



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish

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

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

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Finance: Andrea Barton

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21 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: Returns
Feb 3

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

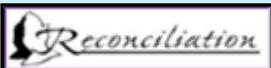
Phone: 3269 5989

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.

JESUS CALLS ME TOO

It was not any strange message that Jesus proclaimed when we read him saying: "The time is fulfilled..." All the oracles of the prophets foretold of the time of the messiah and many were longing for his appearance. The last and greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist heralded the Christ. John baptised Jesus, practically pointing out to all that, at last, what was promised, is fulfilled.

The time that is fulfilled means the effective presence of God in Christ. Its utter reality rests in Jesus himself who is affirming the fulfilment in himself, and demanding answers to God's presence and offer of grace. Jesus puts 'time' in perspective as something spiritual and precious. In this perspective, our first reading echoes the shortness of time: 'Only 40 days more and Ninevah will be destroyed' (Jo 3:4). Our second reading also says: 'My brothers, the time is short..' (1Cor 7:29). This type of time means: opportunity to do God's will. It can also be lost or wasted.

The theology of the 'kingdom of God' which is 'at hand', is a reality quite often misread or misrepresented in its meaning on the lips of Jesus. The 'kingdom of God' proclaimed by Jesus is not a geographical dominion or a climatic space. No one will find the kingdom of God on any map. The underlying Hebrew term *malikut* (kingdom), or its Greek equivalent *basileia* is a *nomen actionis* (action word). Jesus declares the 'active lordship of the king' who is here present; calling for attention.

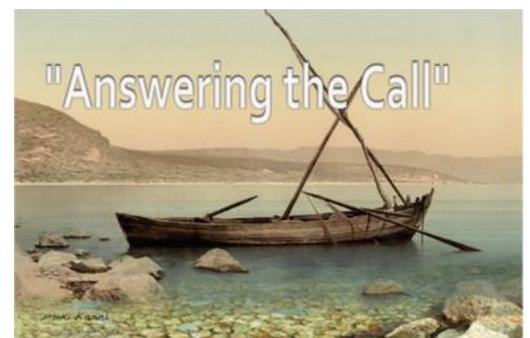
In every holy person, we can see that God is the one who reigns in that person. God radiates outward from the inner being of the person, 'strolling at leisure' as in the first spiritual paradise (Gn 3:8). Jesus brings this to the context of the New Testament, by showing that the 'kingdom of God' is not a thing, but a person: Jesus is the kingdom of God in person, as far as Christ is, the Emmanuel (Mt 1:23).

This is why, in Christ, now is the fullness of time. The time that presents opportunity, the opportunity that demands for conversion and joy. This is precisely because, in Jesus, God is finally with us in a fresh appearance.

'Repent and believe the Good News' proclaimed afresh, does not accuse us of ignorance of learning. It rather challenges everything in us to hear afresh, the message of life. The 'Good' is Jesus. His 'news' sues for a renewed responsibility and the 'repentance' requires not just the rejection of evil, but also the choosing of positive action for God's presence in my life. A conscious choice which chooses the enthronement of God's will, opens to discipleship that is, a personal witness touching everyday lifestyle or daily routine.

Thus, Jesus calls me and he calls you afresh to discipleship. Rather than 'leave our nets', many are still dragging along, the things they want or like, before they follow Christ.

Fr Modestus



Australia Day Mass – 8am
Sacred Heart Church
followed by parish
celebration. All Welcome!



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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!

ALTAR SERVERS: This weekend (Sunday 9am), we welcome our newest Altar Server, Max Kilroy. Max will begin his Ministry at Sandgate. If you would like to join Max in this vital role, please contact the Parish Office to organise training.

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.

AUSTRALIA DAY: Friday 26 January - Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church at 8am followed by our parish celebration. Why not join your fellow parishioners for brunch with an international twist! Sing-along, games, damper, pavlova and much more. Wear green and gold or your favourite Aussie t-shirt. Cost: By suggested donation \$5 per adult/\$10 per family. All Welcome!

HOTTEST 20 HYMNS: Have you voted yet for your favourite hymns? You can vote on our Facebook page - find the items about the topic and leave your vote in the comments sections. You can vote as many times as you like. You can also cast your vote at the back of the church this weekend. Pens, pencils, voting forms and tubs to place them in are there for you. Please participate in this fun activity. We will be announcing the top 20 at our Australia Day celebrations and we will be singing the top 3 at the event. So have your say!

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.

NO SPARE CHANGE? Why not try the digital collection plate using direct debit or credit card? Forms are available at the back of the church, on the parish website or contact the parish office. Thank you.

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 next week.

PALMS ENCOUNTERS are ethically run group tours that provide participants with authentic, hard to come by experiences. The tours have been carefully designed to give you an insight into the daily life of people of another culture, an understanding of sustainable approaches to reducing poverty, and an insight into the life and work of Palms development volunteers.

We still have **limited places** available for our next trip to **Timor-Leste 11-23 March** if you book by **5pm Thursday 25 January**. Please contact Palms on 02 9560 5333 or see www.palms.org.au/encounters

LENTEN RETREAT: Saturday 17 March, 9am – 4.30pm followed by Vigil Mass at 5pm. St Benedict's School Hall, 21 St Benedicts Close, Mango Hill. Conducted by Fr Rony George from The Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby, NSW. For more information, please contact: Mango Hill Parish Office 3490 1768.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please contact the Parish Office on 3869 1377 or sandgatebrighton@bne.catholic.net.au



VOCATION VIEW: Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him to do. It is never too late to hear the Lord say, 'Come, follow Me.'

* Young woman walking from Brisbane to Melbourne to tell others what happened when her mother had an abortion

* Brisbane priest talks about the day he played Ivan Lendl on centre court at Australian Open

* Young Catholic doctor soon to sail solo across Pacific for a cause – to help bridge gap in indigenous literacy

* Health scare steers former Catholic school principal into becoming advocate for indigenous education

* Educator offers tips for parents on recognising signs of children being bullied, following national attention on suicide of Northern Territory teenager

* Vinnies tutoring program helping refugees embrace new life in Australia

* Brisbane priest steps down from 'best job' in the world

* Singer from The Cranberries remembered for her faith as well as her talent following her sudden death

* PLUS: A Regional Focus on Townsville diocese

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	20-21 January 2018	27-28 January 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	H Boon TBA C Hickey	P Ryan J Moore TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	R Heap M Heap I Bruce	F Shepherd P Pehrson F Edwards
9am Sunday Sandgate	C Murdoch R Corias C McLaren	D Purtill A Milvydas TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	M Susnja R Susnja TBA	Youth
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	20-21 January 2017	27-28 January 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	C Rosenberg O'Brien K Stronias E Harte	E Harte C Hickey P Madden
7am Sunday Brighton	B Gaffney F Edwards P Madden	V O'Brien D Price P Cross
9am Sunday Sandgate	J Murdoch J Audibert L North	N Eyles J Murdoch TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	D Mitchell P Morrison M Judd	P Morrison B Fallis TBA
ALTAR SERVERS	20-21 January 2017	27-28 January 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	P Stronias	TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	H Peters	TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	I Treanor S Treanor A Grealy M Kilroy	K Andes-Olsson M Armitage
5pm Sunday Sandgate	B Gunn K Cosey	M Tate
CHURCH CLEANING	20 January	27 January 2018
Brighton	M Bernard	L Lopez
Sandgate	M Neilson	TBA
HOSPITALITY	21 January	28 January 2018
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson D Price	M Thompson F Edwards
9am Sunday Sandgate	<i>Resumes 4 February</i>	Couples for Christ
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	21 January	28 January 2018
9am Sunday Sandgate	<i>School Holidays</i>	A Hennessy M Carter
COUNTERS	22 January	28 January 2018
Parish Office	M Neilson A Finch	D Madden R Mahon
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)

First Reading	3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Jonah 3:1-5, 10	4th Sunday Ordinary Time Deut 18:15-20
Psalm:	Ps 24:4-9. R. v. 4	Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 9
Second Reading	1 Cor 7:29-31	1 Cor 7:32-35
Gospel	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:21-28

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time: "THE TIME HAS COME." These are the first recorded words of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. In a variety of contexts we have probably used them ourselves when we felt that an important decision could be delayed no longer. At some point in our life, perhaps even today, the decision in question will be whether to follow Jesus wholeheartedly or in a superficial way.

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 and Noreen ROSE who died recently and for deceased members of the KEOGH, STATHAM, GALES and RAÑIN families, Joan KOPELKE and Jack MARTIN whose anniversaries occur around this time.

RESPONSE: (Ps 94:1-2, 6-9 R. v. 9) If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Mt. 4:16) Alleluia, Alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. 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 30:17-18) Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

ENTRANCE HYMN: SING A NEW SONG

**REFRAIN: Sing a new song unto the Lord:
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.**

Yahweh's people dance for joy.
come before the Lord.
And play for Him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. ®

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
Your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. ®

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives. ®

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: A TRUSTING PSALM

**REFRAIN: Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord, is faithfulness and love.
His love can never be measured.
His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in him. ®

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
His love can never grow weary.
His mercy is as though our sins have never been,
if we can place our trust in him. ®

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong.
His love can never grow weary.
He will seek and save the lost until we all return,
so let us place our trust in him. ®

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REFLECTION: 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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RECESSIONAL: LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring to us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

**REFRAIN: Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord,
and let there be light.**

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. ®

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. ®

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