



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish

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Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (8:30am – 3:30pm) **CLOSED WEDNESDAYS**

Parish Secretary: Liz Kelly

Finance Officer: Angela Smith

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B – 21 FEBRUARY 2021



WEEKDAY MASSES

All Masses (provide details upon entry – no booking required.)

Brighton

Monday: 9:15am

Sandgate

Tuesday: 7am

Thursday: 5.30pm

followed by Adoration until 7pm

Friday: 7am

WEEKEND MASSES

Sign in at the door.

Brighton

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7am

Sandgate

Sunday: 9am and 5pm

Regis Aged Care:

Musgrave – Thur 4 March (10.30am)

SCHOOL MASSES

St Kieran's School

Date: 11 March – 9am

Principal: Ben Gray

Phone: 3269 5989

Sacred Heart School

Date: TBA

Principal: Jo Kimmins

Phone: 3269 3427



Saturdays at Sandgate 11.30am (1st Rite)

Bookings via Parish Office required.

Brighton: 4pm (2nd Rite)

2nd Saturday each month.

Next one: 13 February

Reconciliation is also available at other times by appointment.

SEASON OF LENT: A TIME OF RENEWAL

This weekend is the first Sunday of Lent, a season of Renewal. The primary purpose of Lent is to prepare us for the celebration of Jesus' death and Resurrection. The Church tries to achieve this goal by leading her children to true "repentance," by reordering their priorities, and the changing their values, ideals, and ambitions through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and self-control.

The season of Lent is also called season of grace because it offers an opportunity to purify the heart, renew the spirit and regain the grace of God in the journey of life. Since we are even more open to receive the grace of God during this season, St. Paul advises us to make the best use of the grace and not to receive it in vain (1 Corinthians 6:1).

The season of Lent is also a season of repentance and so the words used in placing the ashes on our head on Ash Wednesday is: "Repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). The prophet Joel called his people to repentance with a loud voice saying: Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment (Joel 2:13).

The Gospel on this weekend reminds us that, as Christ was tested, so shall we all be tested. Every day of our lives, the devil tempts us, and he will continue doing so. However, this should not frighten us, because the Holy Spirit that helped Christ is always available to help us. It is also a reminder, that temptation is inevitable in our Christian journey.

Let us sincerely make use of this period of Lent to ask God for forgiveness for all the moments we have not been faithful to our covenant with him. So, with the psalmist, let us praise him for his faithfulness: "*Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.*"

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Parish Priest

FIRST READING: (Genesis 9:8-15) God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See I establish my Covenant with you and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations. I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

SECOND READING: (1 Peter) 3:18-22 Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death. In the Spirit he was raised to life and in the spirit he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water' and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

GOSPEL: (Mark 1:12-15) The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News.'



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27/28 FEBRUARY	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS
5pm Saturday Brighton	K Lynch J Moore P Ryan	
7am Sunday Brighton	P Pehrson F Edwards B Gray	
9am Sunday Sandgate	TBA M Bastian C McLaren	J Murdoch
5pm Sunday Sandgate	TBA L Butler D Monro	
	CHURCH CLEANING	
Brighton	TBA	
Sandgate	F Edwards	

WEEKEND READERS: This weekend, our readers are:

5pm Sat J Rosenberg C Hickey H Boon
 7am Sun M Heap R Heap L Isaak
 9am Sun C McLaren R Corias K Coffey
 5pm Sun TBA M Concannon D Monro

MASS WARDENS: Thankyou to those parishioners who continue to provide assistance with contact tracing requirements and seating parishioners at weekend Masses. This assistance is vital to maintain compliance with our Covid Safe plan in order to keep the church open for so many people. If you arrive at one of these Masses and are willing to 'lend a hand', please see the Sacristan.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Archdiocese has contacted parishes to advise that there has been a recent increase in scam text messages and/or emails – some asking for donations of gift cards.

Parishioners have reported receiving these messages claiming to be from Fr Joseph and either asking to reply to the message or asking for donations via gift cards.

Unfortunately, the Archdiocese is unable to stop these messages so the best form of protection for you is awareness. **If you receive any of these messages, please IGNORE and DELETE.** Fr Joseph (or any Parish Priest) would never request gifts/contributions in such a way.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Sacred Heart Church, every Friday night during Lent beginning at 6pm from Friday 19 February. All Welcome!

SATURDAY MASS: Beginning this SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20, weekly Saturday morning Mass will return to the parish. This Mass (Mass of the day) will be offered in Brighton Church at 9.00am followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. All welcome!

RCIA: This weekend, we celebrate the Rite of Election at the 9am Sunday Mass for Kelly, Courtney, Tristan, Sue and Courtney. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they journey towards their baptism this Easter.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE: Practice for Easter celebrations will begin in the parish – Sandgate Church – Tuesdays beginning 23 February at 7pm; and Brighton Church – Thursdays beginning 25 February at 9am. All parishioners enthusiastically welcomed!

EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST: Each Friday, the Newsletter is emailed to all those parishioners who have requested same. This list is also one of the best ways to share information mid-week when necessary. If you would like to be included on this list, please email your request to the Parish Office sandgatebrighton@bne.catholic.net.au

CATHOLIC LEADER: The Catholic Leader is now published MONTHLY and available copies will be located inside the church with payment to be placed in the Poor Box. This year, there has been an increase in price to \$4.00 per copy.

ATTENDANCE RECORD NUMBER (ARN): Thank you to all parishioners who have applied for and are using the new ARN system to sign in for Mass. We still have a number of cards to be collected from the church door. You are invited to check for your card this weekend!

CALL TO ALL CATHOLICS: In an advertising campaign in February and March featuring international cricketer, Matthew Hayden, the Archdiocese of Brisbane is inviting all baptised Catholics to reflect upon what it means to be a baptised Catholic.

We're looking for your help to:

- Pray for the opening of hearts
- Accompany those who are seeking
- Welcome new faces

To sign up to be an accompanier or join the prayer, or to find out more, go to:

www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Laura ANISSE, Chris HARDY, Lise MAMET, Nancy SUTTON, Trent QUINLAN, Paul PHADLOKA, Nancy BYRNE, MCKEOWN AND HEENEY FAMILIES (IRELAND), Dave CHINNERY, Lloyd NOLAN, Helen HOGAN, Leslie RODRIGUES.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS: For Michelle ROBINSON, Sr Deborah FLAHERTY RSM (known as Sr Mary ST LAURENCE RSM) Sr Loretta MOLONY RSM, Kate LEADBETTER, Baby MILES, Matt FIELDS and Ted WHITE, who died recently and for Frank ISAAK, Delma HARDY, Blino SAKR, John DEMNAR, Irene FILE, Monica CARR, Luigi Garnerone, Damien ANDREWS, Mark MEWBURN, Brian MEWBURN, Stephen MIKO, Sr Mary BARNES CSB, Antal SZAKACS, Walter RASQUINHA, Marinho AZAVEDO, deceased members of the CROSS, HELTON and BRENNAN families and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

