



# Bayside Catholic Mission St James & St Joan of Arc Parishes



26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year A

27th September, 2020

## Services

Please contact the office regarding baptisms, weddings and funerals.

## Online Mass

Sunday at 11am.

Click on the links at :

<https://baysidecatholicmission.org>

or

<https://bit.ly/BaysideCatholicMission>

## Parish Groups

Most groups are not currently meeting.

### Card Players:

First Thursday of the month in the St Joan of Arc presbytery meeting room from 11.30am.

### Meditation:

Mon 10am in presbytery at St Joan of Arc.

### Prayer Group:

Thursday at 8pm, St Joan of Arc Church.

### Social Justice Group:

Every second Thursday of the month in the presbytery at St Joan of Arc at 7.30 pm.

### St Vincent de Paul Society

For welfare assistance ph: 1800 305 330.

## Parish Contacts

**Parish Priests:** Fr David Cartwright & Fr Dean Mathieson

**Pastoral Associate:** Carole Cheng

**Organist:** Mary Taylor

**Cantors:** Adam Kaczanowski & Marie-France Urruty

**Parish Accountant:** Marina Stevenson

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## Reflection On The Gospel

A young priest was sent by his bishop to a parish that had a 'red light district' within its boundaries. On his first day in the parish a nun, who had worked in the area for many years, took him on a tour of her beat, the area where all the women-in-prostitution were plying their trade. As they went along Sister introduced the priest to her friends Bubbles, Ginger and Calamity Jane. 'Sister it's fantastic that you know these women so well', he said. 'Don't worry', replied Sister, 'you'll know them in no time as well, and they'll know you by name too.'

Seized by panic, the young priest had visions of the bishop, the parish priest or, worse still, his mother coming to visit and walking with him down the street as Bubbles, Ginger and Calamity Jane all wave and call out across the road, 'Hello Father'. Who would ever believe he only knew them pastorally?

'Truly I tell you that prostitutes and tax collectors are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God.'

The preaching of Jesus attracted all sorts of people who lived at the fringes of, or were oppressed by, Palestinian society. Jesus' message was especially attractive to them. Tensions among the huge variety of Jesus' disciples, between the rich and the poor, men and women, the Jews and Gentiles, the socially respectable and those with outrageous backgrounds continued after his death throughout the next decades, during which the Gospels were written.

It's hard for us to imagine what a diverse and scandalous group in many respects, the first fathers and mothers of our faith were seen to be. Imagine, if you will, the fuss that would still be created if the local bishop was seen constantly dining with women in prostitution, drug dealers or known terrorists. People would be outraged, but the bishop would be doing nothing short of following Jesus' example. This situation gives us a little insight into how affronted the Chief Priests and Pharisees were by Jesus and, in turn, by his disciples' behaviour.

For Jesus there was never a lost case, or a person beyond help. He didn't just spend time with the poor and broken of his society, but offered them a new way of life, an opportunity to start again and redemption from their destructive behaviour. He went to where they were, as they were. And we do the same because this is precisely what God has done for us. God didn't wait for us to 'talk the talk' before we could 'walk his walk'. Jesus came to us when we were religiously dumb and immobile and showed us how to speak, what to say and where to walk.

The Christian walk and talk is meant to have a profound impact on our daily lives, our concerns, our priorities and compassion. So much so that if, over a period of time, what we celebrate here each Sunday makes no inroads into our family life and workplace, our professional life, our business practices and our relationships, then we should ask ourselves what we are doing here.

And, what's worse, we could even miss the on-going revelation of Christ's presence in the poor, weak and vulnerable of our own society. We constantly look for Christ in the spectacular and the wonderful and he comes to us in the least of our brother and sisters.

May this Eucharist give us the strength to not only 'look good', but to 'be good', to start over if we need to, and do our best to live out the faith we profess. May it strengthen us to find the Lord where he is, and not keep looking in the places where we would prefer him to be.

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## Remember In Our Prayers

**Illness:** Kuldip Ahluwalia, Nici Bonning, Anne de Rebello, Kevin Fox, Alan Giles, Marj Hess, Antony LaRive, Tatiana Mansel, Gabrielle Marylees, Margaret McGrath, Freddy McGuigan, Kevin Nichollis, Catherine Ryan, Edward Shelley, Rob Smith, Brian Taylor, Barbara Turner, Robin Turner, Walter Uhlenbruch



## I'm Listening

Dear St James and St Joan of Arc Parishioners,

We have been so heartened by the number of responses we have received by phone and email, regarding your wishes and hopes going forward, as well as your suggestions for Mass times.

I can tell you, there was every time imaginable suggested between 6pm Vigil Mass to 5.30pm Sunday!

So whatever is decided by the Fathers and the group who have this unenviable task--some will be pleased--some disappointed!

If ever you have a concern, an idea, or just want to have a chat, please do not hesitate to email or phone me.

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May we soon meet again in our communities.

Keep well, and God bless,  
Carole (Pastoral Associate).



## St Joan of Arc Centenary 2021



Dear parishioners,

Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to be a part of the centenary committee. We are delighted to announce that Cath Beckingham will lead the committee for us. Cath is a great supporter of the parish including the leader of our Children's Liturgy Group. Cath's father, Dan Whelan, will also assist us with his excellent knowledge of parish history and planning abilities.

Very soon we will contact all committee volunteers to invite them to our first zoom meeting. If you would like to participate in the planning please email me in the parish office by this Tuesday the 29th Sept at: [Brighton@cam.org.au](mailto:Brighton@cam.org.au)

Many thanks, Elaine (Parish Secretary).

## Remembering, working and praying for migrants and refugees



On this 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we remember, pray for, and commit to working to change the horrible reality of many in 'our own backyard'.

We acknowledge and give thanks for the many parish communities across the state, along with those working within our Catholic social services and other organisations and community groups, who are making considerable efforts to assist people seeking asylum, refugees, and other migrants who hold temporary visas.

Many remain in harsh circumstances in detention centres, and the majority of the 115,000 living in the Australian community have been deemed ineligible for any federal government support payments during COVID-19, making many at risk of homelessness and despair.

In his message for World Day for Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis tells us, "You have to know in order to understand" and "It is necessary to be close, in order to serve".

Only when different elements of the community work together — individuals, parishes, schools, universities and organisations — can we effectively advocate for systemic change and provide for people's immediate necessities and other spiritual and social needs. We encourage you to read more, [here](#).

### Parish Stewardship Pledges

We hope this note finds you looking forward to some relaxation in restrictions this weekend.

Thank you to everyone that has returned their Stewardship Pledge Forms — we have had a great response.

We are also in the process of re-ordering weekly envelopes for November — should you wish to change your mode of giving, please email the parish office.

Contributions can continue to be paid through direct credit to either the St James or St Joan of Arc Church Account — details as follows:

<b>BSB</b>	<b>083347</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>6434 19112</b>
<b>Account Name</b>		<b>St Joan of Arc Church</b>	
<b>BSB</b>	<b>083347</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>6633 09906</b>
<b>Account Name</b>		<b>St James Church</b>	

If you are wishing to make contributions for the support of Fr David and Fr Dean, can you please notate this on your banking detail — "First Collection".

We are all so thankful again for your continued financial support to both the House and Church Account.

Alternatively, we can also offer the option of CDFPay:

**St Joan of Arc Link:** [CDFpay for St Joan of Arc Parish, Brighton](#)

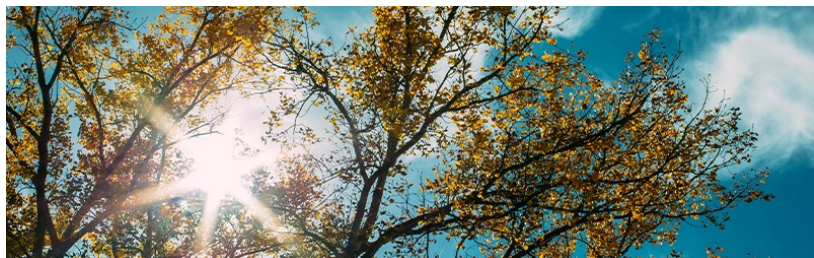
**St James Link:** [CDFpay for St James' Parish, Gardenvale](#)

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call me on 0439 031 900. We are more than happy to chat with you and discuss any issues that you may have.

We very much look forward to seeing you at the parish office, when we are able to resume working. Thank you.

Warm regards, Marina Stevenson (Parish Accountant).





## COVID and the Road Ahead

'Victorians have been in exile from the homeland of our humanity for six months now,' Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has written in an opinion piece in *The Age*. Every Victorian has an interest in the Government's Roadmap towards a 'COVID-normal' destination. But what do we actually want that destination to look like, and how might it shape the road ahead? There will be no return to a pre-COVID world; it has changed forever. Rather than lament this loss, might we be facing a great opportunity? What is the world we want to build? [Continue reading](#)

## 2020 Live Streamed March for the Babies Oct 10 at 1pm

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the Annual March for the Babies 2020 will be a Live Streamed event.



Join in online [www.mftb.online](http://www.mftb.online) for Victoria's largest pro-life event in defence of the victims of Victoria's inhumane abortion laws, unborn children and their mothers. Featured speakers, powerful testimonies, music and opportunities to promote the "culture of life".

## WHAT KINDS OF PEOPLE become priests, sisters or brothers?



- ◆ Are they uncommonly holy, unusually saint-like? No. They are people who make mistakes, people who aren't afraid to be human while in God's service.
- ◆ Are they people who can't face the competition and cruelty of the 'real' world? No. They are people who believe that through ministry they can immerse themselves in the world and make positive changes.
- ◆ Are they people who don't relate well with other people? No. They are people who love others – people who find real satisfaction chatting with a 93-year-old parishioner, holding the hand of a cancer patient, listening to the troubles of a street-wise teen.
- ◆ They are people with the courage to touch lives, hearts and souls in a high-tech, unchurched world. Are you that kind of person?

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Youth Services have prepared a variety of DIY activities for you to do next week during the school holidays. Activities include live hangout at home with Youth Workers Emma and Steph, craft, tech and cooking tutorials! Head over to the website to book your spot for hangout at home or see what you need to prepare for the other activities.

Activities:

[Tues 29 Sept: Zentangles](#)

[Wed 30 Sept: Hangout at Home](#)

[Thurs 1 Oct: Pizza Scroll](#)



## This week on the Journey Catholic Radio Program

On the Journey This Week: –The Pharisees in the Gospel tell Jesus that actions speak louder than words–will we do as they say not as they did when we're asked to work in the vineyard? Mother Hilda's story is about God putting obstacles in our way to slow us down, saving us from our own irrationality.

Plus Trish McCarthy says remembering what God has done for us calls us to celebrate our life journey and Fr Dave says the human soul is like a volcano – only understood by examining what erupts onto the surface. And more great music–new tracks from Fr Rob Galea and Matt Maher!



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An element of the admission procedure in the hospital was to ask the new patients if they suffered from any allergies.



If they did, it was printed on a special 'allergy band' which was then placed on the patient's wrist as a reference for all other hospital employees.

On one particular occasion the nurse asked an elderly woman if she had any allergies. The old dear responded by saying that she was unable to eat bananas.

The nurse received a considerable surprise later in the day when a very irate son came out of the ward demanding, 'Who's responsible for labelling my mother 'bananas'?'