



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday of Advent – 8 December 2019 Year A

First Reading: (Isaiah 11:1-10)

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and powers, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances. He gives no verdict on hearsay but judges the wretched with integrity and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless. His sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist; faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb. The panther lies down with the kids. Calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends. Their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole. Into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Gospel: (Matthew 3:1-12)

In due course John the Baptist appeared: he preached in the wilderness Of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: *A voice cries in the wilderness. Prepare a way for the Lord. Make straight his paths.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel hair with a leather belt round his waist and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to carry his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

This Second Sunday of Advent, we are encouraged by the scriptures to prepare for the coming King, and His heavenly Kingdom. The herald of this exciting news is John the Baptist, who urges his listeners to "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand."

While the word "repentance" might evoke for us images of weeping, sackcloth, ashes and fasting, these are simply some of the external expressions of an internal change of heart. The fundamental meaning of the word (in Greek, *metanoeo*) is "to change one's mind for better." True repentance involves a "radical reorientation of our whole life" to God (CCC1431) and a realigning of our values with those of the King and His Kingdom.

In the Gospel of Matthew, John the Baptist sees repentance as the means to "prepare a way for the Lord." Only by realigning one's ways to the ways of the coming Kingdom of God, would one be properly ready to receive Jesus and His message. So, what are the ways of the King and His Kingdom?

Many years before, the prophet Isaiah had described a coming leader who would be endowed with wisdom, insight, counsel, power, knowledge and the fear of the Lord. This leader would judge all people with fairness and integrity, uprightness and constancy. He also describes the glorious kingdom of this ruler in which "the wolf will live with the lamb." Violence and injustice would have no part in this kingdom. All nations would seek out this ruler, who would come from the house of David.

St Paul, in his letter to the Romans, puts forward Jesus Christ as our example to follow in our lives. Doing so will bring glory to God. Jesus came not only to serve the Jewish people, but also the Gentiles, that all might "give glory to God for his faithful love."

Advent is a perfect opportunity for us to prepare our hearts and lives to receive Jesus Christ anew. Repentance for us need not involve the wearing of sackcloth and ashes, but rather a wholehearted examination of our lives to discern whether our values, priorities and behaviours are in alignment with God's kingdom. Are we following Jesus' example in all aspects of our lives? Do our lives glorify God? Are we leading others to God through our words and witness? Are we living lives of fairness, integrity, uprightness and constancy?

Are we bringing relief and justice to those experiencing violence and injustice?

Dave Nightingale (Seminarian)



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 10pm.

Friday: 7am

Regis Aged Care:

Christmas Mass – 17 Dec
10.30am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday:

Eventide Chapel: 9.30am
Brighton Church: 5pm

Sunday:

Brighton: 7am
Sandgate: 9am & 5pm

Parish Council Meeting:

3rd Thursday of the month

SCHOOL MASSES

St Kieran's School:

Principal: Ben Gray
Term 1 2020
Phone: 3269 5989

Sacred Heart School:

Principal: Julian Cotter
Term 1 2020
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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CHRISTMAS CAKE STALL: Last Wednesday evening we held a very successful Cake Stall at St Kieran's End of Year Concert. Cakes and Christmas goodies will be available for sale this weekend after Saturday evening Brighton Mass and Sunday morning Sandgate Mass.

HOUR OF GRACE: This Sunday, 8 December, Sacred Heart Church. Midday – 1pm. All Welcome!



CHOIR PRACTICE: This week's practice for our Christmas celebrations will be held on **TUESDAY at 7:00pm.** All parishioners are welcome to come along.

SPECIAL MORNING TEA: Next Sunday, 15 December, we are hosting a special morning tea to celebrate the significant birthday of our parish Organist, Marie Downes. All are invited to come to the Sandgate Parish Hall following the 9am Mass to help Marie celebrate her birthday and to share wonderful memories of the many years that both Marie and recently retired Organist, Del Purtill have provided beautiful music for countless celebrations in Sacred Heart Church.

REGIS CHRISTMAS MASS: Tuesday 17 December at 10.30am. Volunteers are needed to assist residents walk to Mass. If you have any time you could give, please contact Caren on 0401 072 431.

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS: Roster sheets are now available at the Church door for our upcoming Christmas celebrations. All Ministers are asked to indicate their availability on these sheets to enable rosters to be completed. Thank you for your anticipated consideration.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: This year, we are continuing our Giving Tree initiative. Both churches have a tree decorated with gift tags. Parishioners are encouraged to take a tag and return it with an unwrapped gift for that person (eg. Girl Age 10). These gifts will be included in hampers provided by St Vincent de Paul to those struggling at this time of year. Your selfless generosity in sharing the joy of the season is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH: Parishioners are invited to join us celebrate together the birth of Jesus. Lunch will be served from 12 noon on Wednesday 25 December in the Parish Hall at Sandgate. 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 Pepper on 0414 011 906 or Caren Rosenberg-O'Brien 0401 072 431.

VINNIES NEWS: The annual **VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL** will be held **THIS WEEKEND, 7- 8 December.** Anything you are able to give assists us to help those in need in our area. As well as the Appeal, there are **baskets** at the back of each church to accept your **donations of non-perishable**

goods. Thank you for thinking of those who need your help.

The Brighton Vinnies Conference is also running a **raffle** of a beautiful **hand sewn quilt** which has been made and donated by a very generous parishioner. **Tickets will be sold after Mass and drawn before Christmas.** Don't forget, our Piety Stalls at both Brighton and Sandgate have the 2020 **Columban Calendars** on sale for \$9.70 and **Christmas cards** in stock.

THANK YOU: We wish to thank all those who provided practical and prayerful support over the past few months as we cared for my dear brother, Ken. Thank you for your messages of sympathy. Your kindness has been greatly appreciated. Val, Caren and John.

"SIMBANG GABI": is a devotional series of nine dawn Masses practiced by Filipino Catholics in the Philippines as preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. On **Friday, 20 December at Sacred Heart Church** one such **Mass** will be celebrated in English at 7:30pm preceded by Carols at 7pm. Fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share. Proceeds of Simbang Gabi will be donated to the children and elderly who are victims of physical abuse and abandonment in Bacolod in the Philippines. There are also many people suffering from tuberculosis under the care of the congregation. Please pray for them.

RECONCILIATION: In preparation for Christmas, Reconciliation will be offered on the following days:

- 1st Rite Sandgate Saturday 7 December 11.30am;
- 2nd Rite Brighton Saturday 7 December 4pm
- (LAST ONE BEFORE CHRISTMAS)
- 1st Rite Sandgate Saturday 14 December 11.30am
- 1st Rite Sandgate Thursday, 19 December 6.30pm
- Two Priests will be available on this night.**
- 1st Rite Sandgate Saturday 21 December 11.30am

CHRISTMAS MASSES

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER:
Brighton Church of the Real Presence
5:30pm Carols
6:00pm Holy Mass
Children come dressed as your favourite Nativity character.

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER:
Sandgate Sacred Heart Church
11:30pm Carols
12:00 Midnight Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER:
Brighton Church of the Real Presence
7:00am Holy Mass
Sandgate Sacred Heart Church
9:00am Holy Mass

- Four Brisbane married Catholic men were ordained permanent deacons for the archdiocese on Saturday, November 30.
- The Catholic Leader commemorated 90 years of journalism, covering the lives, news and events of Brisbane archdiocese.
- The relics of St Therese of Lisieux and parents Sts Louis and Zelig Martin have been confirmed to arrive in Brisbane in February 2020.
- Former refugee Anthony Gawlu escaped persecution and violence to become a seminarian at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo.
- St Paul's Book Centre on Elizabeth Street has been struggling against some "big problems", which could shut its automatic door forever without immediate assistance.
- Catholic teacher Luke Thomsen wanted to help others "intensely develop" their relationship with Jesus and was leading young people to God at St Stephen's Primary School, Algester.



PARISH ROSTER

We are always appreciative of the many ways parishioners contribute to the life of the Parish by way of their selfless volunteering.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD	7 – 8 December	14 – 15 December
5pm Saturday Brighton	K Lynch H Rodrigues TBA	H Boon J Rosenberg C Hickey
7am Sunday Brighton	J Rosenberg D Madden R Mahon	M Heap R Heap L Isaak
9am Sunday Sandgate	K Coffey M Lynch C McLaren	C Murdoch L Butler R Corias
5pm Sunday Sandgate	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	7 – 8 December	14 – 15 December
5pm Saturday Brighton	D Price L Isaak TBA	C Rosenberg-O'Brien K Lynch TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	D Kelly C Rosenberg-O'Brien TBA	B Gaffney F Edwards P Madden
9am Sunday Sandgate	L North V O'Brien TBA	J Murdoch L Kelly TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	B Fallis TBA	B Fallis TBA
ALTAR SERVERS	7 – 8 December	14 – 15 December
5pm Saturday Brighton	TBA	TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	M Kilroy	TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	S Bastian A Bastian K Andes-Olsson	A Hennessy A Cavanagh C Armitage
5pm Sunday Sandgate	TBA	TBA
CHURCH CLEANING	7 – 8 December	14 – 15 December
Brighton	D Abberton	M Bernard
Sandgate	TBA	M Nielson
HOSPITALITY	7 – 8 December	14 – 15 December
7am Sunday Brighton	L Isaak TBA	P Cross M Cross
9am Sunday Sandgate	B Gunn D Hauff-Green	A Franklin C Rosenberg-O'Brien
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	7 – 8 December	14 – 15 December
9am Sunday Sandgate	M Bernard	A Hennessy M Carter
COUNTERS	9 December	16 December
Parish Office (8am Monday)	C Rosenberg-O'Brien P Ryan	D Abberton B Boyle
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Next Baptism Preparation Session – February 2020	
DINNER IN THE PARK	21 December – Albany Creek Parish	

READINGS: YEAR A

	2nd Sunday of Advent	3rd Sunday of Advent
1st Reading	Isaiah 11:1-10	Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
Psalms:	Ps 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 R. cf. v. 7	Ps 146:6-10. R. cf. Isa 35:4
2nd Reading	Romans 15:4-9	St James 5:7-10
Gospel	Matthew 3:1-12	Matthew 11:2-11

2nd Sunday of Advent: 'GOD'S KINGDOM IS NEAR'. John the Baptist urged the people to prepare for the coming of the kingdom by repenting of their sins. Their baptism by John in the Jordan river was an important ritual act of sorrow but they also had to express their sorrow by reforming their lives. The sacrament of reconciliation and right living are excellent means through which we can prepare for the feast of Christmas.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Ivy BRUCE, Colleen BOCK, Meredith KELLY, Raul, CORIAS, Glen HIPWOOD, David CHINNERY, Ellenor POWER, Ruth DALY, Ted WHITE, Norma GEARY, Muriel URQUHART, Esther HARTE, Harvey DELACOUR, George BASTIAN, Clare LAUMAN, David HOGAN, Justin CARR, Jason MORPHETT, John RHULE, Trish MORRISON, Annette BOYER, Pat BURNS, Agnes CHARNLEY, Lee CONSTABLE, David DOWLING, Grace FERRINGTON, Marjorie GLEESON, Thomas HARTE, Helen HOGAN, Kellin HYDE, John JAMES, Pauline JOHNSON, Chloe MASON, Tarryn MCDERMOTT, Trevor PAYNE, Christina PETERS, Jesse PETERS, Colin ROBINSON, John SHEPHERD, Candice THOMPSON, Samantha TSALIKIS and Valerie WORKMAN.

(If you know of someone no longer required to be included in this list, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS: For Ken HOPKINS, Betty BAMBRICK, Fr Martin DOYLE, Ricky BENNETT, Angelo MORETTI and Jean SARGENT who died recently and for Vernon POWER, Sr Mary BARNES (CSB) Anne BALL, Rhonda KLINCKE, Annie MCKEOWN, Barry HILL, Bill FLANNERY, Joseph Gerard RYAN, Alfred DOWNES, Agnes DOWNES, Vincent DOWNES, Valda HARMS, Anthony GUNN, Noel James MCKEERING, Shirley SHEPHERD, Henry (Tyson) CARR, Ned William PRICE, Nora SMITH, Darryl GLEESON, Anastacia RABBITT, Carmel JEFFREYS, Calogero CARUSO, and Jean KELLY whose anniversaries occur around this time.

RESPONSE: (Ps 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17.R. cf. v.7) Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace forever.
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: THIS IS OUR ACCEPTABLE TIME

REFRAIN: This is our acceptable time!
This is our day of salvation!
This is our acceptable time,
It will be the day of the Lord!

Gather you people! Return to your God!
Trusting His mercy and goodness again!
Give him your heart! Open your eyes!
See how your Saviour comes! ®

Listen, my people, when you were a child,
out of your bondage I called you to me!
But when I called you walked away!
How could I part with you? ®

You are my people, My Choice... my Delight!
Could I forget you, the child of my womb?
I am your God searching for you!
Give me your heart and live!

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH:



Now we'll light the candles;
Candles in a ring
So that they will light the way for our
coming king.
Ev'ry year they help us count by their
bright array

And remember why Christ came on that Christmas Day.

Prophets with a message of how Christ would come
To redeem a fallen world; calling us back home.
Guide us by this candle flame; may we never stray,
But remember why Christ came on that Christmas Day.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: 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. ®

REFLECTION: I HAVE LOVED YOU

REFRAIN: I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his light and his peace. ®

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his joy and his hope. ®

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his care and his love. ®

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TO JESUS HEART ALL BURNING

To Jesus' heart, all burning, with fervent love of men,
My heart with fondest yearning shall raise its joyful strain.

**While ages course along, blest be with loudest song
The Sacred Heart of Jesus by every heart and tongue.
The Sacred Heart of Jesus by every heart and tongue.**

O Heart, for me on fire with love no man can speak,
My yet untold desire God gives me for thy sake.

**While ages course along, blest be with loudest song
The Sacred Heart of Jesus by every heart and tongue.
The Sacred Heart of Jesus by every heart and tongue.**

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RECESSIONAL: JOYFUL IN HOPE

Joyful in hope, your people pray.
Joyful in hope, we're on our way.
Though the road may not be clear,
we believe, Lord, you are near,
in the smile and open heart of a friend.

Joyful in hope, your people pray
Joyful in hope, we're on our way.
There's sunshine after rain. There's laughter after pain;
and I am with you always, so rise again.

Mary, so open to the Lord, when you answered "Yes",
our hope was restored.
Though you couldn't understand, in trust you took his hand.
So, joyful in hope, we live again.

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