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CATHOLIC CHURCHES



St Finbar's
86 Centre Rd
Brighton East VIC 3187



St James
73 North Rd
Gardenvale VIC 3185



St Joan of Arc
118 New Street
Brighton VIC 3186

Parish Clergy/Staff

Parish Priest: Fr Trac Nguyen

Parish Secretary: Carmel Cristiano

Office hours: 9.00 am - 3.30pm
Tuesday- Friday

Safeguarding Officer: Sofia Cristiano

St Finbar's

Tues - Thurs 9.30am
Sat 9.30am

Sat 5.30pm (vigil)
Sun 10.00am

Reconciliation: 30 mins prior to masses

St Joan of Arc

Tues 5.00pm Exposition
5.30pm
Fri 9.30am

Sun 11.00am, 5.30pm

GIVING

1st collection

Supports Parish clergy, sick and retired
Priests, Priests in needy Parishes and
Archbishops and Auxiliary Bishops.

2nd collection

Supports Parish running costs,
Parish Pastoral initiatives,
Diocesan and various services.

Online giving/Tap and Go

If you would prefer to give by card, tap
machines are available in the foyers of
the churches.

Alternatively, you can donate securely via
our website.

Choose between a once-off donation or
donate periodically.

Thank you for your generosity.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 30th Aug 2026

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Pope Leo regularly demonstrates how it is possible to call out misbehaviour without making it about the misbehaving persons. In a world of big personalities, this Pope has a knack for keeping his focus on the issues.

Trying to stop some renegade clergy, for instance, the Pope wrote to them 'filled with Christian affection'. He did not look the other way and pretend there was no problem. Rather, he faced the issue head on in a spirit of charity. 'I plead with you', he told them, 'and ask you with all my heart: please turn back!'

Urging his readers 'to consider carefully the spiritual good of the faithful', the Pope also explained that he was praying for them 'because to tear the seamless garment of Christ is a sin of extreme gravity.' Such was the spirit in which Jesus rebuked Peter – a kind sort of blunt. Through this instance the Pope shows us the need to confront the tempters of our own age. Both 'sorrowful yet hopeful', he prayed that consciences be enlightened and hearts awakened. Whether as confronters or confronted, we do not always like confrontation – but there are times when it is good for us in the long run.

Lets us pray

Recent Death

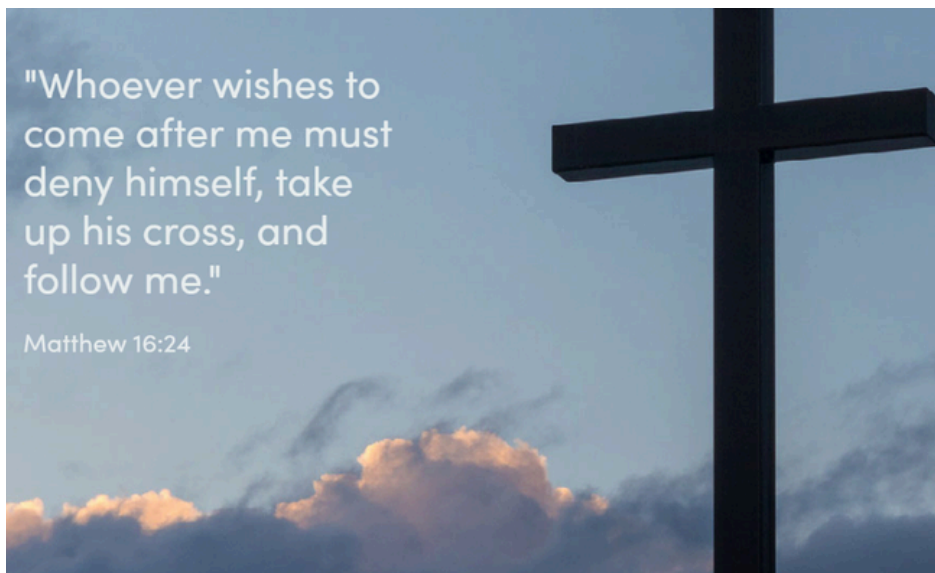
Adrienne Benthon
Gwyne Holmes

Anniversary

Gwynne Holmes
Antonio Micari
Micari family
Alesci family
Catalfamo family

"Whoever wishes to
come after me must
deny himself, take
up his cross, and
follow me."

Matthew 16:24



SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

The Healing Journey:
from fear and uncertainty to safety and hope

The Good Samaritan Inn Story

Wednesday, 23rd September, 6.00 – 9.00pm

Venue: Hampton RSL 25 Holyrood Street, Hampton
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL – BY FRIDAY 11th September

Meals from 6.00 pm

The presentation & conversation will follow;

Event will conclude about 9.00pm

For Bookings and/or further details contact:

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CATRIONA: catriona3171@gmail.com OR 0419 109 830

Lunch at New Bay Hotel 12 noon

329 New Street, North Brighton



Please RSVP

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Joan Hamilton 0432449122



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program - A Journey of Faith

Are you searching for a way to meet your spiritual needs? To identify with a community of faith?

This is your invitation from Emmaus Parish.

***“Come and be enlightened, strengthened, and renewed in His love. Jesus loves us deeply;
He gave His life for each and every one of us. Come and experience His love, mercy, and grace.”***



Dates: Tuesday, 10th November, 7pm - 15th December, 7pm 2026

Tuesday, 9th February, 7pm - 16th March 2027

Venue: St Joan of Arc presbytery meeting room, 118 New St, Brighton

RSVP email: brightoneast@cam.org.au

JUSTICE BEGINS WITH US

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good
put together that overwhelm the world.”

~ Desmond Tutu ~

Social justice is about treating every person with fairness, dignity and respect.

It reminds us that everyone matters, no matter who they are,
where they come from or what their circumstances may be.

In everyday life, we see people facing hardship for many different reasons. Some struggle to afford food or
housing, others may feel lonely or forgotten, while some simply need the chance to improve their lives.

Social justice asks us to be aware of these needs and think about what we can do.

There are many practical ways we can make life a little better for others.

Giving our time, sharing what we have, standing up for someone who is being treated unfairly
or simply noticing when a person needs assistance are all ways we can make a difference.

Our Christian faith teaches us to love our neighbour and show compassion,
especially towards those who are vulnerable and dealing with challenging situations.

When we treat others as we would like to be treated, we contribute to a
community where everyone has a place and the opportunity to move forward in life.

Social justice begins with recognising the worth of every person and accepting our responsibility to
look beyond ourselves and consider the wellbeing of others.

**Dear Lord, help us to notice those around us and be ready to help when we can. Guide us to be
generous with our time and thoughtful in the way we respond. May our actions reflect**

Your love and bring hope where it is needed. Amen.

Special Collection September

In September: Parish Maintenance Collection

Following a number of enquiries from parishioners about how they can contribute towards the upkeep and restoration of our churches,
we will hold a **special third collection on the weekend of 12-13 September**.

The proceeds from this collection will support ongoing parish maintenance projects, particularly the **leadlight window restoration
project at St Joan of Arc Church**. This important work will help preserve the beauty and heritage of our church for future generations.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity and support of our parish community. A **third collection** will be taken up at all Masses that
weekend for those who wish to contribute to this project.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the life and mission of Emmaus Parish.

Fr Trac Nguyen