



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Nativity of St John the Baptist – 24 June 2018

BIRTH MOST AMAZING

(Isaiah 49:1-6, Acts 13:22-26, Luke 1:57-66, 80)

How best shall we like to remember John the Baptist? As a child who fulfilled the expectations and hopes of his parents; or one who only lived to fulfil the plans of others; or as one who was born to carry out the will of his creator? Is baby John, whose birth is celebrated today, a reminder to us about the unique mission entrusted to each and every one of us as a child of God?

All the elements are wonderfully mixed up in John - 'the greatest of all the prophets'. The one whose birth not only brought great rejoicing, but who, even from his mother's womb, leapt for joy at meeting Jesus.

John literally prepared the way for Jesus. He baptised Jesus in the Jordan River and announced him as the Messiah to the world. At the end John gave a most supreme witness to Jesus by shedding his own life blood. Again, what does our hearts tell us about John, the Baptist?

The readings of today therefore, lead the way through our thoughts. Prophet Isaiah summons the remotest peoples and Islands to pay attention. The Psalmist sings of and praises God about how wonderfully people like John, you and me, are made. In Acts of the Apostles, Paul recounts the prophetic pedigree of John and ends with the insistence that 'this message of salvation is meant for us'.

The birth brings back to us all the wonderful memories of glorious parents like Zechariah and Elizabeth. They waited and waited, to have John. Then finally, the child came six months before Jesus was born! We know, how much we hear of John in our Advent Gospels.

Even now, we can hear great echoes from John's calls for repentance and John's attention for the Christ. Yet, today, our thoughts led by the Gospel, points us to the

excitement of John's birth. Indeed, it had been only eight days after John's birth; and the neighbours were almost getting Elizabeth upset at the naming of her child. Amazing!

'He is to be called John'; "His name is John" (Lk 1:60, 63) is at the heart of today's Gospel. It is the same way in which I am called Modestus; and the same way that you are uniquely named – unrepeatable in our persons. People wondered what the boy-child, 'John' will become. John's parents too, did look into his eyes and I am sure, they saw and hoped what strong man of faith the boy will become.

Celebrating John's birth today, the big truth facing each one of us, is who are we really? What is our call and what is our mission in this life? God has given us life for a time in the world. Our parents, like the parents of John, rejoiced and praised God at our birth. In their hopes, our families, neighbours, friends and the community at large have expectations about us.

How near to, or far from God's purposes are we today in our lives? What is happening to the duty that we owe first to ourselves to be the best that we can? What will be the fate of the hopes and expectations reposed upon us by parents, family and society? Only time will tell.

Fr Modestus



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:

Thursday: 10.30am 5 July (Musgrave)

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

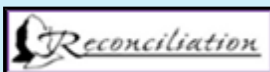
SCHOOL MASSES

St Kieran's School:

TBA
Principal: Ben Gray
Phone: 3269 5989

Sacred Heart School:

Friday 3 August 11.30am
Catholic Education Week
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.



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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 plate are at the rear of the Church.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: Next weekend, 30 June 30/1 July), we will hold the collection for Peter's Pence. This collection gives parishioners the opportunity to make a contribution to the Holy Father in support of his global ministry as Successor of Peter.

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

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.

SEMINAR – CATHOLIC ETHOS AND ETHICS: Rev Kevin McGovern, will present a seminar at the O'Shea Centre, Lovedale St, Wilston, 9am – 4pm on **Tuesday 10 July**. Topics include: Perinatal palliative care, accepting sickness, treatment refusal, pain control, dementia, euthanasia and basic skills development for responding in these situations. Cost \$25). Register by Wednesday 4 July - judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au or phone 3324 3193.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL: Our Winter appeal will be held this weekend 23/24 June for both conferences in our parish. Envelopes are available at both churches. Whatever you are able to give will help us to support those in our area who most need our help. Thank-you.

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.

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.

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 under the Sacraments tab.

MULTIPLE USE BAGS: There are boxes of 'multiple use bags' available at the church door. With the single use shopping bag ban soon to take effect, these bags are available for parishioners to take.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU: If you have included a gift in your Will to support the mission of the Catholic Church, please let the Catholic Foundation know so we may offer thanks and invite you to participate in the MacKillop Bequest Society. Phone 3324 3211 Email giving@bne.catholic.net.au

JUBILEE MASS: At the Jubilee Mass to be held at St Stephen's Cathedral 10.00am on Wednesday 27 June **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. *A card will be available at the back of each church this weekend for parishioners to pass on their well-wishes to Fr Pat.*

ORGAN DONATIONS: Thank you to those parishioners who have contributed to the Organ fund to date. Donation envelopes are available at the back of both churches. To date, we have received \$49,0235. All contributions are gratefully received.



THANKYOU: Recently, a number of parishioners generously gave their time to help me move house. For this assistance, I am truly grateful. **Delma Hauff-Green**

PROCLAIM 2018: Parishioners are invited to join a choir to sing at the Conference Mass on Thursday 12 July, St Laurence's College, South Brisbane. Rehearsal begins at 2.15pm, Mass begins at 5.15pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who enjoys singing in a liturgical setting. This choir is not just for youth, it is for everyone. All Welcome!

VOCATION VIEW: At times we can feel that we are being swamped by various troubles. Like the apostle Paul, we are overwhelmed, not by our troubles, but by the love of God made visible in Jesus Christ.

* Archbishop says removal of confessional seal 'will not improve child safety'

* Archbishop Coleridge heads to Rome to discuss Church's response to Royal Commission recommendations

* Pope Francis compares the aborting of babies because of 'defects' to the Nazi-era eugenics program

* Iona College achieves rare sporting double

* Parish and community celebrate their 'people power' success over better deal for parking at hospital

* Pope says dictatorships begin by taking over media to spread lies

* Young Queensland men hear the call on Origin night

* Brisbane CEO who says she understands the fear of 'not knowing how to pay the rent next week' volunteers to sleep rough in support of those living with that fear

* PLUS: A Regional Focus on Toowoomba Diocese

PARISH ROSTER

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

| MINISTERS OF THE WORD | 23-24 Jun 2018 | 30 Jun/1 Jul 2018 |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 5pm Saturday Brighton | J Moore P Ryan K Lynch | P Ryan C Hickey TBA |
| 7am Sunday Brighton | P Pehrson B Gray F Edwards | P McNamara F Shepherd M Thompson |
| 9am Sunday Sandgate | W Johnson D Purtil C McLaren | S Bria L Rodrigues TBA |
| 5pm Sunday Sandgate | T Gunn Youth Youth | Youth D Wood M Judd |
| EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS | 23-24 Jun 2018 | 30 Jun/1 Jul 2018 |
| 5pm Saturday Brighton | E Harte C Hickey P Madden | C Rosenberg-O'Brien J Moore K Lynch |
| 7am Sunday Brighton | V O'Brien D Price P Cross | P Pehrson P Cross TBA |
| 9am Sunday Sandgate | N Eyles J Murdoch L Kelly | J Murdoch S Butler L Kelly |
| 5pm Sunday Sandgate | P Morrison B Fallis TBA | L Hazelman P Janbroers D Mitchell |
| ALTAR SERVERS | 23-24 Jun 2018 | 30 Jun/1 Jul 2018 |
| 5pm Saturday Brighton | TBA | P Stronias |
| 7am Sunday Brighton | TBA | TBA |
| 9am Sunday Sandgate | S Bastian M Armitage | A Hennessy A Cavanagh |
| 5pm Sunday Sandgate | M Tate | TBA |
| CHURCH CLEANING | 23 Jun 2018 | 30 Jun 2018 |
| Brighton | L Lopez | L Lopez |
| Sandgate | TBA | P Mair |
| HOSPITALITY | 24 Jun 2018 | 1 Jul 2018 |
| 7am Sunday Brighton | M Thompson F Edwards | M Thompson D Price |
| 9am Sunday Sandgate | Couples for Christ | B Gunn P Morrison |
| CHILDREN'S LITURGY | 24 Jun 2018 | 1 Jul 2018 |
| 9am Sunday Sandgate | A Hennessy M Carter | School Holidays |
| COUNTERS | 25 Jun 2018 | 2 Jul 2018 |
| Parish Office | D Madden R Mahon | TBA B Boyle |
| ADORATION ROSTER | June 11.45am Exposition – P Madden 5.00pm Reposition –V O'Brien-Cox 10.45pm Exposition – D Mitchell | |
| BAPTISM PREPARATION | 2 & 9 July – J Young & TBA | |
| DINNER IN THE PARK | Saturday 23 June — L Fegan M McKeown J Bernard | |

READINGS: (YEAR B)

| | The Nativity of St John the Baptist | 13th Sun in Ordinary Time |
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| 1st Reading | Is 49:1-6 | Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24 |
| Psalm: | Ps 138:1-3, 13-15. R. v. 14 | Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13. R. v. 2 |
| 2nd Reading | Acts 13:22-26 | 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 |
| Gospel | Lk 1: 57-66, 80 | Mk 5:21-43 |

WHAT WILL THIS CHILD TURN OUT TO BE? The people of the countryside were filled with awe at the remarkable events surrounding the birth of John to an elderly childless couple. His name is given not by his family but by God who has chosen him to prepare the way for the Saviour. We too are specially chosen by God. As our spirit continues to mature, what will be turn out to be?

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, Grace FERRINGTON, 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: Damien HOBBS, Monica RODERICK and Audrey FITZGERALD, who died recently and for Lorraine ADSETT, Frank ISAAK, John SOLAR, Antal ZAKACS, Teresa PEHRSON and Queenie PEHRSON, and the deceased members of the KEOGH and STATHAM families whose anniversaries occur around this time.

RESPONSE: (Ps 138:1-3, 13-15. R. v. 14) I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Lk 1:76) **Alleluia! Alleluia!** You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (cf. Lk 1:78) Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

ENTRANCE HYMN: BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way,
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and Live. ®

REFRAIN: Be not afraid

**I go before you always,
Come follow Me
And I will give you rest.**

If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side;
know that I am with you through it all. ®

Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you
all because of Me,
blessed, blessed are you! ®

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OFFERTORY HYMN: ISAIAH 49

I will never forget you, my people;
I have carved you on the palm of my hand.
I will never forget you:
I will not leave you orphaned.
I will never forget my own.

Does a mother forget her baby?
Or a woman the child within her womb?
Yet even if these forget,
Yes, even if these forget,
I will never forget my own.

I will never forget you, my people;
I have carved you on the palm of my hand.
I will never forget you:
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COMMUNION HYMN: O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonders of who I am I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: GALILEE SONG

Deep within my heart I feel
Voices whispering to me
Words that I can't understand
Meanings I must clearly hear!
Calling me to follow close
Lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into
Evening shadows one more time. ®

**REFRAIN: So I leave my boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep!
Follow you again, my Lord.!**

In my memories I know
How you send familiar rains;
Falling gently on my days
Dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more
In the fortress of my mind:
To believe in falling rain
As I travel deserts dry! ®

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