



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish

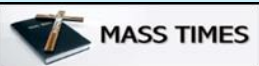
Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (8:30am – 3:30pm)

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

Parish Secretary: Liz Kelly

Finance: Andrea Barton

1st Sunday of Lent – 18 February 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 20 Feb 10.30am

(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:

Date: 9am Thu 15 March

Principal: Ben Gray

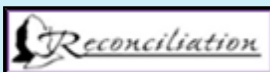
Phone: 3269 5989

Sacred Heart School:

Date: 9am Thu 29 Mar 2018

A/Principal: Julian Cotter

Phone: 3269 3427



Saturdays

Sandgate: 11.30am – 12pm

Brighton: 5pm (2nd Rite)

1st Saturday of the month

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.

Beginning the Journey of Lent: A Word from Archbishop Mark

Greetings to all of you as we look towards Lent and to Easter that lies beyond.

Last December, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse handed down its final report, as you know. Like the Australian Government and many other institutions, the Catholic bishops of Australia and leaders of religious institutes are currently studying the final report and its recommendations.

In the long years since the tragedy of child sexual abuse within the Catholic community became known, the Church has committed to policies, procedures and structures to respond better to survivors of abuse and their families, to establish professional standards for all ministers and Church workers and to safeguard children and vulnerable people in every way. For the Church, as for other institutions, this has involved gradual learning and development, and so it will continue to be.

Through these years, Australia's bishops and other Church leaders have often expressed their sorrow and have offered their apology for what has occurred in the past – the harm suffered by victims, the instances of cover-up, the failure to believe survivors' stories and to respond with compassion and justice, and the distress that many still experience. Our apologies have at times seemed too little – not because they were insincere but because trust has been broken. So we stand firm in our resolve to ensure that the abuse of children never happens again in the Catholic Church and to build new bonds of trust.

With the Royal Commission concluded, our country and our Church enter into a new moment. We are calling upon the Catholic community in Australia now to embrace the new moment by beginning this penitential season of Lent with three days of fasting and reparation. Ash Wednesday, the Thursday following and the Friday following. So Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Now these are spiritual practices which express our desire for God's reconciling and healing grace. Through fasting, we stand in solidarity with the victims of abuse whose much deeper hunger is for healing and peace in their lives. Through reparation, we make amends for the sin of those in the Church who abused children or who failed to listen and act when they should have.

The days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims will be marked by prayer – in our homes and in our Catholic communities. The bishops have produced special resources for these days, and these have been distributed to the parishes for use far and wide; they will also be available on the Archdiocesan website. Please take to heart the importance of these three days in preparing the whole Church to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and to make the great journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We can't undo the past. But we can, with God's help, make the future better.

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS



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CONGRATULATIONS! Parish organist, Merle Maiden, recently received an Australia Day award for her Community Service at Brighton Health Campus. Parishioner, Kathy Lynch, also received a 'Service-Community – Good Neighbour' award from the Bracken Ridge Lions Club. Well done ladies!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: There is a Parent Information Night on **Monday 19 February** for parents of children preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist in March/April this year. Parent attendance at this meeting is required to continue through the program. This meeting will be held in the Sandgate Parish Hall beginning at 7pm.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER: Practice for our upcoming Easter ceremonies will begin 7.15pm **Tuesday 20 February** in Sacred Heart Church. New members enthusiastically welcomed!

MEN'S CHOIR: As we begin another busy year in the parish, we would like to extend an invitation to all Men to join the parish Men's Choir. This choir plan to lead a weekend Mass at least once a term and when invited during other celebrations throughout the year. Our current members are willing in spirit, small in number. Why not you? For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: 10am **Friday 2 March** at Sandgate Uniting Church. All Welcome!

ATTENTION ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS! Have you filled out a Volunteer Data Form, Code of Ethical Behaviour Form and Confidentiality Form? Forms are available on the noticeboard at the back of the church (in the clear pouch with the word VOLUNTEER printed on yellow paper). Any queries, please contact Andrea Barton in the Parish Office. Thanks in advance for your co-operation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Did you know that Children's Liturgy is run every Sunday during the 9am Mass at Sandgate. All children welcome! If volunteers can be sourced, we would like to offer Children's Liturgy at Brighton too. Is this something you would be interested in? If so, please contact the Parish Office.

NO SPARE CHANGE? Why not try the digital collection plate using direct debit or credit card? Forms are available at the back of the church, on the parish website or contact the parish office. Thank you.

JANUARY – PLANNED GIVING BY THE NUMBERS:

#	Giver Type	% of Pledge received	
50	Direct Debit	109.03%	☺
23	Credit Card	108.34%	☺
56	Envelope	108.20%	☺

0	Withdrawn from planned giving 2018	☹
0	New to planned giving in 2018	☹

BRIGHTON ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

wishes to thank you for your support during 2017. Your donations help us to make home visits and supply food parcels and other direct assistance. In addition, we are able to help with clothing vouchers to Vinnies stores and furniture when possible. The conference members cover the administration and fuel costs of these visits so ALL of your donations go directly to helping those in need. Please continue to donate to our Winter and Christmas appeals – other donations may be placed in the middle Poor Boxes in the church and know that we always appreciate your help.

NEW MEMBERS: If you would like to be involved in this ministry of outreach, your help would be very welcome. A short meeting is held every second week, so please call Bernie Brearley (3269 0396) for more information.

PIETY STALL: New gifts have arrived so have a look at the back of the Brighton church and see if there is something appropriate for your occasion.

CONSIDER A BEQUEST: Preparing a Will is the best way to ensure that the people you care about are properly provided for. When preparing your Will, your heart and mind turns first to your family and loved ones. Please also prayerfully consider including a gift to our *Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish* in your Will. Your bequest, of any amount, will help carry forward the Gospel message to future generations. To find out how to support the mission of the Catholic Church and your local parish well into the future please contact the parish office or go to www.catholicfoundation.org.au



VOCATION VIEW: Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert. Where is the Spirit leading you?

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

BIBLE STUDY: 7pm **Wednesday** nights in the 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.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP: meets on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** of each month during school terms. This group is open to youth 13-18 years. We meet from 6-7.30pm in the undercover basketball courts of Sacred Heart Primary School. For more information, please contact Youth Group Co-ordinators Troy Grace (0410 335 643) or Frankie Pepper (0414 011 906)

ARE YOU REGISTERED AS A PARISHIONER?

Family Name _____
 Other Names _____
 Address _____
 Home Phone _____
 Mobile Phone _____
 Email _____

Please place this completed form in the collection basket:

What are you interested in right now?

- Registering in Parish
- Prayer Request
- Youth Activities
- Sacramental Enquiry
- Roster participation
- Change of Contact Details
- Other _____
- Planned Giving (credit card/direct debit/envelopes)

- * Royal Commission leads former judge to key Catholic education role in Queensland
- * Aboriginal elder taken from her mother soon after birth savours Apology anniversary
- * Seven young men make 'heroic' entry into Banyo seminary
- * Church backs Prime Minister's plan for national redress scheme for abuse survivors
- * Hundreds of Maronites welcome saint's relics to their Brisbane church
- * Principal named for new college on the Gold Coast
- * PLUS: A Regional Focus on Rockhampton Diocese



PARISH ROSTER

Volunteers strengthen the bonds of community life and make God's reign visible in our midst. We thank you.

TBA means we have a vacancy on the roster. Will you offer yourself?

MINISTERS OF THE WORD	17-18 February 2018	24-25 February 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	C Hickey H Boon J Rosenberg	J Moore P Ryan TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	M Heap R Heap I Bruce	F Edwards B Gray P Pehrson
9am Sunday Sandgate	R Corias C Murdoch L Butler	A Milvydas D Purtill TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	R Susnja M Susnja Youth	TBA Youth T Gunn
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	17-18 February 2018	24-25 February 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	C Rosenberg K Stronias TBA	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 L Kelly	N Eyles J Murdoch TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	D Mitchell TBA TBA	P Morrison B Fallis TBA
ALTAR SERVERS	17-18 February 2018	24-25 February 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	P Stronias	TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	TBA	TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	I Treanor S Treanor A Grealy	K Andes-Olsson M Armitage
5pm Sunday Sandgate	B Gunn K Copsey	M Tate
CHURCH CLEANING	17 February 2018	24 February 2018
Brighton	M Bernard	L Lopez
Sandgate	M Neilson	TBA
HOSPITALITY	18 February 2018	25 February 2018
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson D Price	M Thompson F Edwards
9am Sunday Sandgate	A Hennessy	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	18 February 2018	25 February 2018
9am Sunday Sandgate	A Hennessy M Carter	A Hennessy M Carter
COUNTERS	19 February 2018	26 February 2018
Parish Office	M Neilson A Finch	D Madden R Mahon
ADORATION ROSTER	February	11.45am Exposition – D Mitchell J Audibert 5.00pm Reposition – M Neilson 10.45pm Exposition – F Shepherd
BAPTISM PREPARATION	March — E Bria J Gomez	
DINNER IN THE PARK	17 February —Albany Creek Parish	

READINGS: (YEAR B)

1st Sunday Lent
First Reading Gen 9:8-15
Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R. cf. V. 10
Second Reading 1 Pet 3:18-22
Gospel Mk 1:12-15

2nd Sunday Lent
First Reading Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
Psalm: Ps 115:10, 15-19
Second Reading Rom 8:31-34
Gospel Mk 9:2-10

1st Sunday Lent: DRIVEN INTO THE WILDERNESS. The Spirit of God, who descended on Jesus at his baptism, drove him into the wilderness. In the Jewish Scriptures the wilderness is both the place where Israel meets God and the place where it is tempted to worship idols made of stone. The season of Lent is a good time to examine whether we are responding to the Spirit of God in our lives or succumbing to the allurements of false idols.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS: Mary EMERY, Sr. M. Evangeline LOWE RSM, Maurice O'CONNOR and Eileen RANKIN who died recently and for deceased members of the KEOGH and STATHAM, families, and Monica CARR, Rose HAND and Eileen FILE whose anniversaries occur around this time.

RESPONSE: (Ps 24:4-9. R. cf. V. 10) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Mt 4:4) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to your, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (Mt 4:4) One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

ENTRANCE HYMN: ASHES

We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do.
We rise again from ashes, to create ourselves anew.
If all our world is ashes, then must our lives be true,
an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

We offer you our failures, we offer you attempts,
the gifts not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt.
Give our stumblings direction, give our visions wider view,
an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

Then rise again from ashes, let healing come to pain,
though spring has turned to winter,
and sunshine turned to rain.
The rain we'll use for growing, and create the world anew
from an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: HOSEA

Come back to Me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall;
so must we to others' call.

REFRAIN:

**Long have I waited for your coming home to Me
and living deeply our new life.**

The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice,
with tenderness you shall know. ®

You shall sleep secure with peace;
faithfulness will be your joy. ®

*Gregory Norbet OSB, Weston Priory
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This year marks the 125th Anniversary of Sacred Heart School.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be celebrating Mass
in Sacred Heart Church 9am **Sunday 10 June** concluding a
week of celebrations for the whole parish community.

Please mark your diary!

REFLECTION: THE LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is greater far
than tongue or pen can ever tell:
It goes beyond the highest star,
and reaches to the lowest hell;
the guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win:
His erring child He reconciled,
and pardoned from his sin.

**REFRAIN: O love of God, how rich and pure
How measureless and strong!
It shall forever-more endure
the saints' and angels' song.**

When years of time shall pass away,
and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall.
When men, who here refuse to pray,
on rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure,
all measureless and strong;
redeeming grace to Adam's race
– the saints' and angels' song. ®

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
and were the skies of parchment made.
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
and everyman a scribe by trade,
to write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
though stretched from sky to sky. ®

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RECESSIONAL: CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night

**REFRAIN: Let us build a city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
Has turned the night into day!**

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness
has called us to be a light for his people
to set their hearts free. ®

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