



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

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Finance: Andrea Barton

2nd Sunday of Easter – 8 April 2018



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 17 Apr
(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:

5pm Saturday 28 April
Parish/School Mass
Principal: Ben Gray
Phone: 3269 5989

Sacred Heart School:

TBA
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.

... HIS LOVE IS EVERLASTING.

My friends in Christ,

God's divine and endless love prompts today's hymn: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting". Hymned in today's responsorial psalm, its message sits firmly over what usually stands out before us in today's Gospel – the doubting Thomas!

But it is not simply the story of that individual follower of Jesus struggling to make sense of the resurrection as that 'happening' which took place in Judea'. Nor is the Gospel merely about the rest of those early apostles who, without exception, collectively faced the 'resurrection power' of Jesus as heralding change in the former state of things.

We ourselves are involved even today. The shared life of the apostles as believers or our common parish life today, yes! The Community worship, devotion and the prayers then and now, yes! Yet, the victory over the world by our faith? The firm and effective faith that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God; and the fact that believing this, we too, may have life through the name of Jesus: on this, some of our own *doubting Thomases* still peep around!!

It is in view of the demand of Christ's resurrection that the Church calls on us to place more of the emphasis on the suffix: '... his love is everlasting!' In other words, that every Easter tells the deep story of God's love and goodness as recovered after the fall. That the greatest promise to Abraham's descendants forever, took its final shape in the coming of the Messiah meant that it was finally renewed in David.

God's goodness is therefore, fulfilled in 'Jesus, the Messiah; the son of David and the son of Abraham' (Mt 1:1). To us today who are included as Abraham's sons and daughters through faith in Christ Jesus (Jn 1:12-13), **God's love is still, well everlasting!**

On their own part, our forebears like Israel had broken God's covenants and disregarded their own promises to keep the faith. Dubious rulers had led the people severally into forsaking God by false interpretations that deny spiritual truth. There had indeed, arisen many false preachers who mainly gave to the people the 'sugar

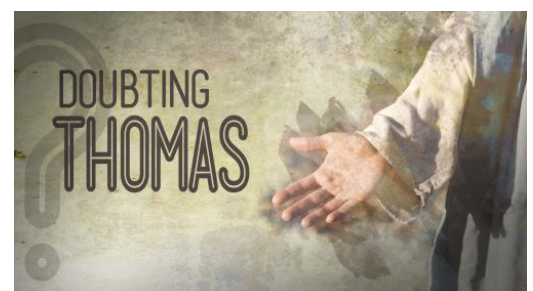
messages' that we all like to hear. And, our royal commissions like Israel's painful exiles, stand included as remarkable aftermaths of our watering down faith-discipline. Our preferences and our own versions of faith at the end fails us and shames us. But God upholds his love and keeps the promises to Abraham precisely because, **God's love remains everlasting.**

The witness of *the first and second Readings* today must continue to inspire us about how true believers embraced visible unity, fraternal love and charity in the wider society. How, the Church of former ages never counted the fingers about who comes from where; or what was owned by who?

Regarding authentic Christian communities even today, the people could still say: 'see how they love themselves'. Rather than a Church playing the blame games or putting it to cultures not their own, let the masses be encouraged to say, 'see how they help one another' irrespective of what clime they came from. Our Christian faith is never homogeneous with any singular cultural orientation. Do we still hear voices from across the street, saying, 'G'day neighbour?' If true, how often?

Like Thomas in today's Gospel, doubts about some of our important Christian experiences or teachings may still trail the lives of many us, including our priests. But unlike Thomas, many are not at peace today more because of the double standards that characterise our dealings with one another. Today, Jesus greets his apostles not with vengeance but indeed, with his new risen presence and peace. We too, must learn to accept God's forgiveness and be seen to demonstrate God's mercy in our dealings with one another. Beyond our claims that 'seeing is believing', we must now learn that the Christian also 'sees' by faith and not just by 'sight'.

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!

BRIGHTON CHURCH ROOF: The roof at the front of Brighton Church (Entrance) was replaced before Easter following consistent water leaks which were causing damage to the ceiling. Now that this job has been completed, work can begin on the ceiling cleaning repainting. Thankyou to all parishioners for their patience during this time.

VOCATION VIEW: Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life, achieved from a conquered tomb. Meaning life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you....".

DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS: All are welcome to join young adults from the deanery for a reflection and discussion on our journey through lent. Then moving forward, how we encounter the resurrection in our lives. 7pm **Sunday 8 April** at 30 Eldorado Street, Bracken Ridge in the Parish Centre. For more details go to Facebook @BNEDYA or email bnedya@mail.com

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: Will be offered in the Sandgate Parish Hall from 10.15am to 1.15pm on **Sunday 13 May 2018**. Registration sheets are at the back of the church. **Most volunteers attended this training last year and they do not need to attend this session.** However there are a significant number of parishioners who have not yet attended any training – this session is for you. Parish Councillors, Finance Councillors, volunteers and people on rosters. If you are unsure if this training is for you, please contact the Parish Office.

PENTECOST RETREAT: *'Moved by the Spirit – Led by the Spirit'*. Led by Fr Lam Vu OFM Cap and Steffanie Le. **Sunday 20 May** (11am – 10pm). St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End. \$50.00 (Food and refreshments included). Registration by 8 May to ana.cheng@optusnet.com.au

ON-LINE BANKING: If you would like to make an on-line payment to the parish for a donation, this can be done using the following details:

BSB: 064 786 **Account Number:** 51541 0100
Account Name: Sandgate Brighton Parish Operating
Reference: Surname Donation.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS: We are recruiting now! All children who have received their 1st Holy Eucharist are eligible. This is a vital Ministry in the parish where you, by your ministry, help to show Christ's presence to others. If you would like to know more information, please see Liz after 9am Mass or contact the Parish Office.

CARE AND CONCERN: Are you aware of a parishioner in need of assistance? Transport to medical appointments or church, a neighbourly visit, meals in times of need etc. Our Care and Concern team are here to assist our community. Contact the Care and Concern Coordinator via the Parish Office.

NO MORNING TEA AT 9AM SANDGATE: during the Easter school holidays, due to asbestos works being carried out in the Parish Hall.

WINE & CHEESE NIGHT will next be held at Brighton on **Saturday 7 April**. All Welcome!

IS GOD'S WILL IN YOUR WILL? Including the church in your Will teaches others about sharing God's love. With your wishes expressed in a Will, the ministries of Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish, for which you care deeply, can be blessed through your estate. Your gift can also impact our parish in perpetuity by giving a gift to our parish endowment fund. Contact the Catholic Foundation ph 3324 3200 for more information or call the parish office. By learning more about these and many other giving options, you can create a legacy of giving to your parish community.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: This **Sunday 8 April**, Sacred Heart Church. 12.30pm – 3pm. Exposition, Confession, Consecration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy. For more information, please contact Francine 0422 582 451.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CELEBRATION: This year, Sacred Heart School is celebrating 125 years. "Memories of the Heart" will be held at the school from 11am to 7pm on **Saturday 9 June**. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be celebrating Mass in Sacred Heart Church 9am Sunday 10 June. All are welcome to share in this special occasion for the whole parish community.

CATHOLIC LEADER: Please place money for the Catholic Leader in the poor boxes provided inside the church.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

BIBLE STUDY: 7pm **Wednesday** nights. **LOCATION CHANGE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE: 15 Central Avenue, Deagon.** 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 **Thursday's** 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.

- * Catholic athletes at Commonwealth Games almost 'lift the roof' with their Easter singing
- * More than 100 people enter the Church in Brisbane archdiocese at Easter
- * Australian distance runner at Commonwealth Games 'running to God's beat'
- * Vinnies opens new safe haven on Brisbane's northside
- * What will be discussed at Plenary Council 2020?
- * Film review of Paul, Apostle of Christ
- * PLUS: A Regional Focus on Cairns Diocese

Please put Catholic Leader money into
 Poor Box. Thankyou

PARISH ROSTER

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD	7-8 April 2018	14-15 April 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	H Rodrigues K Lynch W Miles J MacPherson Manderson family	H Boon J Rosenberg C Hickey R Barrett M Sleep Tyack family
7am Sunday Brighton	J Rosenberg D Madden R Mahon	R Heap M Heap M Thompson
9am Sunday Sandgate	H Boon L Kelly H Moore C Ansell Bernard family	C Murdoch L Butler M Andes-Olsson S Migus Boga family
5pm Sunday Sandgate	D Wood TBA T Gunn	M Susnja M Susnja TBA
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	7-8 April 2018	14-15 April 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	D Price L Isaak C Hickey	C Rosenberg-O'Brien K Stronias TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	D Kelly C Rosenberg TBA	B Gaffney F Edwards P Madden
9am Sunday Sandgate	J North L North J Flynn	J Murdoch TBA L Kelly
5pm Sunday Sandgate	P Morrison B Fallis M Judd	D Mitchell L Hazelman P Janbroers
ALTAR SERVERS	7-8 April 2018	14-15 April 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	E Waite A Barge H Barge	TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	A Power	TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	TBA	S Treanor I Treanor A Grealy
5pm Sunday Sandgate	TBA	B Gunn K Copsey
CHURCH CLEANING	7 April 2018	14-15 April 2018
Brighton	D Abberton	M Bernard
Sandgate	R & C Bolton	M Neilson
HOSPITALITY	8 April 2018	14-15 April 2018
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson D Price	M Thompson D Price
9am Sunday Sandgate	<i>School Holidays</i>	<i>School Holidays</i>
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	8 April 2018	14-15 April 2018
9am Sunday Sandgate	<i>School Holidays</i>	<i>School Holidays</i>
COUNTERS	9 April 2018	14-15 April 2018
Parish Office	C Rosenberg P Ryan	M Neilson A Finch
ADORATION ROSTER	April	11.45am Exposition – P Madden 5.00pm Reposition –V O'Brien-Cox 10.45pm Exposition – F Shepherd
BAPTISM PREPARATION	NO BAPTISM PREPARATION IN APRIL 2018	
DINNER IN THE PARK	Saturday 14 April 2018 — L Fegan M McKeown J Bernard	

READINGS: (YEAR B)

2nd Sunday of Easter
1st Reading Acts 4:32-35
Psalm: Ps 117:2-4,15-18,22-24
2nd Reading 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel John 20:19-31

3rd Sunday of Easter
 Acts 3:13-15,17-19
 Ps 4:2,4,7,9
 1 John 2:1-5
 Luke 24:32

2nd Sunday of Easter: THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE. Our belief in the teachings and resurrection of Jesus prompts us to be a part of the Christian community. In turn, our experience of Christian community strengthens our faith. It was only when Thomas was with the other disciples that he met the risen Christ and came to believe in him. It is a simple truth that faith builds community and community builds faith.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Keanu ANDES-OLSSON, Ivy BRUCE, Val BOEVINK, Annette BOYER, 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, Michael LYNCH, Josiane LYNCH, Chloe MASON, Tarryn MCDERMOTT, Maria PASHEN, Trevor PAYNE, Margaret PERIL, Christina PETERS, Colin ROBINSON, Kathy ROZIC, John SHEPHERD, Candice THOMPSON, David THOMSON, Catalina and Johanna TREBILCO (premature babies), Marie-Claire TREBILCO, Samantha TSALIKIS, Susan WILKE, Dianne WILLIAMS, Valerie WORKMAN.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS: Colin YEO, Prof Anthony FOLI, David BURKE, Patricia BUTLER, Steven KRIARIS who died recently and for Gwen JAZOWY, Michael BERESH and the deceased members of the KEOGH, STATHAM and ELLEM families whose anniversaries occur around this time.

RESPONSE: (Ps 117:2-4,15-18.22-24) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Jn 20:29) **Alleluia! Alleluia!** You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (Jn 20:27). Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN: EASTER SONG (Traditional)

My Lord, he died for a kingdom
To redeem the hearts of men.
Now my people, don't you weep.
He has risen from His sleep
He lives again, Alleluia.

**REFRAIN: Sing Alleluia, the Lord is risen.
He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

My Lord came forth like the morning
With the splendour of the sun.
Came triumphant from the womb,
From the darkness of the tomb
The victory won, alleluia. ®

My Lord united our mountains
With the everlasting hills.
Now the seasons and the sea
Sing his song of victory,
Rocks and hills, alleluia. ®

My Lord renewed all creation.
That had waited late and long.
Now we all with one accord
Live and love the Risen Lord.
This is our song, alleluia. ®

OFFERTORY HYMN: THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**REFRAIN: The light of Christ has come into the world,
The light of Christ has come into the world.**

All men must be born again to see the kingdom of God;
The water and the Spirit bring new life in God's love. ®

God gave up His only Son, out of love for the world,
So that all men who believe in Him will live for ever. ®

The Light of God has come to us so that we might have
salvation; from the darkness of our sins we walk into glory
with Christ Jesus. ®

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COMMUNION HYMN: PEACE PRAYER

Lord, make me a means of Your peace.
Where there's hatred grown, let me sow your love.
Where there's injury, Lord, let forgiveness be my sword,
Lord, make me a means of Your peace.

Lord, make me a means of Your peace.
Where there's doubt and fear, let me sow Your faith.
In this world's despair, give me hope in You to share.
Lord, make me a means of Your peace.

Lord, make me a means of Your peace.
Where there's sadness here, let me sow Your joy.
When the darkness nears, may Your light dispel our fears.
Lord, make me a means of Your peace.

Lord, grant me to seek and to share,
less to be consoled than to help console,
less be understood than to understand Your good.
Lord, make me a means of Your peace.

Lord, grant me to seek and to share,
to receive love less than to give love free,
just to give in Thee, is eternal life to me.
Lord, make me a means of Your peace.

Lord, grant me to seek and to share,
to forgive in Thee, You've forgiven me;
for to die in Thee, is eternal life to me.
Lord, make me a means of Your peace.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: DEEP IN THE SPIRIT

**REFRAIN: If the Spirit of God lives in You,
Sing to the Lord!
Praise Him for His goodness!
Deep in the Spirit your song!
Deep in the Spirit your song!**

I will play for Him!
Joy filled is my song!
My life is my melody!
To Him I belong! ®

Deep in Christ I live!
Faith in Him my prayer!
When my soul is torn and dry,
Faith to sense Him there! ®

Spirit in my heart,
Sing for me my prayer!
Deep within my heart I know:
You are always there! ®

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