



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

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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.

Ascension of the Lord – 2 June, 2019 Year C

ASCENSION: THE MORE ABIDING PRESENCE

(Acts 1:1- 11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53)

Ascension refers to the physical absence of Jesus from our world of flesh and blood as we know it. Yet the Ascension inaugurates the abiding spiritual presence of Jesus as risen Lord among us. We celebrate in this feast, the realms of Jesus' eternal presence with God the Father, within and beyond time and space.

Rather than an absence, the Ascension remains for believers, a new and exulted presence of the glorified Lord. Now, the Church lives what it is called to proclaim: the abiding presence of Jesus in the world. Now, the Church as the people of God 'see' Christ with the eyes of faith; and point Jesus out to the world in the works of grace and mercy inaugurated by Jesus.

Unlike our forebears in today's first reading who kept 'gazing' into the sky, we have been graced with the full weight of the resurrection. We have been inspired by the Ascension faith, which is a living faith and a deeper faith. In our time we are privileged to know that our uncertain world demands a certain faith, which does not shiver or cringe before countless uncertainties of modern life.

Seeing Christ in the new faith of the resurrection and living the Christian message with the fresh light of the Ascension, demands openness of mind from us. This summons us to take notice – even at the face of our technocracies, that there are still mysteries in our world today which only the authority of God can fully reveal or totally explain. As a people and a nation founded on Christian civilisation, we are also reminded to rely on "what the Father has promised (Lk 24:49)" us in Jesus.

That, which God, the Father promises and constantly gives to us his Children is the gift of faith. The Christian faith as re-enforced by the Ascension today, engrains us with the fruits of the Holy Spirit for stability and balance. The 'balance' of faith helps us in the often very shallow attitude of thinking that we must 'figure it all out' here and now. The stability that comes

with a sincere faith in God reminds us that it could get better and clearer tomorrow!

It is for this reason, that the prayer of St Paul echoes afresh to us today. Praying for God's grace and for the openness of mind and heart is still as needed in our time today as it was centuries ago. Thus, the presence and power of the Spirit: The Spirit of wisdom towards the perception of what is revealed; and the opening of the eyes of our minds (Eph 1:17); we long to be touched and filled by God in this way.

And here, the power of the resurrection is joined to the promise of the Ascension to reassure that **no person who came to Christ** in baptism or remained with him through life's pilgrim journey, can ever be totally annihilated by death; or confined eternally to the grave. Bodily death will be only the beginning of a process. The merits of the resurrection and ascension of Jesus will open the way to Pentecost. The work of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of the 'new life', brings back to Christ, all that the Father gave to him. And Christ will raise us up on the last day as he has promised (Jn 6:39).

Today, we too should be filled with joy as the apostles were filled with joy and praising God while returning to Jerusalem. Their hopes did not fail them, and our hopes will never deceive us.

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, continue to give us a spirit of true perception of what is revealed and the great hopes his call holds for us.

Happy Ascension Day celebration!

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.

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: Our Spiritual Life is a Journey - following the Call of the Master to "Go and teach all people my Gospel." Say "Yes" over and over again.

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. A full bus timetable is available on the Church door. The bus will leave Sacred Heart Church at 12pm returning at 4.40pm.

PRIEST COMMUNICATION: If you wish to send an email directly to Fr Modestus, please use pp.sandgatebrighton@bne.catholic.net.au. This email address is only accessible by the Parish Priest. All emails addressed to sandgatebrighton@bne.catholic.net.au are attended to by Parish Office staff.

FR MODESTUS FAREWELL MASS: Friday, 28 June 2019 at 7pm in Sacred Heart Church. This Mass of Thanksgiving will be followed by a multi-cultural parish supper in the undercover area. For catering purposes, please RSVP to the Parish Office by Friday 21 June. We look forward to sharing this celebration with the whole parish community.

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: Bible Study is at a new time of 6pm Wednesday evening in the Parish hall at Sandgate. We will be starting a new study soon. Come and join us for a cuppa and fellowship and tell us what you would like to study. 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.

- Catholics across southeast Queensland are being urged to take up the call of Pope Francis' Laudato Si' message ahead of World Environment Day on June 5.
- Carmel College students put their hands forward with courage during National Reconciliation Week.
- Our Lady of Peace Church, Kumbia, recently celebrated its centenary and the "loving" faith community who uphold its peace.
- St Benedict's Catholic School, Shaw, stands as the greenest school in the country.
- Canossian Sister Rosa Vazzano explains why she takes her shoes off on holy ground and other cross-cultural encounters.

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	1-2 June	8-9 June
5pm Saturday Brighton	P Ryan F Shepherd H Boon	K Lynch H Rodrigues TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	D Smith M Thompson P McNamara	J Rosenberg D Madden R Mahon
9am Sunday Sandgate	L Rodrigues S Bria TBA	K Coffey M Lynch C McLaren
5pm Sunday Sandgate	M Judd TBA	TBA
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	1-2 June	8-9 June
5pm Saturday Brighton	E Harte K Lynch	D Price L Isaak
7am Sunday Brighton	P Pehrson M Cross P Cross	D Kelly C Rosenberg-O'Brien TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	J Murdoch S Butler L Kelly	L North V O'Brien TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	P Janbroers TBA	TBA
ALTAR SERVERS	1-2 June	8-9 June
5pm Saturday Brighton	TBA	TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	M Kilroy	S Bastian M Armitage
9am Sunday Sandgate	S Treanor I Treanor	TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	TBA	TBA
CHURCH CLEANING	1-2 June	8-9 June
Brighton	C Hickey	D Abberton
Sandgate	L Hazelman	R & C Bolton
HOSPITALITY	1-2 June	8-9 June
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson D Price	M Thompson D Price
9am Sunday Sandgate	E Bria C Rosenberg-O'Brien	B Gunn D Hauff-Green
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	1-2 June	8-9 June
9am Sunday Sandgate	A Hennessy M Carter	M Bernard
COUNTERS	1-2 June	8-9 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)

1st Reading Ascension of the Lord
 Acts 1:1-11
Psalm: Ps 46:2-3,6-7,8-9.R.v.6
2nd Reading Eph 1:17-23
Gospel Luke 24:46-53

Pentecost Sunday
 Acts 2:1-11
 Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31.34.R.v.30
 Romans 8:8-17
 John 14:15-16,23-26

Ascension of the Lord: THE LORD WILL RETURN. The Ascension of Jesus, whereby he is glorified at the Father's right hand and made 'ruler of everything', does not signal his departure from our midst. It points rather to a new mode of presence that will endure 'until the end of the world.' In the meantime, it is our vocation, as his Church, to reveal him.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Esther HARTE, 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 Joseph RYAN, 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 46:2-3,6-7,8-9.R.v.6) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Mt 28:19,20) **Alleluia! Alleluia!** Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (Mt 28:20) Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

ENTRANCE: ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! The songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeem'd us by his blood.

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own.
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne:
thou within the veil has entered
robed in flesh our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Savior
who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Font of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia to the triune majesty.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: TABLE OF PLENTY

**REFRAIN: Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.**

O, come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love. ®

O, come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life. ®

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul. ®

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REFLECTION: I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one,
lay down thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus, as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and
live'. I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving
stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's
light; look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be
bright.' I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my
sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are
done.

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arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams; 1872-1958.
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RECESSIONAL: COME RING OUT OUR JOY

Come ring out our joy to the Lord,
Come ring out our hope in His promises,
Let more of his people welcome His news.

**REFRAIN: Come ring out loud
Come ring out strong
Come live a new life in Him**

Come celebrate life with our Lord,
Come show Him our thanks for His promises,
Let more of His people move to His song. ®

Come remember the people He loves,
Come remember the poor and His promises,
Let more of His people remember His plan. ®

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