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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-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

23rd Aug 2026

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

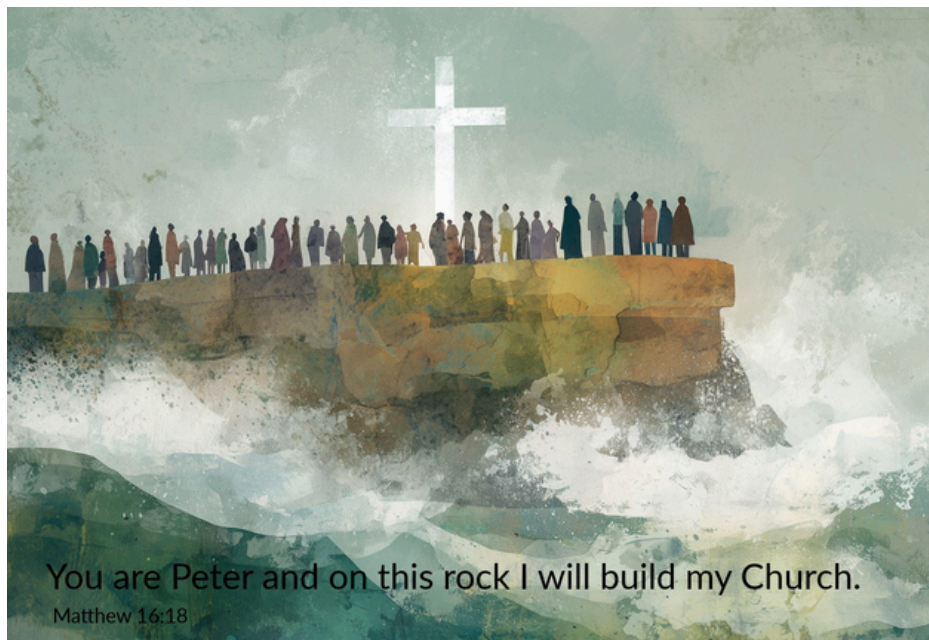
What's in a Name?

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build my church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about 'my church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.



You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.

Matthew 16:18

Lets us pray

Recent Death

Margaret Overell

Anniversary

Margot Whelan

PRAYER SERVICE of LAMENT
15 September 2026
St Patrick's Cathedral Grounds, East Melbourne: 4.00pm

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program
A Journey of Faith
to commence in October 2026
Express your interest
email: brightoneast@cam.org.au

THE POWER OF FAITH

"With God all things are possible."
~ Matthew 19:26 ~

Faith can have a powerful influence on the way we live and see the world. It gives us something greater than ourselves to believe in and encourages us to place our trust in God.

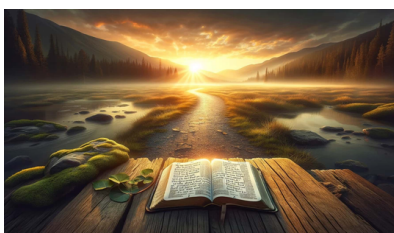
Through faith, we can find guidance when making decisions and reassurance when we need it. Prayer gives us time to turn our thoughts towards God, reflect on what is important and seek His wisdom. Faith also strengthens our belief in what is possible. It can inspire us to try something new, make a change, forgive, begin again or simply have the courage to take the next step. It also shapes the way we treat others and teaches us the importance of kindness, honesty, patience and understanding. By following these values, we put our faith into practice in all that we do.

We may not always know where our choices will take us, but faith gives us a strong foundation on which to build. When we trust in God we can look ahead with a greater sense of hope and purpose.

Faith can make all the difference.

Dear Lord, give us the strength to follow You each day. May Your wisdom shape our choices and Your love be reflected in the way we live. Amen.

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Archbishop's Campaign 2026

Thank you for those of you who have already contributed to this important campaign.

These funds raised will support a number of important ministries and initiatives across the Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Missions, John Pierce Centre, and the Catholic Theological College.

Envelopes and brochures are available around the church and in the foyer.

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