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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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

25th October 2026

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'Are we content with material goods, immediate satisfactions, the countless little idols that promise us everything but leave our hearts empty?', Pope Leo asks.

Obviously not. 'We all long for happiness, love and fulfilment', he notes. Indeed, he affirms that 'only God can fill the emptiness within us.'

Reflecting on how 'Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, leads us, as a shepherd leads his sheep', the Pope reminds us that Jesus shows us how to love: 'He carries the weary and wounded sheep on his shoulders, and gently brings back those who have gone astray.'

Jesus' love is gentle and persistent, directed to each person in a unique manner. 'Jesus reveals God's unconditional love for us', the Pope reminds us. 'In his eyes, none of us is merely a number or an entry in a register, but a unique and irreplaceable person.'

Experiencing such divine love, we are called to share it with others. 'Do not keep this faith in Jesus Christ to yourselves', the Pope says. 'Let it overflow, so that those you meet may be refreshed and their thirst satisfied. You are called to bring hope wherever discouragement and spiritual dryness prevail.'

Each of us is called to live 'the holiness of those who worship the true God and generously serve their brothers and sisters in charity.'

Lets us pray.

Sick

Vin Underwood

Anniversary.

Maria and Amelio Mamone



"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:37

Emmaus Parish 2026
Advent Group meetings

When: Thursdays 7pm – 8:30pm

Venue: St Finbar's church
Marian Room

Dates: 26th November
3rd, 10th & 17th December

Sign up forms in church foyer

Contact:

Stasia (0400 038 535)

Cathy (0412 526 546)

Hope you can join us.



Congratulations to the St Joan of Arc PS and Parish Sacramental Confirmation candidates receiving the Holy Spirit this Wednesday evening.



God bless and protect you.

**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 26th 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/>



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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