



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish

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CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

Parish Secretary: Liz Kelly

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11 February 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 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: Thurs 15 March 9am

Principal: Ben Gray

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
(Returns Feb 3)

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.

TOUCH FOR THE UNTOUCHABLE.

The safeguards against communicable diseases in close-knit societies needed to include separation and isolation for them to be effective enough. This might have been the case in the ancient communities where 'mysteries' like antibiotics, antiseptics or vaccines were still in the mind of God. Yet, today's first reading is more complex. The isolation of the leper went for reasons beyond hygiene.

An Israelite tradition had retained the sad memories about relatives of Moses, the servant of God. Such relatives - Miriam and Aaron, had derided Moses and as a result, they were punished with *tsaraath* i.e., 'leprosy'. Ever since that exodus experience of Num 12: 1-10, leprosy and anyone who suffers it continued to carry the punitive stigma.

The rejection meted to a leprous victim further got mixed up in the truth that bodily integrity was part of God's blessing. In ancient Israel, a fellow coming down with nodules of ulcerated growth or even other forms of skin malaise was deemed in some sense, as being directly judged and punished by God with a public exposure. The sufferer became – rightly or wrongly, a culprit rather than a victim to be pitied: he/she was no longer welcome as the disease became a taboo! The Man before Jesus gave this picture.

The priest's testimony as linked with the determination of leprosy, goes to show the seriousness of the matter. A priest was not a physician in the ordinary sense, yet in leprous cases, he alone was to declare that healing has taken place or that the ritual uncleanness had been removed. The absence of such a reliable witness meant that the leprous person remains a taboo. What a treatment for a sufferer!

Closely connected with the first reading, today's second reading and the Gospel instruct us.

Here, Paul reminds us: 'Never do anything offensive to anyone'; but try to be helpful to everyone at all times' (1Cor:10:32-33). And, Jesus' gesture of acceptance and solidarity with the leper completes the story. Indeed, Jesus not only welcomed, touched and healed, but also restored the sufferer to his family. Even now, we still make more difference when we try the option of sheer compassion.

We do not always protect the community by segregating the troubled individual. Remember that Jesus came from a despised Nazareth; lived poor, knew exclusion and felt rejections. Thus, he stood there for the outcasts and the socially or spiritually dis-inherited. To them, Jesus' voice often rang out: 'Of course, I want to: be cured' (Mk 10:41); 'neither do I condemn you' (Jn 8:11); 'you too, go and work in my vineyard' (Mt 20:7).

Above all, the confidence and humility of today's leper need to speak to us. His, was not the overpowering fears that quickly invade and overthrow us in the face of any misfortune. Or the kind of insecurity often making us so forgetful that we were baptised Christians. Sandwiched in-between the pressures from a public rejection and the personal loss of integrity, a leper still had such hopes welling up inside him. Down on his knees, he pleaded with such a tender trust; showing us how God can still be trusted even in the worst of our circumstances.

Fr Modestus





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LITTLE KING'S ANNUAL APPEAL: This weekend, there will be a retiring collection for the Little King's Appeal. Please give generously.

BIBLE STUDY: This year's Bible Study has now begun and will continue **7pm Wednesday** nights in the Sandgate Parish Hall. For more information, please contact: Vanessa Magrath 0403 492 879.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Baptism Preparation will continue with the second session this month on 7.30pm **Monday 12 February** in the Sandgate Parish Hall.

LENTEN PROGRAM: The Lenten groups will be offered by the following groups in the parish:

- Del Purtill (Home Group), Tuesdays 7pm beginning 13 February;
- Esther Harte (Home Group), Tuesdays 7pm beginning 13 February;
- St Kieran's Staff Room, Thursdays 3.30pm beginning Thursday 15 February;
- Cenacle (Sacred Heart Church), Friday 8am beginning 16 February
- Sandgate Uniting Church (Blessed + Broken program), Wednesdays at 10am or Sundays at 10.45am beginning 18 February

If you would like to join one of these groups, please contact the group leader or the Parish Office.

CARITAS EVENT CANCELLATION: Please note that the Caritas Australia event 'An Evening with Psyche Mae' on 7pm **Tuesday 13 February** 2018 the Father Denis Power Building, 333 Given Terrace, Paddington has been cancelled. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

ASH WEDNESDAY: 9am **Wednesday 14 February** – Mass will be celebrated at both Brighton and Sandgate churches on Ash Wednesday. All Welcome!

MOTHERS PRAYERS: Mothers Prayers will recommence this year 10am **Thursday 15 February** at 18 Jetty Street, Shorncliffe. Contact: Christine 0402 228 837.

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.

COLUMBARIUM: The Parish Columbarium provides a permanent resting place for parishioners and their families who have chosen to be cremated. To reserve a niche, please contact the Parish Office.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: Please consider participating in the Planned Giving Program and supporting your Parish with a regular commitment. There are three convenient options available:

1. Direct Debit from your bank account
2. Credit Card or
3. Envelopes.

Forms are available at the back of the Church, from the Parish Office or on the parish website:

<http://www.sandgatebrightoncatholic.org.au/plannedgiving.html>

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.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS! PARISH COUNCIL, FINANCE COUNCIL, CLEANERS, READERS, EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION, HOSPITALITY MINISTERS. Have you filled out a Volunteer Data Form, Code of Ethical Behaviour Form and Confidentiality Form? 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.

SAFEGUARDING POLICY: The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

What can we do to create an extended culture of guardianship?

- * Respect the dignity of each child, young person and adult in the community
- * Be aware, not overly suspicious, of the possibilities of abuse
- * Trust our instincts, avoid gossip and consult with the appropriate persons
- * Be open to acquiring a deep understanding of the harm caused by abuse
- * Undertake willingly the checks required by State and church agencies
- * Abide by the Code of Ethical Behaviour
- * Work to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community
- * Make a personal commitment to ensuring that our church is a safe community for all.

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



VOCATION VIEW: Let us not get confused that power and authority are two very different things. We must imitate Jesus and use these gifts in service of the poor. It is this power that is at work in us.

* Columban Father Warren Kinne to offer spiritual support for Commonwealth

Games athletes

Meet the Catholic school students who set out to save lives with their inventions

* ABC veteran Sean Dorney tackles life with motor neurone disease

* Religious instructors prepare for another year of delivering the message of Christ in Queensland classrooms

* South Coast deanery youth leader chosen for pre-synod meeting in Rome

* Jesuit Priest Fr Frank Brennan impressed by services in Port Macquarie



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	10-11 February 2018	17-18 February 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	H Rodrigues TBA TBA	C Hickey H Boon J Rosenberg
7am Sunday Brighton	R Mahon J Rosenberg D Madden	R Mahon J Rosenberg D Madden
9am Sunday Sandgate	M Lynch L Kelly C McLaren	R Corias C Murdoch TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	T Gunn Youth TBA	R Susnja M Susnja Youth
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	10-11 February 2018	17-18 February 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	TBA L Isaak TBA	C Rosenberg K Stronias TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	D Kelly C Rosenberg-O'Brien 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 TBA	D Mitchell TBA TBA
ALTAR SERVERS	10-11 February 2018	17-18 February 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	E Waite A Barge H Barge	P Stronias
7am Sunday Brighton	TBA	TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	K Andes-Ollson	I Treanor S Treanor A Grealy
5pm Sunday Sandgate	A Barge H Barge M Tate	B Gunn K Copsey
CHURCH CLEANING	10 February 2018	17 February 2018
Brighton	D Abberton	M Bernard
Sandgate	R & C Bolton	M Neilson
HOSPITALITY	11 February 2018	18 February 2018
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson TBA	M Thompson D Price
9am Sunday Sandgate	H Lees D Hauff-Green	A Hennessy
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	11 February 2018	18 February 2018
9am Sunday Sandgate	T Grace M Bernard	A Hennessy M Carter
COUNTERS	12 February 2018	19 February 2018
Parish Office	C Rosenberg P Ryan	M Neilson A Finch
ADORATION ROSTER	February	11.45am Exposition – D Mitchell J Audibert 5.00pm Reposition – M Neilson 10.45pm Exposition – F Shepherd
BAPTISM PREPARATION	February —M Jeays K Matthew	
DINNER IN THE PARK	17 February —Albany Creek Parish	

READINGS: (YEAR B)

	6th Sunday Ordinary Time	1st Sunday Lent
First Reading	Lev 13:1-2, 44-46	Gen 9:8-15
Psalms:	Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11. R. v. 5	Ps 24:4-9. R. cf. V. 10
Second Reading	1 Cor 10:31-11:1	1 St Paul 3 rd 18-22
Gospel	Mark 1:40-45	Mark 1:12-15

6th Sunday Ordinary Time: JESUS TOUCHED HIM. Jesus included the healing of lepers among the list of miracles which would authenticate his mission. He also communicated this power to his disciples (Mt 10:8). In today's Gospel, he not only heals a leper; he lays his hand upon him. It is gesture of acceptance (and perhaps even of solidarity) with a social outcast.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Michael LYNCH, 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, Maria PASHEN, Margaret PERIL, Christina PETERS, Colin ROBINSON, Kathy ROZIC, John SHEPHERD, Kay SIMPSON, Candice THOMPSON, David THOMSON, Samantha TSALIKIS, Susan WILKE, Dianne WILLIAMS and Valerie WORKMAN.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS: Sr. M. Evangeline LOWE RSM & Maurice O'CONNOR and Eileen RANKIN who died recently and for deceased members of the KEOGH, STATHAM, GALES and RAÑIN families, Jack MARTIN Joan KOPELKE and Eileen FILE whose anniversaries occur around this time.

RESPONSE: (Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11.R.v. 5) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Lk 7:16) Alleluia, Alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

MYSTERY OF FAITH: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (Ps 77:29-30) They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

ENTRANCE HYMN: GATHER YOUR PEOPLE O LORD

REFRAIN: Gather your people, O Lord,
Gather your people, O Lord,
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life:
Brothers and sisters, each of us called to walk in your light.

We are parts of the body of Christ,
Needing each other, each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

No more harm on the mountain of God;
Swords in to plow shares. Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: COME AS YOU ARE

Come as you are, that's how I want you
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart loved and forgiven
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again---

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn,
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

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REFLECTION: YOU ARE MINE

I will come to you in the silence.
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear My voice,
I claim you as My choice.
Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless.
I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in Me. ®

REFRAIN: Do not be afraid, I am with you!
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow Me,
I will bring you home.
I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing.
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free.
And all will know My Name. ®

I am the Word that leads all to freedom
I am the Peace the world cannot give
I will call your name embracing all your pain
Stand up, now walk, and live! ®

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RECESSIONAL: WE ARE CALLED

Come! live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

REFRAIN: We are called to act with justice.
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters
and brothers united in love!

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