



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14 January 2018



MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

Brighton

Monday: Returns 5 Feb

Sandgate

Tuesday: Returns 6 Feb

Thursday: Returns 7 Feb

Eucharistic Adoration begins 12 noon Thursday and continues until 11pm.

Friday: Returns 8 Feb

Regis Aged Care:

TBA: Feb

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: 9am Thursday 9 Feb

Principal: Ben Gray

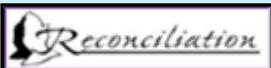
Phone: 3269 5989

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.

'SPEAK LORD, YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING'

My friends in Christ,

Samuel served at the sanctuary at Shiloh – a small plain near the Jordan where the Israelites had built a shrine for the Ark (1Sam 1-2). To Samuel was given the task of establishing Israel's monarchy as it was still Israel's formative years with no centralised Capital territory and no Jerusalem Temple.

The people living by kindreds and clans, continued to meet themselves in their central shrines, like the Shiloh sanctuary. Today's first reading recounts the fascinating incident of Samuel's humble and prophetic call.

This particular 'Samuel' isn't the transliteration (shem el') i.e. 'name of God'. It rather derives from the Hebrew root: ('Sha-al') i.e. 'received of'. Samuel's mother was barren for a long time in a culture where childlessness attracted scorn against the woman. Samuel's conception being a result of the prayerful tears of his distressed mother (1 Sam 1:9), one can only imagine the sense of triumph of Hannah who insisted: "I asked Yahweh for him" (1 Sam 1:20). She named her son: "Gift of God".

At about 12, Sam enters his priestly apprenticeship under Eli, the elderly priest at Shiloh. His call is our reminder that in matters of faith, physical age has not always been the basis for spiritual maturity. It should not be considered as a hindrance to the profession of the faith.

Samuel's call was also very significant: "It was rare of Yahweh to speak in those days, and visions were rare". Yet, Sam was called four times. Initially, for three times he was called, and for three times, the boy got up 'and ran' to Eli: "You called me: I am here". It was Eli who realised that God was calling the boy and he told Samuel, 'go back and lie down; if he calls you again, answer: "**Speak Lord, your servant listens.**"' (1Sam 3:9).

Then Yahweh came and stood by, calling the boy as he did before. Samuel replies with the words provided by Eli (1Sam 3:10). Again in Samuel, God confirms the human effort of formation.

In Samuel, we see the youth who listens; and who runs to it, when it comes to answering God's call. Sam's readiness links us with the willingness found in those called to discipleship in the Gospel. Again the humility and openness of John in letting go, is beautifully nuanced in the 'promptness' of John's curious disciples.

"Lord, where do you live?" This is more than a question. It is a longing curiosity borne out of a deep, spiritual consciousness. They readily followed Christ; and they became completely transformed from visitors to apostles.

God has not stopped calling us – through the ministry of the Church, through the guidance of faithful parents, through the steadfast counsel of wise teachers; there is always 'an Andrew' or a 'John the Baptist' in our lives to guide us. Whether in the ancient or the contemporary times, God's call comes to us if we are ready and attentive to him.

And being ready and attentive also means accepting discipline, especially the type of moral discipline highlighted in today's second reading. Paul's straight talk: "The body is not meant for fornication" (1 Cor 6:13) is, in the context of today's excessive permissiveness and moral crisis, quite instructive for us.

Any freedom by which a person lives an immoral life, is a counterfeit freedom. It is a false freedom that seeks to entrench the godless culture. This type of bizarre culture is more inclined to commanding God: "listen God, your boss is speaking.

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!

AUSTRALIA DAY DATE CLAIMER: Friday 26 January
- Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church at 8am followed by our parish celebration. Some hints for you...food, games, singing. More to follow next week.

WHAT ARE OUR 20 HOTTEST HYMNS? The Pastoral Council has decided to go into competition with Triple J (who look for the Hottest 100 songs) and ask you to vote for what you think is the most favourite hymn of all times. We will run this throughout January and our "Hottest" 20 will be announced towards end of the month with some singing involved with that announcement. We will have forms at the back of the churches soon that you could fill in and put in the boxes provided. Alternatively, you could download the form from our webpage, fill it in and email it or you could vote under the event on our Facebook page.

REVISED MASS SCHEDULE: Fr Modestus has travelled home for his annual leave. A reduced Mass schedule will be in place until his return. A complete copy will be posted on the Church doors and noticeboards. We thank you all for your anticipated consideration during this time.

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION: Is your New Year's resolution to be actively involved in the parish? We are always looking for parishioners to join the many Ministries on offer. Contact the Parish Office this week to see how you can play your part.

BRIGHTON – NEW VIGIL MASS TIME: The new Mass time for the Saturday Vigil Mass is at the family friendly time of 5pm.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Baptism Preparation will resume in February. The next classes will be held on **Monday 5 February** beginning at 7.30pm in the Sandgate Parish Hall. No need to book, just turn up!

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.

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.

YEAR OF YOUTH: The Year of Youth has officially begun. This Year will focus on young people, faith and vocational discernment, in line with the Synod of Bishops called by Pope Francis, to be held in October 2018. This year will particularly celebrate young people aged 12-30. There are a number of events planned throughout the Archdiocese this year. For more information, please check out the Catholic Collective website www.catholiccollective.org.au/events.

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.

ADORATION: During the month of January, Adoration will continue at Sacred Heart Church from 12 noon every Thursday through to 11pm. During Eucharistic Adoration, we 'watch and wait', we remain 'silent' in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, the Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us. Why not spend an hour with the Lord? If you would like more information about the parish Adoration program, please contact the Parish Office.

GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH: Did you know that you can create a gift to the Parish that lasts forever? Please consider naming the Parish as one of the beneficiaries in your Will. You can designate a specific gift amount to the Parish or nominate the *Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish* Endowment Fund to receive your gift. Endowments provide a steady stream of income to the Parish forever. To find out how to support the mission of the Catholic Church and your local parish well into the future please contact the parish office or go to www.catholicfoundation.org.au

LENTEN PROGRAM: The parish will be offering the Lenten program 'Surrender' beginning mid-February. If you are interested in leading or joining this program please contact the Parish Office. Resources costing \$5 each will be ordered on Thursday 25 January.

FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS PILGRIMAGE MAY 2018: The 16-day pilgrimage departing on 16th of May, 2018, features Petra, Mt. Nebo, Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Dead Sea, Masada, Nazareth, Caesarea Philippi, for an all-inclusive New Year offer of \$5,490. This offer ends on 31st of January, 2018. For further details or any queries please feel free to call Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8562 2246 or email: pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

THANKYOU: I wish to thank Fr Modestus and all parishioners for their prayers, thoughts, well-wishes, phone calls and support since my fall before Christmas. It truly has been very precious and most appreciated.
Kathy Lynch



VOCATION VIEW: A good Vocation prayer to say everyday, from the time we are ten years old till we are ninety years old, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.' Just try it with sincerity starting today.

- * Pope Francis denounces all, even 'subtle', attacks on human life
- * International association honours niece of Australian devoted to caring for disabled Indian children
- * Caritas Australia commits thousands of dollars to support Typhoon Tembin survivors
- * Congregation founded by popular confessor seeing major reconciliation growth at Brisbane parish
- * Several charges dropped for Street Swags founder Jean Madden
- * Travel Feature: Martyrdom has deep roots in heart of London
- * Br Damien Price writes on the spiritual life and consciousness, awareness of ego, silence and a true openness to God
- * Terry Lees reflects on making goals and resolutions in 2018



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	13-14 January	20-21 January 2017
5pm Saturday Brighton	H Boon TBA C Hickey	H Boon J Rosenberg C Hickey
7am Sunday Brighton	J Rosenberg D Madden R Mahon	R Heap M Heap I Bruce
9am Sunday Sandgate	M Lynch L Kelly C McLaren	C Murdoch R Corias TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	TBA TBA D Mitchell	M Susnja R Susnja TBA
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	13-14 January	20-21 January 2017
5pm Saturday Brighton	D Price L Isaak TBA	C Rosenberg O'Brien K Stronias TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	D Kelly C Rosenberg-O'Brien M Thompson	B Gaffney F Edwards P Madden
9am Sunday Sandgate	J North L North J Flynn	J Murdoch J Audibert L Kelly
5pm Sunday Sandgate	P Morrison B Fallis TBA	D Mitchell P Morrison TBA
ALTAR SERVERS	13-14 January	20-21 January 2017
5pm Saturday Brighton	E Waite A Barge H Barge	P Stronias
7am Sunday Brighton	TBA	H Peters
9am Sunday Sandgate	B Rorke K Andes-Ollson	I Treanor S Treanor A Grealy
5pm Sunday Sandgate	M Tate	B Gunn K Copsey
CHURCH CLEANING	13 January	20 January
Brighton	D Abberton	M Bernard
Sandgate	R & C Bolton	M Neilson
HOSPITALITY	14 January	21 January
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson D Price	M Thompson D Price
9am Sunday Sandgate	<i>Resumes February 4</i>	<i>Resumes February 4</i>
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	14 January	21 January
9am Sunday Sandgate	<i>School Holidays</i>	<i>School Holidays</i>
COUNTERS	15 January	22 January
Parish Office	C Rosenberg-O'Brien P Ryan	M Neilson A Finch
ADORATION ROSTER	JANUARY: 11.45am Exposition – P Madden 5.00pm Reposition – V O'Brien-Cox 10.45pm Exposition – D Mitchell	
BAPTISM PREPARATION	February—M Jeays	
DINNER IN THE PARK	20 January—H Grant P Cross B Fallis	

READINGS: (YEAR B)

	2nd Sunday Ordinary Time	3rd Sunday Ordinary Time
First Reading	1 Sam 3:3-10, 19	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm:	Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9	Ps 24:4-9. R. v. 4
Second Reading	1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20	1 Cor 7:29-31
Gospel	Jn 1:35-42	Mark 1:14-20

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time: CALLED BY NAME. It can be hard to believe that God knows each of us by name. Sometimes we need a wise guide, like the old priest Eli or John the Baptist, to help us recognise the voice of God in our life. Let us try to hear God's personal call to us in this Mass and in the events of this day, a call which says in different ways, 'come and dwell with me, share my life'.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: 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, Jason MORPHETT, Maria PASHEN, Margaret PERIL, Christina PETERS, Eileen RANKIN, 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: Emily PHAM, Noreen ROSE, Sr Clare MULCAHY RSM who died recently and for deceased members of the KEOGH, STATHAM, GALES and RAÑIN families, Kevin TIMSON, Jim MacGINLEY and Jack MARTIN whose anniversaries occur around this time.

RESPONSE: (Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Jn 1:41, 17) Alleluia, Alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. 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 22:5) You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

ENTRANCE HYMN: HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who make the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? ®

REFRAIN: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your peace in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? ®

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: 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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REFLECTION: LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we;
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace
eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let it begin with me.

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RECESSIONAL: GOD SENDS US FORTH

God sends us forth to love and serve,
make known God's name, and live God's word,
mirror God's love, reflect God's grace till
all have seen the Saviour's face.

Nourished by Christ with word and bread,
burning with love and Spirit led,
sent to embrace a world in need, to
make God known in word and deed.

Called to the ones the world ignores –
hungry and thirsty, weak and poor –
let us bear Christ, who heals all pain and
comforts those with guilt or shame.

So, with the cross to lead the way,
let us go forth in peace today
till ev'ry end of earth has known the
saving love of God alone.

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