rather than lauded. Our hearts also need the sobriety, which helps us to realise that sin and holiness does overlap in every human person but that **His Grace is enough for us**. Above all, it is a blessing when we are reminded of our shortcomings; our constant need of the redemption won for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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

**AUSTRALIA DAY BBQ FUNDS:** We raised \$115 from the Australia Day BBQ which has been donated to St Vincent de Paul to assist with their vital ministry. Thankyou to all who attended and contributed.

**PPC FUNDS UPDATE:** Thanks to the generosity of parishioners through the Christmas Cake Stall, we raised \$1,031.05 which will go towards the updating of the floor covering in the Sandgate Parish Hall in the future.

**JOB VACANT:** The parish has a position open for a Bookkeeper/Administration – 3 days a week. If you are interested in this position, please see Archdiocesan website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers>.

Applications close Monday 18 February. Interviews on Thursday 21 February.

**PARISH COMMUNICATION:** If parishioners wish to email Fr Modestus directly (and not via the Parish Office email account), this can be done by using the email address [pp.sandgatebrighton@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.sandgatebrighton@bne.catholic.net.au). The previous email address used has recently been corrupted and now disabled. All appointments must be organised through the Parish Office regardless of the location. Thankyou for your consideration.

**BRIGHTON PRESBYTERY:** Following various levels of consultation with professional builders and developers, our plans for the best possible and beneficial handling of the Brighton Presbytery are still open. We have had positive discussions on possible outcomes and still expect that significant work will take place. We will continue to provide updates as they come to hand.

**VOCATION VIEW:** Try not to pray for an easy life; rather, pray to be a strong person. Strong in trust, hope, care, love. Follow the Master.

**LENTEN PROGRAM:** This year, the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong is offering a Lenten Program called TRUST. A sample of this program is at the Church door for your perusal. These books are no longer available through St Paul's Bookshop in the City. If you are planning to host a program this year and would like assistance to purchase resources (which are selling fast), please contact the Parish Office.

**LENTEN PRESENTATION:** Save the date! Sunday 10 March. Sr Mel Dwyer will be returning to the parish for a Lenten Presentation 'The Journey to the Cross and Beyond – Exploring the real focus of Lent, our call to conversion and the invitation of Jesus to a new life.' This will be held in the Sandgate Parish Hall at 2.30pm. All Welcome!

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN!:** Would you like a special seat at Mass where you have a close up view of what's going on? Are you a little confused about what is happening and would like to understand a little more?

Join us at 5pm Mass each Saturday night at Brighton Church from 16th February to 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Children of all ages are welcome to join including those preparing for their First Holy Communion. All will remain in Church and are free to return to their families anytime. Parents and Carers are also welcome to sit with us in our comfy corner next to the altar. We look forward to seeing you all there!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Friday, 1 March at 10am, Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Guest Speaker: Father Gary Walker, Columban Missionary Priest who has served in Fiji and Jamaica.

Our parish is hosting an ecumenical service of prayer, music and reflection. Please join us and other local Christian churches for the service which has been prepared by the women of Slovenia – a country that still faces many challenges. However their service also highlights there are many wonderful things to celebrate in this emerging country This year's theme: "Come – Everything is Ready" is based on Luke 14:15-24. Morning tea will be served in the parish hall after the service. All welcome!

**MINI RAFFLE:** to help with the cost of hosting World Day of Prayer. Prize: TWELVE home-made cards (birthday, thank you, get well etc.). Cost of tickets: \$2 or three for \$5. (When was the last time you could get twelve cards for \$5 or less?) Tickets will be on sale after Mass this weekend and next.

**ANNUAL LEAVE:** Fr Modestus will be leaving for his annual holiday after Mass at Brighton on Monday 25 February. During Fr's absence, there will be a reduced weekday Mass schedule with no Tuesday morning or Friday morning Mass at Sandgate. A full schedule of Masses during this period will be posted on the parish noticeboards, facebook page and website. I am sure you will all make the supply Priests very welcome during this time. Fr Modestus returns to the parish on Saturday 30 March.

**IMMERSION TRIP:** Are you between 18-35 years old and want to make a difference? Join us for the Canossian Australian Volunteer Immersion to Papua New Guinea from 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019. This will be a formation based opportunity to help out in our Canossian mission in Port Moresby and to immerse yourself in another experience of life. Places are limited so get in quick. For more information contact Sr Mel on 0484 007 508.

## WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

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

**BIBLE STUDY:** has returned in the 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.

- African refugee trailblazers inspire their peers at Brisbane Catholic College
- Holy Spirit Seminary in Banyo welcomes six new first-year seminarians
- Brisbane Archbishop urges lawmakers to support a broad, holistic re-examination of religious freedom
- Townsville facing a \$1 billion repair bill after monsoonal floods
- Church provides guidance for responsible social media use to protect human dignity in a hyper-sexualised world

## 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>16-17 February</b>	<b>23-24 February</b>
5pm Saturday Brighton	J Rosenberg C Hickey Welcome: E Byrne POF: H Boon	K Lynch P Ryan Welcome: POF: J Moore
7am Sunday Brighton	M Heap R Heap TBA	P Pehrson F Edwards B Gray
9am Sunday Sandgate	L Butler R Corias Welcome: I Gee POF: C Murdoch	K Coffey M Bastian Welcome: L McCarthy POF: C McLaren
5pm Sunday Sandgate	Youth TBA TBA	Youth
<b>EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>16-17 February</b>	<b>23-24 February</b>
5pm Saturday Brighton	C Rosenberg-O'Brien K Lynch	E Harte C Hickey
7am Sunday Brighton	B Gaffney F Edwards P Madden	D Price P Cross TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	J Murdoch L Kelly TBA	P Janbroers J Murdoch TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	L Hazelman TBA	B Fallis TBA
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>16-17 February</b>	<b>23-24 February</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	TBA	M Tate
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	<b>16-17 February</b>	<b>23-24 February</b>
Brighton	M Bernard	TBA
Sandgate	M Neilson	TBA
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	<b>16-17 February</b>	<b>23-24 February</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>16-17 February</b>	<b>23-24 February</b>
9am Sunday Sandgate	A Hennessy M Carter	A Hennessy M Carter
<b>COUNTERS</b>	<b>16-17 February</b>	<b>23-24 February</b>
Parish Office	Arnold family	D Madden R Mahon
<b>BAPTISM PREPARATION</b>	Sandgate Parish Hall, 1st Sunday of the month Bookings via Parish Office <b>3 March – M Jeays K Coffey</b>	
<b>DINNER IN THE PARK</b> (Homeless Outreach)	<b>Sat 2 March – F Edwards B Fallis</b>	

### READINGS: (YEAR C)

**6th Sun in Ord Time**  
**1st Reading** Jer 17:5-8  
**Psalm:** Ps 1:1-4, R. Ps 39:5  
**2nd Reading** 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20  
**Gospel** Luke 6:17, 20-26

**7th Sun in Ord Time**  
 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
 Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8  
 1 Cor 15:45-49  
 Luke 6:27-38

**TRUST IN A YEAR OF DROUGHT:** It is hard to imagine families on the land having no worries in a year of drought. They are fortunate if they are able to put their hope and trust in God in such a difficult time. Happy also are the poor, the hungry and the sorrowful if they turn to God in their plight. Today's Scripture readings call for a heroic trust in God, a trust that will bring great rewards in heaven and surprising rewards on earth as well.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Clare LAUMAN, Kay SIMPSON, David HOGAN, 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, 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 John ASHE who died recently and for Mary EMERY, Louisa BARNES, Monica CARR and Colin YEO whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**RESPONSE:** (Ps 1:1-4.R.Ps 39:5) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Lk 6:23) **Alleluia! Alleluia!** Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** (Ps 77:29-30) They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**ENTRANCE: WE ARE MANY PARTS**

**REFRAIN: We are many parts, we are all one body,  
And the gifts we have we are given to share,  
May the Spirit of Love make us One in deed,  
One, the Love that we share,  
One, our Hope in despair,  
One, the Cross that we bear.**

God of all, we look to you,  
We would be your servants true,  
Let us be your love to all the world.

So my pain is pain for you,  
In your joy is my joy, too,  
All is brought together in the Lord.

All you seekers great and small,  
Seek the greatest gift of all,  
If you love, then you will know the Lord.

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When pain and sorrow weigh us down,  
be near to us, O Lord,  
forgive the weakness of our faith,  
and bear us up within your peaceful word. ®

Our lives are but a single breath,  
we flower and we fade,  
yet all our days are in your hands,  
so we return in love what love has made. ®

To those who see with eyes of faith,  
the Lord is ever near,  
reflected in the faces,  
of all the poor and lowly of the world. ®

We sing a myst'ry from the past,  
in halls where saints have trod,  
yet ever new the music rings,  
to Jesus, living song of God.

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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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**RECESSIONAL: LEAD US ON O LORD**

**REFRAIN: Lead us on, O Lord, lead us on  
Lead us where we dare not go.  
Lead us on, O Lord, lead us on  
Be with us as we face new days.**

All of our lives, O Lord, all of our dreams  
All that we are and hope to be.  
All of our strength is in our unity as one  
All our dangers in discord.

Fill us with strength, O Lord, fill us with hope,  
Fill us with courage to go on.  
Filled with the sweetness of Your light and Your truth.  
We will find ways to share your gift.

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**REFLECTION: EYE HAS NOT SEEN**

**REFRAIN: Eye has not seen, ear has not heard,  
what God has ready for those who love him;  
spirit of love, come give us the mind of  
Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.**



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