



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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6th Sunday of Easter – 26th May, 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:

18 June – 10.30am

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

Sun 9 June 9am

Phone: 3269 3427



Saturdays

Sandgate: 11.30am – 12pm

Brighton: 4pm (2nd Rite)

1st Saturday of the month

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.

PEACE AND THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

(Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14: 23-29).

A dear and close friend of mine miraculously survived a ghastly car accident. It changed his life for ever and yet, he radiates such an amazingly inspiring sense of gratitude to God and openness of spirit. He wrote a fascinating book and titled it: "The Peace I know". And, I believe him completely.

At the heart of today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus speaks about his own peace which the world does not know, and which he gives to us. He speaks about the advocacy of the Holy Spirit 'whom the Father will send in my name'; and who will reveal this peace of Christ to us. We are persuaded to believe and so, understand, the revelatory and empowerment functions of the Spirit in the Church whether yesterday, today or tomorrow.

Something functions like the common denominator in all the episodic narratives of our readings today. We can see with the eyes of faith, the fruits of Jesus' promise, how the Spirit enlivens the community of believers. At the very beginning of the second reading, it is 'the Spirit' who leads John to the mountain of his visions. Again, at the most trying times in the life of the early Church, the leaders of the faith concluded - in the very beginning of their pastoral letters sent via Judas and Silas that: "It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to...."

Such a re-cap of the early Church experience remains for us today, a great source of encouragement. It is even so now, as the local Catholic Church in Australia invokes the guidance of the Holy Spirit towards the great Plenary Council of 2020, the listening and discernment process of which has already begun.

As the act of the first ecumenical council of Jerusalem is highlighted in today's reading, the great signal for its authenticity was that it addressed the real issues and effectively solved perceived needs of the nascent Church. It did

not mistake the 'human' spirit for the Holy Spirit but accepted the counsel of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it was able to entrench the peace of Christ by **truly listening** to the Holy Spirit.

Respectful dialogue and sincere openness to the Holy Spirit led to heroic sacrifices made on many sides of the divide. The Jerusalem Church made itself open by realising Jesus' intention that his Church is for all nations (*ad Gentes*). Such a universal Church looked beyond national borders for effectivity; and laid claims to its own culture as Church. Its members, far or near realised that it was never to be life as license.

For example, the unguarded permissiveness which saw the various forms of fornication as legitimate choice and 'sacred' to the gods of Greece, was shamed in preference for the Christian moral conscience. The Church does not say, 'let it be, since the people loved it and made such choice!'

We who are bearers of the precious message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are people of hope. More than anything else, the findings and recommendations of the Royal Commission as well as the on-going disclosures on the sexual abuse of Children are included in the work of the Holy Spirit both as Advocate and Revealer.

Our profound shame at the abuse scandal, is only surpassed by the priceless gain of genuine repentance hoped. For, only in such a sincere conversion of body and soul, with a firm purpose of amendment, that today's promise of Christ comes across to us all: "...my own peace I give you!"

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.

THANKYOU! – Last week, National Volunteer Week was celebrated. As a parish community, we are always appreciative of the many ways parishioners contribute to the life of the parish by way of their selfless volunteering.

WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT: Next Saturday following the Brighton 5pm Mass. All Welcome!

PARISH/SCHOOL MASS: Sacred Heart School will be hosting the Parish/School Mass on Sunday 9 June at 9am. What a wonderful way for the whole community to share our faith. All Welcome!

VOCATION VIEW: It is not that talents add up to a vocation; but that a Vocation brings talents. The Spirit of God lives within you!

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Former parishioner and staff member, **Brendan Gormley** will be ordained to the priesthood on Friday 31 May in St Stephen's Cathedral at 7pm. Brendan has invited parishioners to share in this wonderful celebration.

ANNUAL ST DYMUNA'S DAY CELEBRATIONS: Saturday June 8 at St Patrick's Church in the Valley (58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley). The day includes a Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick concelebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at 10.00am, followed by a free barbecue lunch, raffles, a lucky wheel and cake stall. This is the annual donation day for Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Sunday 23 June at 2pm – St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane. Proceedings led by Bishop Brian Finnigan. This year, there will be a Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition at the Hanly Room (next door to Cathedral) on Saturday 22nd June 11.00am – 5.30pm and Sunday 23 June 9.00am – 5.00pm. *'He who follows me walks not in darkness says the Lord.'* John 8:12
www.corpuschristibrisbane.com

BUS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Parishioners wishing to book a seat on the bus to the procession are invited to contact Sandy on 0407 791 833.

FLOWER GIRLS, CORPUS CHRISTI: We are looking for girls aged 10 to 18 to take part in the Corpus Christi procession Sun 23rd June as flower girls. Girls will need to wear a white dress or a black skirt and white blouse. If interested please contact Kylie on 041 3218673 or at kylie.barros@gmail.com by 6 June 2019.

HARVEST PILGRIMAGE: 'Footsteps of Jesus' – Watch the Gospel come alive as we set out on this true pilgrimage of faith and retrace the progressive stages of the life of Jesus from his Nativity in Bethlehem to his Passion on Calvary. Be deeply moved as we behold with

our eyes what our minds for so long attempted to imagine. 9 days/10 nights – Sunday 17 November – Tuesday 26 November, 2019 accompanied by Fr Julian Belich. For more information, please contact Julie Borger on 0412 369 243 or email julie@borger.com.au

INTINCTION: Parishioners are reminded that intinction (dipping of Consecrated Host into Precious Blood) is not an allowed practice. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

PARISH RACE DAY 2019: Please join our Parish at the Deagon Community Races on Sunday 7 July. It will be Fr Modestus' last race day, so let's make it a wonderful gathering for Father and all our parishioners!

Thanks to generous donors, we can offer tickets for \$50 pp, instead of \$85pp/ \$750 table of 10 for on-line sales. Ticket includes gate entry, seating in the infield marquee (which has been reconfigured to seat only two rows of tables), and two finger food platters for each table of ten. Drinks and additional food will be available for purchase.

To secure tickets at this very special price, you must book and pay through our parish only before the deadline. Be quick to avoid disappointment, because last year marquee tickets sold out early.

Booking and payment deadline for special price tickets: Friday 28 June. Payment must be made to secure booking.

Enquiries: John and Donna McKeown 3269 6239 (before 23 June) and Jim Murdoch jmurdoch@qldbar.asn.au
Bank deposits: Westpac BSB 734 000 Ac 570014 Please use your surname as a reference and email your name, mobile number and ticket requirements to Catherine Murdoch arnold@qldbar.asn.au

If you are unable to attend, but wish to support this important parish fundraiser, donations are very welcome. Thank you for your support.

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.

- Deacons Josh Whitehead and Brendan Gormley sit down and discuss their spiritual journeys before their ordination to the priesthood this month.
- Re-elected government faces three million Aussies on struggle street, St Vincent de Paul Society says.
- American journalist and New York Times best-selling author Rod Dreher shares why Brisbane Catholics could expect a non-Christian society in the future.
- The sacking of Wallaby star Israel Folau has raised questions about religious freedom and freedom of expression.
- 90-year-old Vincentian Joyce Parsons celebrates 20 years of smiles and compassion.
- St Joseph's Regional College in Port Macquarie celebrates 50 years.
- Good Samaritan Sister Eiko Mukae has a lifetime of teaching and compassion under her belt and shares the wisdom she has learned along the way.

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 | 25-26 May | 1-2 June |
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| 5pm Saturday Brighton | K Lynch P Ryan J Moore | P Ryan F Shepherd H Boon |
| 7am Sunday Brighton | P Pehrson F Edwards B Gray | D Smith M Thompson P McNamara |
| 9am Sunday Sandgate | K Coffey W Johnson C McLaren | L Rodrigues S Bria TBA |
| 5pm Sunday Sandgate | TBA | M Judd TBA |
| EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS | 25-26 May | 1-2 June |
| 5pm Saturday Brighton | E Harte P Madden | E Harte K Lynch |
| 7am Sunday Brighton | P Cross D Price TBA | P Pehrson M Cross P 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 | 25-26 May | 1-2 June |
| 5pm Saturday Brighton | TBA | TBA |
| 7am Sunday Brighton | TBA | M Kilroy |
| 9am Sunday Sandgate | S Bastian M Armitage | S Treanor I Treanor |
| 5pm Sunday Sandgate | M Tate | TBA |
| CHURCH CLEANING | 25-26 May | 1-2 June |
| Brighton | TBA | C Hickey |
| Sandgate | TBA | L Hazelman |
| HOSPITALITY | 25-26 May | 1-2 June |
| 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 | 25-26 May | 1-2 June |
| 9am Sunday Sandgate | A Hennessy M Carter | A Hennessy M Carter |
| COUNTERS | 25-26 May | 1-2 June |
| Parish Office | | |
| BAPTISM PREPARATION | Next Baptism Preparation Session – Sunday 30 June | |
| DINNER IN THE PARK | 8 June: P Cross B Fallis | |

READINGS: (YEAR C)

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| 1st Reading | 6th Sun of Easter Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11 |
| Psalm: | Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8.R.v.4 | Ps 46:2-3,6-7,8-9.R.v.6 |
| 2nd Reading | Apoc 21:10-14,22-23 | Eph 1:17-23 |
| Gospel | John 14:23-29 | Luke 24:46-53 |

6th Sunday of Easter: 'THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH YOU.' Shortly before his death, Jesus assured his disciples that he would not abandon them. In his name, the Father will send the Holy Spirit to be with them and guide them. The early Christian community experienced the Spirit's presence as they sought to discern God's will on various issues: 'it has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves', the apostles and elders would say. As we face difficult decisions today we also can be at peace, confident that God's Spirit is with us.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Harvey DELACOUR, 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 Peter GREALY Snr and Sr Lourdes MOYLAN RSM who died recently and for Arthur SMITH, David ANDREWS, Des SHEPHERD, Ian SHEPHERD, Pamela RAMPLING, Mervyn DOWNES, Adrian DOWNES, Steven GALLACHER, Teresa PEHRSON, Alfred PEHRSON, Peggy PEHRSON and Colin YEO whose anniversaries occur around this time.

RESPONSE: (Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8.R.v.4) Let the peoples praise you, O Lord, Let all the peoples praise you. (Sung)
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Jn 14:23) **Alleluia! Alleluia!** All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
MYSTERY OF FAITH: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (Jn 14:15-16) If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia!

ENTRANCE: PRAISE THE LORD MY SOUL

Praise the Lord, my soul, let fire and rain give praise to Him,
give praise to Him, who is merciful, slow to judge;
bless the Lord, O my soul.

Bless the Lord, my soul, let all I am give praise to Him;
and not forget He is kind, He forgives our sins;
bless the Lord, O my soul.

Merciful and kind, He knows our ways, He knows we're dust;
and like the flowers that flourish, he soon must die;
bless the Lord, O my soul.

Glory to our God, let all that is give praise to Him;
give praise to Him, all you creatures who live His love;
bless the Lord, O my soul. bless the Lord, O my soul.

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

**REFRAIN: You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.**

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your family, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. ®

With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'ly food. ®

Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ out poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf declare
Our oneness in the Lord? ®

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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.**

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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RECESSIONAL: GOD SENDS US FORTH

Go now you are sent forth, to live what you proclaim,
to show the world you follow Christ
in fact not just in name.

Go now you are sent forth, to walk this troubled earth
to share your faith with other men,
and prove your real worth.

Go now you are sent forth, as God's ambassador,
by serving him in those we meet,
we love him more and more.

Go now you are sent forth, and Christ goes with you too,
today you help his kingdom come
in ev'rything you do.

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