



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



WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Brighton

Monday: 9:15am

Sandgate

Tuesday: 7am

Thursday: 5.30pm

Friday: 7am

WEEKEND MASSES

All Masses (for 100 people only). Provide details upon entry - no booking required.

Brighton

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7am

Sandgate

Sunday: 9am and 5pm

Regis Aged Care: TBA

SCHOOL MASSES

St Kieran's School

Date: TBA

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: 12 December

Reconciliation is also available at other times by appointment.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B – 13 DECEMBER 2020

ADVENT: A SEASON TO REJOICE AND BE FAITHFUL

In our Advent journey this weekend is the third Sunday. Having come thus far in our journey, the Church says to us as the prophet Nehemiah said to the Israelites: *“Go and enjoy...Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength”* (Neh 8, 10). However, after this weekend, we must continue our journey with a new zeal and expectation.

The third Sunday of Advent is called *“Gaudete Sunday”* because the Holy Church asks us *“Gaudete in Domino semper”* --*“Rejoice in the Lord always.”* To remind ourselves that we are preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus, we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath. The common theme of the day's Scripture readings is one of joy and encouragement. The readings urge us to make the preparations required of us as we await the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives.

Holy Scripture reminds us that the coming of Jesus, past, present, and future, is the reason for our rejoicing. The first reading tells us that we should rejoice because the promised Messiah is coming as our Saviour and liberator, saving us by liberating us from our bondages.

St. Paul, in the second reading, advises us to *“rejoice always”* by leading blameless, holy, and thankful lives guided by the Holy Spirit, because Christ is faithful and will come again to reward us.

The Gospel on this weekend tells us that John the Baptist came as a witness to testify to the Light, that is Jesus. The coming of Jesus, the Light, into the world is cause for rejoicing as Light removes darkness from the world. We should be glad and rejoice also because, like John the Baptist, we, too, are chosen to bear witness to Christ Jesus, the Light of the world. We are to reflect Jesus' Light in our lives so that we may radiate it and illuminate the dark lives of others around us. The joyful message of the liturgy of this weekend is clear that is the salvation we await with rejoicing will liberate both the individual and the community.

Fr. Joseph Kanatt MCBS
Parish Priest

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11) The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

I exult for joy in the Lord. My soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation. He has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

‘For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of nations.’

GOSPEL: (John 1:6-8, 19-28) A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, ‘I am not the Christ.’ ‘Well then,’ they asked ‘are you Elijah?’ ‘I am not’ he said. ‘Are you the Prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ So they said to him, ‘Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?’ So John said, ‘I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness. Make a straight way for the Lord.’

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees and they put this further question to him, ‘Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ and not Elijah and not the prophet?’ John replied, ‘I baptise with water but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.’ This happened at Bethany on the far side of the Jordan where John was baptising.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOOKINGS

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19/20 DECEMBER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS
5pm Saturday Brighton	H Boon J Rosenberg C Hickey	
7am Sunday Brighton	M Heap R Heap L Isaak	
9am Sunday Sandgate	K Coffey C McLaren R Corias	
5pm Sunday Sandgate	TBA M Concannon TBA	
CHURCH CLEANING		
Brighton	C Hickey	
Sandgate	M Neilson F Shaddock	

WEEKEND READERS: This weekend, our readers are –
 5pm Sat K Lynch TBA TBA
 7am Sun J Rosenberg D Madden R Mahon
 9am Sun TBA M Lynch M Bastian
 5pm Sun S Butler TBA TBA

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES: These envelopes are now available at the church door. Donations made through these envelopes will be put towards the upcoming parish projects planned over the Christmas break.

ROOM AT THE INN! Due to the COVID restrictions, this year we are unable to offer our parish Christmas Day lunch however, we invite you to register to be welcomed to someone else's home for lunch or to have someone visit you on Christmas Day. If you would like to take up this offer, please leave your contact details with the Parish Office by Friday 18 December at 3pm.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: We look forward to welcoming many people to share our joy-filled Christmas celebrations. To enable us to accommodate more people this year while under current COVID restrictions, we have added a second Vigil Mass. We invite all parishioners to pre-book their Mass preference to assist with our planning. Bookings can be made either by scanning the QR code on the front page of the newsletter or via the link provided on the home page of the parish website sandgatebrightoncatholic.org.au. If you need assistance to book or wish to change your booking, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office. Together, may we enjoy the blessings of peace, the beauty of hope, the spirit of love and the comfort of faith this Christmas!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve – Thursday 24 December

Brighton 6.00pm
 Sandgate 6.00pm

*Children invited to come dressed as their favourite
 Nativity character.*

Sandgate 11.30pm Christmas Carols
 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day – Friday 25 December

Brighton 7.00am
 Sandgate 9.00am

Parishioners who are attending the **6pm Mass at both Brighton Church and Sacred Heart Church, Sandgate** on Christmas Eve are invited to come early to join in the **carol singing which commences at 5:30pm.**

SIMBANG GABI 2020: A Filipino tradition of 9 day pre-Christmas celebration in joyful waiting and preparation for Jesus' birth in our hearts, will be on **15 to 23 December 2020** at **Our Lady, Queen of Apostles church, 70 Appleby Rd. Stafford** (6:45pm-Rosary; 7:00pm-Carols; 7:30pm-Holy Mass). Register to attend the Novena Masses at <https://simbanggabi2020.eventbrite.com.au> no later than 3 days before the Mass date. Further info: Jima 0432374239; Zara 0487435315

CHRISTMAS CAKE STALL: Thank you to all parishioners who have pre-ordered Christmas goodies. These can be collected from the Parish Office on **Sunday 13 December 8am – 11am.** Payment is required on collection. Correct money would be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Christmas Stocking Cake Raffle tickets will be available after all the weekend masses. Raffle tickets are \$ 2 each or 3 tickets for \$ 5. The raffle will be drawn at the 9:15 am Mass on Monday 21st December. Merry Christmas!

RECONCILIATION: 1st Rite of Reconciliation will be available on Thursday, 24th December at Sacred Heart Church, Sandgate from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Please telephone the parish office to make a booking. *'Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love!'* Psalm 51:1

CHRISTMAS CARDS: St Vincent de Paul Christmas card packs have arrived and will be available for sale after the 9am and 5pm Masses at Sandgate from this weekend.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Dave CHINNERY, Lloyd NOLAN, Helen HOGAN, David COLLINGWOOD, Kathleen OPITZ, Leslie RODRIGUES, Bob MUNRO and Charlotte KELLY.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS: For Jessie PETERS, Vijay RASQUINHA, Jack PRANDOLINI, Anna GAJDOSOVA, Sr Anne MCLAY RSM, Dave HOGAN and Sr Ann who died recently and for Sr Mary BARNES CSB, Antal SZAKACS, the deceased members of the SACRED HEART SODALITY, deceased members of the LEGION OF MARY, Walter RASQUINHA, Marinho AZAVEDO, Peter CHARDON, Moya DEMNAR, Agnes DOWNES, Alfred DOWNES, Bill FLANNERY, Pietro FRICANO, Consorcia Royeras EPAFRODITO JR, Shirley SHEPHERD, Annie MCKEOWN, Loy MUNRO, Henry CARR, Ilona JESKO, Tibor LOSONSZKY, Karoly LOSONSZKY, George MCLAUGHLIN, Maureen MCLAUGHLIN, Alex MCLAUGHLIN, deceased members of the RYAN family and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.