



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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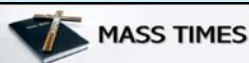
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CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

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2nd Sunday of Advent – 10 December 2017



MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

Brighton

Monday: 9.15am

Sandgate

Tuesday: 7am

Thursday: 5.30pm

*Eucharistic Adoration
begins 12 noon Thursday
and continues after Mass
until 11pm.*

Friday: 7am

Regis Aged Care:

Tuesday: 10.30 am 19 Dec
(EJ Hall)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday:

Eventide Chapel: 9.30am

Brighton Church: 6pm

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 Thursday 1 Feb

Principal: TBA

Phone: 3269 5989

Sacred Heart School:

Date: TBA, 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.

PREPARE THE WAY

As Advent rolls into its second week, every heart is encouraged to return to Advent's central need: "Prepare". The Lord's return, Peter tells us, is one thing that 'you must never forget'; and God's delay as some might see it, is rather God's patience with us, so that we might prepare and put our lives in order.

The prophet Isaiah proclaims 'consolation' to God's people. He breaks open the long-awaited assurance of peace and atonement. Responding to the command of God to announce that God's saving power will once again be raised in favour of his people, Isaiah dwells on the need to listen to a 'voice' and it's 'cries'. This voice is urging all God's people to make ready... (Is 40:3).

The **mode of Preparation** sets the tone for today's Gospel, which addresses us by providing us with the connection to John's wilderness appearance. John the Baptist fulfils Isaiah's prophecy, and it is very fitting to see how the figure of the Baptist is quickly put at the centre of the Advent-Christmas readiness. John is about the practical things that need to be done; realisms of faith to be lived and made visible.

Thus, we cherish the many new-comers of our popular culture who today bring colour to the advent-Christmas space (Santa with his elves, Rudolph plus the other reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, Scrooge, the Grinch, Tiny Tim; etc., etc.). But those who are there to 'bring colour' are not to overthrow hosts of the festival or take over the centre-stage completely.

This figure of John who reconnects us to prophet Isaiah's 'voice' which 'cries in the wilderness', is therefore, crucial to every honest preparation of Advent.

John's **courage** shows us how to develop our self-awareness of God. John's remarkable **lifestyle** may have been noted for his age but clearly, it belonged more to ours. John's **simplicity** tasks us to cast aside our masks,

so that we can put on Christ and stand for Christ, our true reality. Even before his message –

'prepare the way for the Lord' was sounded, the person of John the Baptist was statement enough. Then the sight of him and the words from him directed conviction to the difference which he had come to make.

The spiritual rebirth rekindled by John makes the Scripture say: "the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him" (Mk 1:5). Today, John's story does not require that our food becomes locust or that we use Carmel's skin and girdle for clothing. But it does require that we open our lives a bit more to our faith in God.

For example, John's good news insists that, beyond putting on the decorations, stringing out Christmas lights, plugging in and turning on the Christmas CD, that we can still do more by easing the burdens in one another's hearts through candid move to reconciliation: forgiveness and mercy given and truly received at this season.

We too, can find assurance in Peter's words by taking the opportunity of God's patience to spiritually put ourselves and our houses in order towards meeting Christ; as if this Advent and Christmas were the very last one that we have.

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 left on the collection plate are at the rear of the Church. Welcome!

THANKYOU! Last week, a new fridge arrived in the Parish Office generously donated by a thoughtful parishioner. We are truly blessed to have such kind hearted people in the parish who often give selflessly.

PETER'S PENCE: This weekend, there will be a collection following Communion supporting the charitable works of the Holy See. Please give generously!

HOUR OF GRACE: Please join the Legion of Mary for prayers in celebration of The Feast of the Immaculate Conception at the Sacred Heart Church, Sandgate 12pm **Friday 8 December**. If you require assistance with transport please contact Pat Madden 0402 085 853.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING: There will be a working bee at Brighton Church **Monday 11 December** (following the 9.15am Mass), to prepare for our Christmas celebrations. Window cleaning and other smaller jobs. Many hands make light work – all welcome!

BRISBANE NORTH EAST DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS: Come and join other young adults from the deanery for an end of year social dinner on **Sunday 17 December** 6.30pm at The Full Moon Hotel, Sandgate. You can RSVP at Facebook @BNEDYA email bnedya@mail.com or contact Jess on 0411 421 316.

REGIS CHRISTMAS MASS: On **Tuesday 19 December** at 10.30am we are celebrating Christmas with our parishioners who live a Regis. We URGENTLY need volunteers to help get people to mass. We need children, teenagers and adults to round out our celebration. Please contact Caren if you can help on 0401 072 431.

SIMBANG GABI 2017: The Catholic Australian-Filipino Community of Brisbane North invites all to Holy Mass on **Friday 22 December** at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Church. Christmas Carols from 7pm. During the Mass there will be a collection for the pastoral work in Malawi and a supper in the Parish Hall will follow. Please bring a plate. All Welcome!

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Please join us to celebrate together the birth of Jesus. Lunch will be served from 12 noon **Monday 25 December** in the parish hall at Sandgate. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to attend, donate your time, food or make a financial contribution towards the cost of the lunch please leave your name at the Parish office or contact Frankie on 0414 011 906 or Caren on 0401 072 431.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS: Have you filled out a Volunteer Data Form, Code of Ethical Behaviour Form and Confidentiality Form? Parish staff will be contacting volunteers about this in the coming weeks. Forms are available in the yellow Volunteer pouch on the noticeboard at the back of the church. Any queries, please contact Andrea Barton in the Parish Office. Thanks in advance for your co-operation.

BRIGHTON VINNIES CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets \$2 each or three for \$5 will be sold at the Brighton Church door before and after each weekend Mass or from the

Parish Office during the week. The prize is a beautiful quilt supplied by one of our generous parishioners. Proceeds of the raffle will be used to assist the work of St Vincent de Paul over the Christmas period.

ROSTERS OVER CHRISTMAS: Will you be around for Christmas? Are you able to assist as a Eucharistic Minister/Reader/Altar Server for our celebrations? If so, could you please advise your availability on the sheets at the Church door this weekend.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Donations of non-perishable goods for our Christmas Hampers are greatly appreciated. These may be left in the baskets provided at the back of either Brighton or Sandgate church and will help us to provide something extra for many families in the area this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASS: Below is an outline of Christmas program throughout the parish. This is also posted on the parish noticeboards and website.

Last Reconciliation before Christmas

11.30am **Saturday 16 December** (Sandgate)

Christmas Vigil

5pm **Sunday 24 December** (Brighton)

Midnight Mass (Sandgate)

Midnight **Sunday 24 December**

Carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day

9am **25 December** (Sandgate)

OFFER YOURSELF: This is the time of year to consider seriously your commitment of time within your parish. We have lots of openings – Eucharistic ministers, readers, cleaners, counters, altar servers etc. There are parishioners who have selflessly served the parish for years. They grow older. They have to step aside for health reasons. How about you? Will you put your hand up to serve? You won't always have the health to serve in these ways, so DO IT NOW. Contact the Parish Office – offer yourself!

REVISED MASS SCHEDULE: Following our Christmas celebrations, Fr Modestus will return home for his annual leave. During this time, we will be operating on a reduced Mass schedule. A complete copy will be posted on the Church doors and noticeboards. Fr John Worthington will return to the parish to celebrate weekend Masses. We thank you all for your anticipated consideration during this time.

NOVEMBER – PLANNED GIVING BY THE NUMBERS:

#	Giver Type	% of Pledge received	
51	Direct Debit	111.09%	☺
26	Credit Card	94.01%	☺
56	Envelope	100.72%	☺
13	Withdrawn from planned giving 2017		☹
1	New to planned giving in 2017		☺

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Practice for Christmas Masses will continue **7.30pm Tuesdays** at Sacred Heart Church. All Welcome!

* Battling the horror of child abuse

* Five Australian Catholic teachers heading to Myanmar next month inspired by Pope Francis' visit

* Missionary congregation promises four priests for Townsville diocese

* Archbishop Coleridge advocates reconciliation and healing in Advent following same-sex marriage debate

* Vietnamese-born man takes step towards childhood dream with ordination as deacon for Augustinians

* Vinnies warn of extreme financial hardship for many families this Christmas

* Society's 'most vulnerable' under threat from euthanasia after decision in Victoria

* Catholic Worker anti-war protesters fined over Pine Gap action

* Vinnies worker, seminarian and parishioners on the frontline caring for poor people and homeless on Sunshine Coast

PARISH ROSTER

Thank you for volunteering on our Roster. Your time, dedication and commitment serve to enrich the life of our Parish.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD	9-10 December	16-17 December
6pm Saturday Brighton	H Rodrigues P Ryan C Hickey	H Boon J Rosenberg C Hickey
7am Sunday Brighton	H Boon D Madden R Mahon	M Heap R Heap I Bruce
9am Sunday Sandgate	M Lynch C McLaren M Andes-Olsson	R Corias C Murdoch TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	Youth	M Susnja TBA R Susnja
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	9-10 December	16-17 December
6pm Saturday Brighton	D Price L Isaak	C Rosenberg K Stronias
7am Sunday Brighton	D Kelly P Cross	B Gaffney F Edwards P Madden
9am Sunday Sandgate	J North L North J Flynn	J Murdoch J Audibert L Kelly
5pm Sunday Sandgate	P Morrison B Fallis	D Mitchell
ALTAR SERVERS	9-10 December	16-17 December
6pm Saturday Brighton	E Waite A Barge H Barge	A Thiel P Stronias
7am Sunday Brighton	TBA	H Peters
9am Sunday Sandgate	B Rorke K Andes-Ollson M Delia	I Treanor S Treanor L Fosita A Grealy
5pm Sunday Sandgate	A Barge H Barge M Tate	B Gunn K Copsey
CHURCH CLEANING	9 December	16 December
Brighton	D Abberton	M Bernard
Sandgate	R & C Bolton	M Neilson
HOSPITALITY	10 December	17 December
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson D Price	M Thompson D Price
9am Sunday Sandgate	H Lees P Morrison	Sacred Heart Parents
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	10 December	17 December
9am Sunday Sandgate	T Grace	A Hennessy M Carter
COUNTERS	11 December	18 December
Monday Parish Office	C Rosenberg-O'Brien P Ryan	M Neilson A Finch
ADORATION ROSTER	DECEMBER: 11.45am Exposition – D Mitchell/J Audibert, 5pm Reposition – V O'Brien, 10.45pm Reposition –F Shepherd/ Fr Modestus	
BAPTISM PREPARATION	4 & 11 December —F Borg L Hazelman	
DINNER IN THE PARK	9 December —L Fegan M McKeown J Bernard	

READINGS: (YEAR B)

	2nd Sunday of Advent	3rd Sunday of Advent
First Reading	Is 40:1-5, 9-11	Is 61:1-2, 10-11
Psalms:	Ps 84: 9-14. R. v. 8	Lk 1:46-50, 53-54. R. Isa 60:10
Second Reading	2 Pet 3:8-14	Thes 5:16-24
Gospel	Mk 1:1-8	Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

2nd Sunday of Advent: PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD. Engulfed by many chores in the lead-up to Christmas, we can fail to hear a voice that cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord. Let us resolve to include some time to pray, to reflect on the Gospel stories of Jesus' birth, and to seek reconciliation with God and others, in our Christmas preparations.

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, Chloe MASON, Tarryn MCDERMOTT, Jason MORPHETT, Maria PASHEN, Margaret PERIL, Christina PETERS, Eileen RANKIN, Colin ROBINSON, Kathy ROZIC, John SHEPHERD, Kay SIMPSON, David THOMSON, Samantha TSALIKIS, Susan WILKE, Dianne WILLIAMS and Valerie WORKMAN.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS: We pray for Sr Mary Anne O'CONNOR RSM, Tony GUNN who died recently and for Vernon POWER, Alfred DOWNES, and Agnes DOWNES whose anniversaries occur around this time.

RESPONSE: (84: 9-14. R. v. 8) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Lk 3:4, 6) Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia, alleluia.

MYSTERY OF FAITH: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (Bar 5:5; 4:36) Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

ENTRANCE HYMN: SING A NEW SONG

REFRAIN:

**Sing a new song unto the Lord:
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.**

Yahweh's people dance for joy.
come before the Lord.
And play for Him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. ®

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
Your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. ®

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives. ®

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: ALL THAT I AM

All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have,
I offer now to you.
Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.

All that I dream, all that I pray.
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.
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The
Jesse Tree

is an Advent tradition
named after Jesse,
the father of King David.

Biblical symbols representing the
ancestry of Jesus,
either in faith or bloodline,
are added one by one onto a tree.

As each ornament is
added, a Bible verse is read to
explain the symbol. There is one ornament

for each
day in
Advent.

COMMUNION HYMN: YOU ARE NEAR

REFRAIN:

**Yahweh, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me, in ways everlasting.**

Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm. ®

Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there. ®

You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born
in secret of darkness before I saw the sun
in my mother's womb. ®

Marvellous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,
you would still be there. ®

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RECESSIONAL: SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

REFRAIN:

**Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.**

I will give thanks to You, my Lord,
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song. ®

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. ®

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VOCATION VIEW: It's Advent; almost Christmas!
A Season of dreams comes true. Be on guard.
The Lord may call you to follow Him.



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