



Bayside Catholic Mission St James & St Joan of Arc Parishes



27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year A

4th October, 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

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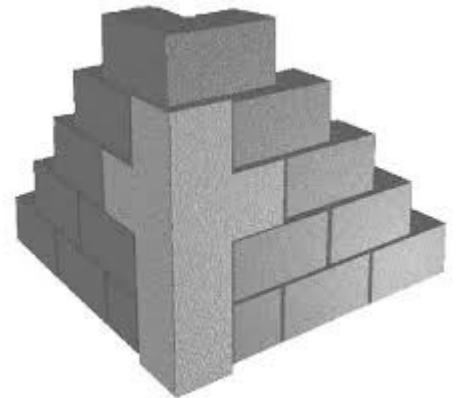
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Reflection On The Gospel

Canadian theologian Bernard Lonergan had a major impact on philosophy and theology last century. Sometimes his language was so complex we had to buy a companion book to help us read the original work! Surprisingly, however, his most important insights were very simple and expressed in very simple language. One of them was that we regularly have 'ah-ha' moments, where we get an insight into God, the world or ourselves. These moments make sense of things we have previously only seen as problems.



Matthew's Gospel is filled with 'ah-ha' moments. Written for a generally Jewish audience it reflects on Jesus in light of the history of Israel, the Hebrew Scriptures and the expectations of the Messiah. Jesus was for Matthew's community, and is for us, the 'ah-ha' in world history. By Matthew reflecting on his life, death and resurrection, things he had previously only wondered about now made sense.

The phrase 'the stone rejected by the builders' originally referred to Israel. In Psalm 118 and, more generally, in the Book of Psalms, the trials and defeats of Israel are seen to be tests of strength, love and endurance. Despite everything Israel has gone through, the people continue to sing of God's fidelity to them and what marvels God has done before their eyes, making them into a more faith-filled people.

Matthew, however, reflects on what happened to Jesus at the hands of the Chief Priests, Scribes and Romans. In a great 'ah-ha' moment he sees that it is Jesus, not Israel, who is the stone rejected by the builders which has now become the key building block of a new edifice.

Doing exactly the same as Matthew does with this passage, we can apply it to our own lives as well. There are often facets of our personality or character of which we are ashamed or about which we despair. From gossip to greed, past hurts to anger, sexuality to broken relationships, we can often get discouraged at how un-together our Christian life is.

Even though we have worked hard to overcome our worst traits, we often think nothing good will ever come of them. In such a context we need to hear today's Gospel, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

The parts of our character we most despise could be the most marvellous moments of amazing grace. Nothing is irredeemable to God; nothing has gone too far or become too entrenched. In the Christian life there is no room for shame, only for repentance and starting over. Looking at things we have thought of as only being problems provides us with the greatest potential for 'ah-ha' moments, where the healing and love of Christ enables us to turn our lives around, to demolish all the negative and defeatist self-talk in which we can indulge and rebuild ourselves with Christ, the master builder.

Once we get into the habit of doing this, it's amazing how many 'ah-ha' moments we have as our history ceases to be a problem to be overcome but turns into a challenge to be harnessed for the building up of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Richard Leonard SJ

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

Recently Deceased: Monsignor Anthony Toms

Anniversaries: Leanne Ickeringill, James (Dan) O'Connor

BAYSIDE CATHOLIC MISSION



Mass This Sunday

We are being spiritually united each Sunday at 11am at www.baysidecatholicmission.org and praying in our own time and way at home. This Sunday Mass (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time) will be streamed from Stella Maris church, Beaumaris. Click on the link to view <https://bit.ly/BaysideCatholicMission>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We are now able to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation outdoors, with some social distancing and face masks. Confessions will be available this Saturday afternoon outside Stella Maris church, Beaumaris from 4-5pm. To comply with government rules, there is only allowed to be a maximum of five people waiting at any time in the designated space. If there are five people waiting, please remain in your car, or at a distance. Please also remember to wear a face mask and observe social distancing.

Baptisms

We are aware that quite a number of people have children waiting for baptism. If you would like to proceed, observing the limitations of numbers and spacing, please email the parish office at Brighton@cam.org

Congratulations to *Tony & Kay Killen*

on their 50th Wedding anniversary
on the 10th October.

We wish you both every
blessing for the future.



Thank You

Adam Kaczanowski has recently resigned as one of our cantors.

We have enjoyed listening to Adam's beautiful singing for over ten years.

We wish Adam every success and happiness for the future.



AN OPEN INVITATION TO JOIN St Joan of Arc Charismatic Prayer Group

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is a spiritual movement within the Catholic Church. It started 53 years ago, and it was blessed by every Pope. Pope Francis calls the movement 'a current of grace for the whole Church'.



Our group at St Joan of Arc started 28 years ago. The prayer meeting has been a place where many people have found a new dimension to their spiritual lives and have discovered the love of God in a more profound way.

St Paul wrote in 1 Cor 14:26: "When you assemble, one has a hymn, another some instruction to give, still another a revelation to share, one speaks in a tongue, another interprets. Let all things be done to build up the community."

With COVID restrictions we moved our meetings to ZOOM. We get together on every Thursday night at 8pm.

Please join us by sending an email to sja.brighton.prayer.group@gmail.com to receive an invite to ZOOM. **YOU ALL ARE VERY WELCOME!**



Turn clocks forward one hour this Saturday night before going to bed.

Parish Stewardship Pledges

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:

BSB	083347	Account Number	6434 19112
Account Name		St Joan of Arc Church	
BSB	083347	Account Number	6633 09906
Account Name		St James Church	

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).

**'The gifts of the
holy spirit':
Message from
Archbishop Comensoli**



In this week's message to the community of faith in Melbourne, Archbishop Comensoli invites us to recognise how we are each participating in the life of grace during the pandemic despite being denied this opportunity to receive the Lord in the Eucharist. 'Let us find ways of coming back to the source and summit of our Christian life as we call the Eucharist, and that we might be able to come back to the receiving of the Lord in Holy Communion. But we are not deprived of our baptism, or our confirmation.'

Continue reading

**New Provincial of Jesuits in
Australia appointed
Fr Quyen Vu SJ**

Fr Quyen Vu SJ came to Australia as a ten year old refugee with his family from Vietnam in the 1980s. On the following video link he talks about his journey as a Jesuit, and what he has learned during his time in Timor Leste and Cambodia.



For details see: www.jesuit.org.au

(Many thanks to Ramon Frederico for this update)

**To celebrate the 10th Anniversary
of the canonisation of
Saint Mary MacKillop**

We invite you to order your free copy of
Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often.



These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to:

**marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book
or call us on Ph: 02 8912 2777**



THE SHEOK

God of bad hair days,
We thank you for the sheoak
Perhaps the most untidy of all your trees.
It looks like it just got out of bed,
it's branches and leaves all over the place.
Yet its texture of greys and greens are the most subtle
shades in the bush.
Its thousands of tiny branches dance in hot winds
and cold gales
When the rest of us have sought shelter.
Help us to be true to ourselves,
To appreciate our unkempt beauty,
To stand our ground in all seasons,
Not to disguise our mess, our confusion,
our search for love
Which is wonderful in your eyes even
when it is frustrating in our own.
Amen.

Download the PDF of Michael McGirr's prayers here.

**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 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".

