



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 June 2018



### 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:

**Tuesday:** 10.30am 19 June

(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:

1st Thursday of the month

#### SCHOOL MASSES

##### St Kieran's School:

9am Thursday 21 June

Principal: Ben Gray

Phone: 3269 5989

##### Sacred Heart School:

9am Friday 22 June

Principal: Julian Cotter

Phone: 3269 3427



#### Saturdays

**Sandgate:** 11.30am – 12pm

**Brighton:** 4pm (2nd Rite)

1st Saturday of the month

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.

### RE-GROWING OUR WITHERED GARDENS.

(Ezk 17:22-24; 2Cor 5:6-10; Mk4:26-34)

Today's Gospel parable draws attention to the mustard - "smallest seed that becomes the largest and biggest shrub". Likewise, today's allegory deposed by Ezekiel demands attention: "I the Lord am the one who withers green trees and makes the withered tree green". In-between the two readings, St Paul's conviction about his confidence and hope in God is also a lesson for us all. The three readings put together request us to pause awhile and ponder.

In captivity, disinherited of their promised land and striped of the glories of their Davidic kingship, Israel had lost everything. Deprived of the temple built by Solomon, most people in the time of Ezekiel saw how Israel rapidly passed from its glorious heritage into the abyss of the exile. To them Ezekiel ministered in the sixth century BC. His words pricked the people to ponder: what exactly is the profile of that life lived in defiance of spiritual values?

In answer to the question, Ezekiel helps the people to realise how quite insignificant and powerless they were at the knees of their enemies. He cautions against any superlative presumptions but urged the people to renew their reliance on God, so that Israel: this 'twig of a nation' could - by God's mercy, become a noble cedar or a powerful kingdom again.

Yes, the 'withered gardens' can bloom again if we allow the word of God a place in our vision of things. The way in which Ezekiel tried to invigorate Israel's hopes while in exile in Babylon serves here as a foretaste of our Gospel parable today.

The parable brings home the context of the Church just before the writing of Mark's Gospel. We do not forget that it had been Nero's time and that the two glorious princes of the early church – Peter and Paul had recently faced death in Rome.

Christians were also being hunted down and executed on the accusation of 'burning down' the city.

The discouragement of believers in Jesus then and now came in leaps and bounds. Their status became synonymous in size to Jesus' message of the mustard seed. Thus, the evangelist, Mark applied Jesus' teaching here to help solve the needs of the early Christian communities.

Today's parable shows God as still the best, well-known **specialist** in all **impossible** cases. With faith in God's promises, big results can indeed, come from small beginnings. Thus, Christ compares his kingdom – the church to the mustard seed which is the smallest seed at the time of its planting. Yet "once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all, putting out big branches for the shade (Mk 4:32)". This is still very true of the Church today.

Today's parable still has another implication. The political majority may not have, or determine the renewal urgently needed in the moral and spiritual life of the church. The revival and transformation of peace in the human heart and the family, which underpins the peace of the society is not a crowd thing.

It is the **persistent minority** whose hands return to the sign of the cross; and whose knees agree to bend in prayer. It is individual Christians whose hearts open to receive the peace of God. And, it is this tiny 'mustard seed' of the spiritual conscience that holds the key.

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

**125 CELEBRATION:** Congratulations are in order to Sacred Heart School, its teacher, parents and children on the wonderful celebrations that were held last weekend. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave so generously of their time to ensure that the weekend was a wonderful success.

**PARISH RACE DAY 2018:** Please join our Parish gathering at the Deagon Picnic Races on **Sunday 8 July**.

Tickets \$50 per person, which includes gate entry and seating in the infield marquee for a hot and cold buffet luncheon. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase.

To support our parish function and to secure tickets at this very special price, you must book through John and Donna McKeown or Jim and Catherine Murdoch only.

**Booking deadline: Friday 29 June**

Enquiries/bookings: John & Donna McKeown 3269 6239  
Jim & Catherine Murdoch, 0407 400 311 [camurdoch02@gmail.com](mailto:camurdoch02@gmail.com)

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.

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

**ST KIERAN'S FAMILY FUN DAY:** Donations for the St Kieran's Family Fun Day (**Sunday 22 July**) Trash and Treasure stall can be dropped off Monday to Friday between 6am-6pm on the tables outside the Uniform Shop (back of the Tuckshop) and on Saturday and Sunday between 8am-4pm under the marquee in front of the Tennis Court. Please remember that all items are to be good quality in saleable condition and no electricals.

## WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

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

**BIBLE STUDY:** 7pm **Wednesday** nights at **Sandgate Parish Hall**. For more information, please contact: Vanessa Magrath 0403 492 879.

**MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP:** meets **10am Thursdays** during school terms. Venue: 18 Jetty Street, Shorncliffe. All Welcome! Contact: Christine 0402 228 837.

**ADORATION:** 12noon – 11pm **Thursdays** at Sacred Heart Church.

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP:** meets **every Sunday** during school terms. This group is open to youth from Year 6 to Year 12. For more information, please contact Youth Group Co-ordinators Troy Grace 0410 335 643 or Frankie Pepper 0414 011 906.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** The next Sacramental program (beginning with Confirmation for children from Year 3) begins with a Parent Night on **Monday 23 July**. Forms available now on parish website [www.sandgatebrightoncatholic.org](http://www.sandgatebrightoncatholic.org) under the Sacraments tab.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL:** Our Winter appeal will be held next weekend 23/24<sup>th</sup> June for both conferences in our parish. Envelopes will be available at both the Sandgate and Brighton Masses. Whatever you are able to give will help us to support those in our area who most need our help. Thank-you

**VOCATION VIEW:** Through the gift of the Holy Eucharist and by the Word of God we are nourished and continue to grow towards fuller maturity. Like the Church, we are the potential to be like a growing tree, bearing fruit and giving comfort, but always open to further growth.

**LEAVE YOUR LEGACY:** Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to our community? By leaving a charitable gift in your Will to Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish you can make a meaningful and profound gift to our future church. To find out more, contact the parish office or go to [www.catholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.au)

**JUBILEE MASS.** At the Jubilee Mass to be held at St Stephen's Cathedral on June 27 at 10.30am **Fr Pat Stratford will celebrate 60 years as a priest**. You are most welcome to attend this mass to celebrate with him. Please note that there will be no parking available at the Cathedral for this mass.

**ORGAN DONATIONS:** Thank you to those parishioners who have contributed to the Organ fund to date. Donation envelopes are now available at the back of both churches. To date, we have received \$47,015. All contributions are gratefully received.



- \* The Pauline Fathers for the first time welcome a Queensland-born priest into their monastic order.
- \* Sandgate Catholic school celebrates 125 years.
- \* Brisbane Catholics with mental illness turn to their patron saint for prayers.
- \* St Rita's student has chance to tell Education Minister about realities of cyberbullying
- \* New ACT law requires priest to break confessional seal
- \* Archbishop Coleridge takes to Facebook to share why Jesus matters in modern Australia
- \* Workshops discovers that parish musicians are craving more liturgical formation
- \* Pro-abortion Deputy Premier urging exclusion zones around Queensland abortion clinics

## PARISH ROSTER

Many thanks to our valuable community of Volunteers for all that you do for our Parish in and outside of Mass.

<b>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</b>	<b>16-17 Jun 2018</b>	<b>23-24 Jun 2018</b>
5pm Saturday Brighton	J Rosenberg H Boon C Hickey	J Moore P Ryan K Lynch
7am Sunday Brighton	M Heap R Heap TBA	P Pehrson B Gray F Edwards
9am Sunday Sandgate	L Butler R Corias C Murdoch	W Johnson D Purtil TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	M Susnja R Susnja Youth	T Gunn Youth TBA
<b>EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>16-17 Jun 2018</b>	<b>23-24 Jun 2018</b>
5pm Saturday Brighton	C Rosenberg K Stronias K Lynch	E Harte C Hickey P Madden
7am Sunday Brighton	B Gaffney F Edwards P Madden	V O'Brien D Price P Cross
9am Sunday Sandgate	J Murdoch TBA TBA	N Eyles J Murdoch TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	D Mitchell B Fallis M Judd	P Morrison B Fallis TBA
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>16-17 Jun 2018</b>	<b>23-24 Jun 2018</b>
5pm Saturday Brighton	P Stronias	TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	TBA	TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	I Treanor S Treanor	S Bastian M Armitage
5pm Sunday Sandgate	B Gunn	M Tate
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	<b>16 Jun 2018</b>	<b>23 Jun 2018</b>
Brighton	M Bernard	L Lopez
Sandgate	M Neilson	TBA
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	<b>17 Jun 2018</b>	<b>24 Jun 2018</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>17 Jun 2018</b>	<b>24 Jun 2018</b>
9am Sunday Sandgate	A Hennessy M Carter	A Hennessy M Carter
<b>COUNTERS</b>	<b>17 Jun 2018</b>	<b>25 Jun 2018</b>
Parish Office	M Neilson A Finch	D Madden R Mahon
<b>ADORATION ROSTER</b>	<b>June</b>	11.45am Exposition – P Madden 5.00pm Reposition –V O'Brien-Cox 10.45pm Exposition – D Mitchell
<b>BAPTISM PREPARATION</b>	<b>2 &amp; 9 July – TBA &amp; TBA</b>	
<b>DINNER IN THE PARK</b>	<b>Saturday 23 June</b> — L Fegan M McKeown J Bernard	

### READINGS: (YEAR B)

	<b>11th Sunday in Ordinary</b>	<b>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</b>
<b>1st Reading</b>	Ezek 17:22-24	Is 49:1-6
<b>Psalm:</b>	Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2	Ps 138:1-3, 13-15. R. v. 14
<b>2nd Reading</b>	2 Cor 5:6-10	Acts 13:22-26
<b>Gospel</b>	Mk 4:26-34	Lk 1: 57-66, 80

**THE LAWS OF GROWTH.** We would love to be able to plant a seed today and have a magnificent tree tomorrow. But that is not possible. It will take many years for the tree to grow to its full height. Likewise, the Church is constantly growing towards fuller maturity. The Church is nourished in its growth by the Eucharist and the Word of God. The Church is like a growing tree, already bearing fruit and giving comfort, but always open to further growth.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Emma BRIA, Val BOEVINK, Annette BOYER, Ivy BRUCE, Pat BURNS Genevieve CANNON, Agnes CHARNLEY, Lee CONSTABLE, David DOWLING, Darryl GLEESON, Marjorie GLEESON, Thomas HARTE, Sheila HOBBS, Helen HOGAN, Kellin HYDE, John JAMES, Pauline JOHNSON, Win JOHNSON, Josiane LYNCH, Michael LYNCH, Chloe MASON, Tarryn MCDERMOTT, Maria PASHEN, Trevor PAYNE, Margaret PERIL, Christina PETERS, Colin ROBINSON, Kathy ROZIC, John SHEPHERD, Candice THOMPSON, David THOMSON, Samantha TSALIKIS, Susan WILKE, Dianne WILLIAMS, Valerie WORKMAN.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS:** Monica RODERICK, Audrey FITZGERALD, Cassy LOGAN who died recently and for John SOLAR, Antal ZAKACS, Teresa PEHRSON, Queenie PEHRSON, Blanche SPATHONIS, Amy MOLONEY, Doris & Percy HARSTOFF, and the deceased members of the KEOGH and STATHAM families whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**RESPONSE:** (Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2) Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** () **Alleluia! Alleluia!** The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. **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 26:4) There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

### **ENTRANCE HYMN: HERE I AM, LORD**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who make the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send? ®

**REFRAIN:** *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? ®

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### **OFFERTORY HYMN: LIKE A SHEPHERD**

**REFRAIN:** *Like a shepherd he feeds his flock  
and gathers the lambs in his arms,  
holding them carefully close to his heart,  
leading them home.*

Say to the cities of Judah:  
Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Go to the mountain-top, lift your voice:  
Jerusalem, here is your God. ®

I myself will shepherd them,  
for others have led them astray.  
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds  
and pasture them, giving them rest. ®

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,  
and take my yoke upon your shoulders.  
I will give you rest.

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### **COMMUNION HYMN: THE FULLNESS OF GOD**

Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give!  
May your hidden self grow strong!  
And may you live, strong in faith and built on love  
until you know how high and long,  
how wide and deep the fullness of God.

May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve  
fill your mind that you may see, deep in your heart  
what hope his call now holds for you: His promise true:  
to fill your heart with power to live the fullness of God.

Know the way you learnt from Christ: to live life anew!  
Let your hearts be drawn to Him: let Christ renew  
The hope in you to grow into, Goodness and Truth!  
And living so you'll come to know the fullness of God!  
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### **RECESSIONAL HYMN: BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM**

You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God! ®

**REFRAIN:** *Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God! ®

You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God! ®

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God! ®

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