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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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 18th October 2026

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'Our time is in great need of precisely this', Pope Leo says, 'men and women who have the courage to do good even when it comes at a cost.' As Jesus showed us: sometimes we are forced to make a choice, but we need not respond in the way the world expects.

Our way is a surprising one. 'Draw near to those who are alone, support those who are weary, seek out those who have drifted away', the Pope says. 'Have the courage to forgive, to begin anew and to engage in dialogue. Goodness is not always recognised and often demands sacrifice; yet it is precisely this daily courage of charity that makes our proclamation of the Gospel credible.'

Indeed, as we draw ever closer to Christ, we learn 'the joy of our vocation and learn to love as he loves.' The Pope encourages us to be 'a church that walks together behind the same Lord, listening, welcoming and recognising in the other a brother or sister and a companion along the way, never a rival.'

Unlike those who seek to sow division, we are called 'to discover that following Christ does not diminish freedom, but brings it to fulfilment; that faith does not restrict life, but opens it to a greater horizon.'

Lets us pray.

Sick

Vin Underwood

Recent Death

Berna Duffy
Rosa Secatore
Moya Morrissey

"Master, we
know that
you are an
honest man
and teach
the way of
God in an
honest way."

Matthew 22:16



Dear Friends,
My prayerful greetings to you in the Lord.
With this letter, I write to formally advise that Fr Tony Kerin will conclude his term as Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne on 31 January 2027.
Fr Binh Le has generously accepted my invitation to succeed him and will commence as **Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia on 1 February 2027**, for a term of six years.

I offer my heartfelt thanks to Tony for his faithful and generous service as Vicar General since August 2024. He has brought compassion, wisdom and patience to this demanding ministry, carrying many responsibilities with dedication and care for our Clergy and the people of the Archdiocese. I am particularly grateful for his counsel and the support he has so generously given me. As he concludes this appointment, I hope that a lighter workload will provide greater space for his wellbeing and renewed energy for his continuing priestly ministry.

I am also grateful to Fr Binh for his willingness to undertake these responsibilities and to assist me in the pastoral care and governance of our Archdiocese. In the months ahead, Tony and Binh will work together to prepare for a thoughtful and orderly handover.

Please join me in thanking Tony and welcoming Binh to this ministry. I ask you to keep both our brothers in your prayers as they continue their service of Christ and his Church for the good of God's people. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them, and may our Blessed Mother watch over them always.

With every blessing in Christ Jesus,
Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne
15th October 2026



Will you let Christ form you?

INTRODUCTORY RETREAT
SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2026
CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE, EAST MELBOURNE

Come and experience a deeper way of being formed in Christ.
Learn more or register: melbournecatholic.org/bethanyway
Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au



RCIA 2026-2027

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Program A Journey of Faith

Are you searching for a way to meet your spiritual needs?
Or 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 calls us to life for each and every one of us. Come and
experience His love, mercy, and grace."***

1. Tuesday, 10th November 2026, 7pm
2. Tuesday, 17th November 2026, 7pm
3. Tuesday, 24th November 2026, 7pm
4. Tuesday, 1st December 2026, 7pm
5. Tuesday, 8th December 2026, 7pm
6. Tuesday, 15th December 2026, 7pm

Christmas and January - Break

1. Tuesday, 9h February 2027, 7pm
2. Tuesday, 16th February 2027, 7pm
3. Tuesday, 23rd February 2027, 7pm
4. Tuesday, 2nd March 2027, 7pm
5. Tuesday, 9th March 2027, 7pm
6. Tuesday, 16th March 2027, 7pm

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

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**All Souls Day Masses
in our Parish**

Monday 2nd November
9.30am St Finbar's
6.00pm St Joan of Arc

**Catholic Theological College Online
Information Session for Prospective
Students**

**Monday 26 October 2026
7.00pm–8.00pm**

Interested in exploring study in theology,
philosophy, spirituality, biblical studies, pastoral
and spiritual care, and ministry?

Catholic Theological College would like to invite
you to an **online Information** Session on Monday
26 October at 7pm (AEDT).

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/information-sessions/>