



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish

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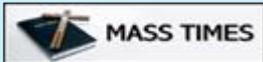
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Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (8:30am – 3:30pm)

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

Parish Secretary: Liz Kelly

Finance Officer: Angela Smith



WEEKDAY MASSES

All Masses (provide details upon entry – no booking required.)

Brighton

Monday: 9:15am

Sandgate

Tuesday: 7am

Thursday: 5.30pm

Friday: 7am

WEEKEND MASSES

All Masses (for 100 people only). Provide details upon entry – no booking required.

Brighton

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7am

Sandgate

Sunday: 9am and 5pm

SCHOOL MASSES

St Kieran's School

Date: TBA

Principal: Ben Gray

Phone: 3269 5989

Sacred Heart School

Date: TBA

Principal: Julian Cotter

Phone: 3269 3427



Saturdays at Sandgate 11.30am (1st Rite)

Bookings via Parish Office required.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 9 August 2020

JESUS OUR SAVIOUR, RESTORES OUR PEACE

On this nineteenth Sunday of ordinary time, the Church joyfully reminds us that Jesus our Saviour is always close to us. He calms the storms of our life. He lifts us from the depths, and restores our peace. The presence of the storm and all that it represents definitely make us confused, and afraid in life. Thus, it equally deprives us of our peace.

The first reading presents from the book of Kings, Elijah's unique experience of God in the mountain in "the sound of a gentle breeze." This was a decisive moment for the prophet who was already blown out by the fiery threat of Queen Jezebel. At this point in his mission, the prophet was consumed by fear that he forgot the very omnipotent power he has within.

There's something about God and silence which he wants to draw our attention to especially in this our present noisy world. This is why he urges us to be still and know that he is God (Psalm: 46.10).

The mountain signifies a place of divine encounter. This mountain can also be reached through the side altar in your room, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel or any other places for prayer. The power of silent prayer disposes one to not only been still and calm before God in prayers but also to listen and hear clearly when God speaks.

In the Gospel, the disciples of Jesus experienced the storm of their life, and Jesus was available to calm it, and equally, restore their peace. "Storms" are part and parcel of our human existence. They are inevitable in this world, just as the waves are inevitable in the sea, and death is inevitable to us. Sometimes, they hit us so hard that we are crushed, devastated, and almost annihilated. Like the disciples of Jesus, each one of us experiences the storm in diverse

ways in our lives. That is, the storm that robs us of our peace. However, when they encounter Christ, our peace is restored and they disappear.

Fr. Joseph Kanatt MCBS
Parish Priest

FIRST READING: (Kings 19:9, 11-13) When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

SECOND READING: (Romans 9:1-5) What I want to say is no pretence. I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless. I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons. They were given the glory and the covenants. The Law and the ritual were drawn up for them and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL: (Matthew 14:22-33) Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lakes, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered, 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him 'Man of little faith.' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said. 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



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15/16 AUGUST	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS
5pm Saturday Brighton	J Rosenberg C Hickey H Boon	
7am Sunday Brighton	M Heap L Isaak R Heap	
9am Sunday Sandgate	C McLaren R Corias TBA	J Armitage
5pm Sunday Sandgate	M Concannon TBA TBA	

COVID-SAFE PROTOCOLS – We wish to thank all parishioners for continuing to follow the Covid-Safe plan to ensure we are able to remain compliant. We ask that you continue to remain vigilant in the following practices –

- Arrive early enough to sign-in and be seated before Mass begins;
- Sign-in using full contact details;
- Sanitize before entering the church;
- Sit in next available seating as directed;
- Maintain social distancing (particularly during sign-in and when leaving the church.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated by those volunteering to help you stay safe.

CHURCH ROSTERS: You may have noticed a change in the publication of church rosters. Each weekend, the newsletter will advise the rosters for the following weekend. If you would like a copy of your roster, please contact the Parish Office.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated on **Saturday 15 August at 9am** in Brighton Church. *“Taken up into heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to heaven, the way to life.” St Pope John Paul II*

BROTHERS, WHAT MUST WE DO?: 2020 Catholic Men’s Gathering. Archbishop Mark Coleridge, as President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, encourages all men to register and participate in this virtual gathering which is happening, on-line, on August 15 www.catholicmensgathering.com.au. This is a unique opportunity to strengthen men in their Christian witness.

CLEANING ASSISTANCE AFTER MASS: If you are able to assist with sanitising the seats after Mass, please let the Sacristan know before Mass begins.

PARISH MINISTRY: We have a number of vacancies on the regular weekend reading roster. If you would like to find out more about this Ministry, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION:

- We offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at Sandgate at 11.30am. If you would like to attend, bookings are to be made via the Parish Office
- For everyone’s safety, please ensure that hand sanitising and social distancing protocols are still followed.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020: This weekend, we have the Enrolment Mass for families preparing their children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in September. These families will be attending either the 5pm Brighton Mass or the 9am Sandgate Mass. We ask that you pray for these families as they continue to share their faith with their children.

CHURCH AV EQUIPMENT: We are now opening a new roster to invite parishioners to operate the AV screen at weekend Masses. If you would like to join this roster, please either contact the Parish Office or speak to the Sacristan at Mass this weekend.

ADORATION: Eucharistic Adoration is offered in Sacred Heart Church every Thursday following the 5.30pm Mass and continues until 7pm. *“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth.”*

St Teresa of Calcutta

VOCATION VIEW: Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord. Pray for vocations on this National Sunday for Vocations Awareness.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION: The next session will be held this **Sunday 6 September** in the Sandgate Parish Hall. Bookings are to be made via the Parish Office.

ANNUAL PARISH DINNER: This year, our Annual Parish Dinner will be held at Bracken Ridge Tavern on Saturday 10 October. Please mark your diary and join us for what has always been a wonderful night for our parish community. Ticket details to follow.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Leslie RODRIGUES David COLLINGWOOD, Bob MUNRO and Meredith KELLY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS: For Lois CORNELL, Lorna LEIGH, Ellenor POWER and Dianna WILLIAMS who died recently and for Anastacia RABBITT, John McKEOWN, Tony HOGAN, Ferenc OCSENAS, Anna OCSENAS, Vincent DOWNES, Jean KELLY, Carmel JEFFREYS and Joseph RYAN whose anniversaries occur around this time.

