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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.

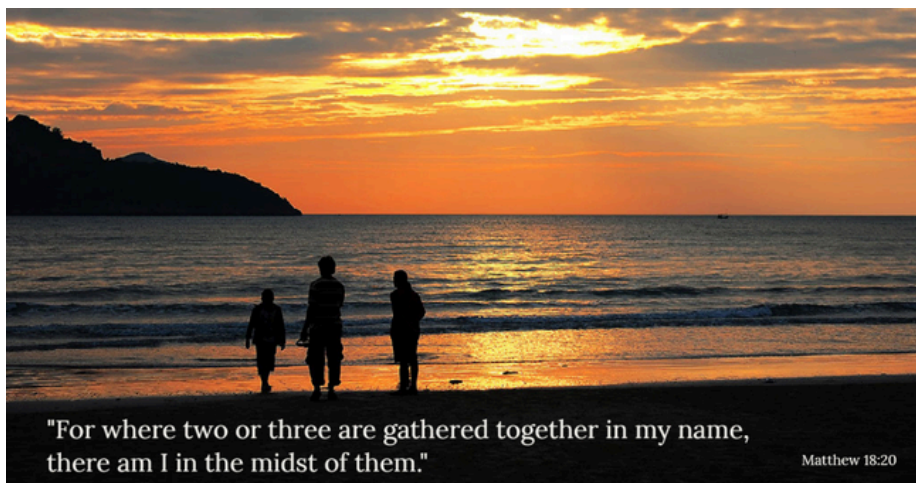
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 6th September 2026

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

This Gospel is clearly about becoming part of team Jesus. There's the bit about gathering in twos and threes to find agreement about what we – including Jesus – want or need. Then we (the Greek 'you' is plural) are told we can jointly bind and loose, literally from the ground up.

This is, therefore, a profoundly synodal passage. It's an instruction manual for dealing with the messy realities in which the Church sometimes finds itself, and a reminder of the importance of community. There is even a plan for dealing with the odd recalcitrant brother who just won't listen! Jesus' key takeaway is about persistence and working together.

In our own times, where there is lots of scope for collective action on important issues, Jesus' frequent mention of 'earth' resonates. We are called to be the salt of the earth, a grounded people whose decisions can have heavenly effects.



"For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20

Lets us pray

Sick

Patricia, Berna Duffy

Recent Death

Hubert Perera

Roy Rodrigues

Anniversary

Sydney Newnes

Giuseppe Alois, Peter Alois

HAPPY
father's
DAY

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, 8th September, 12 noon

329 New Street, North Brighton



Please RSVP

Mary Holmes 0419592045

Joan Hamilton 0432449122

Dear Lord,
open our eyes to the beauty that surrounds us each day.
Help us to respect and protect our world and never take
for granted the many gifts of nature.
Amen.

God has entrusted this beautiful world to our care. May
we value what we have been given, protect it
wisely and help preserve it for future generations.

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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
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

A Prayer For Fathers

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ
our rock and defender.
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