



Bayside Catholic Mission St James & St Joan of Arc Parishes



30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME. Year A

25th 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

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Reflection On The Gospel

Nguyen Van Mah is one of eight sons. In 1978 his poor farming parents had to decide which one of their 12 children would be sent on a boat from Vietnam. They knew there was a great risk that they would be sending their son to his death on the South China Sea.

At 4.00 am a knock on the door of the family home came and Mah said his goodbyes. He has not seen his parents since. Mah was blindfolded and travelled in the back of a truck for eight hours. He was led through the jungle to a beach where the blindfold was removed. Mah told me that sometimes at this moment people are shot by evil traders who collect the money without any intention of dispatching a boat. That families never hear from their children is no surprise.

Mah told me, 'We were lucky, we made it off the beach.' There were 29 adults in a boat built for 10. Inadequately prepared for the two week trip, all the boat people were sick, hungry and exposed. Thai pirates attacked their boat, executed three men and raped all the women on board. They were to bury another six people at sea who died from the effects of the journey.

On sighting land, the remaining 20 people in Mah's boat thought hope had arrived. But the Malaysian Navy, under orders to fire on all Vietnamese boats, forced it to return to international waters. Mah told me, 'At this point I almost lost my faith in God and human beings. I was going to die.'

The boat began to take water and was noticed by a Dutch trading ship which rescued them and deposited them in the Philippines. Mah migrated to Australia 12 months later and is now the local doctor in an outback community that could not get a doctor for two years.

Isaiah tells us today 'You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.' Jesus tells us in the Gospel that the love of God is fulfilled precisely in as much as we love our neighbour.

No pressing issue in the Western World, it seems to me, invites such hysteria as does immigration. Until recently, most western countries have been good in offering hospitality to people who have chosen to leave, or have had to flee their country of birth. Given our comparative wealth this hospitality is entirely appropriate. And it is also appropriate for our countries to have a threshold number for the sake of the common good.

In today's Gospel, however, Jesus does not promise us that the love of God and neighbour is going to cost us nothing. Jesus' law of love involves sacrifice for us individually and as a nation. Through the acceptance of this teaching we are committing ourselves to being our neighbour's keeper. In another part of the same Gospel, Jesus tells us that 'those to whom much has been given, much will be required.' Sadly, many of us want the good life for ourselves, while doing very little to help other countries become more liveable, and then we can reject people who want to share in the blessings we have worked for and inherited.

The Gospel of Matthew gives us the story of Mary, Joseph and Jesus being forced to flee Israel for Egypt as refugees. If the Holy Family were coming our way these days, they might be sent back to King Herod. May this Eucharist see in us a change of heart that enables our faith to act justly toward all people everywhere. May our goodness and hospitality mirror on earth the welcome we hope to enjoy from Jesus, Mary and Joseph in the kingdom which is promised to all, irrespective of where any of us has been born.

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Remember In Our Prayers

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

Recently Deceased: Gladys Judd

Anniversaries: Marie Veronica (Ronnie) O'Donnell

Sunday Mass

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 will be streamed from St Joan of Arc. Click on the link to view <https://bit.ly/BaysideCatholicMission>

Mass Times

The new Mass times were announced last weekend by Fr David after much consultation with parishioners from all of the parishes. The 11am Mass has been retained at St Joan of Arc which will allow for the Children's Liturgy program to continue. The St James Mass will be celebrated at 5.30pm. Of course you can attend or volunteer to assist at any Mass you choose.

Parish Meetings

Next week we have an opportunity to meet online with Fr David and Fr Dean to hear more about plans for our individual parishes and ask any questions that may be concerning us. Please click on the Bayside Catholic Mission link above to join the meetings. There is no need to book in advance.

Further details on the Bayside Catholic Mission in the letter from the pastors.

BAYSIDE CATHOLIC MISSION M A S S T I M E S

Sat 5pm	Sacred Heart, Sandringham
Sat 6pm	St Mary's, Hampton
Sun 8am	St Joseph's, Black Rock
Sun 9am	Sacred Heart, Sandringham
Sun 10:30am	Stella Maris, Beaumaris
Sun 11am	St Joan of Arc, Brighton
Sun 5:30pm	St James', Gardenvale

BAYSIDE CATHOLIC MISSION Parish Meetings



St James
Tuesday 27th Oct
6:30pm



St Joan of Arc
Tuesday 27th Oct
7:45pm

Join the Zoom at baysidecatholicmission.org

Farewell From Mary

Dear Fellow-Parishioners,

I have decided to retire as organist at both St Joan of Arc and St James Churches, effective Sunday 25 October.



Thank you for your support and friendship during the past six years, and your good humour when the wrong notes or pages interrupted us!

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve, and now is the right time for me to spend time with family, and one day re-attempt my holiday to the UK/Ireland, which I had booked for last May.

Keep well, and a prayer or two for each other will help our forward journeys.

Sincerely, Mary.

Dear Mary, you will be greatly missed by us not just for the joy you brought as our organist but as our friend and dedicated parishioner. May God bless you always.

We can help!



As special government support is wound back, many people who would not normally need assistance may be experiencing severe difficulties.

We would ask that parishioners be alert as to any friends, neighbours or family members who may be in need, and encourage them to contact the St Vincent de Paul welfare assistance line;

1800 305 330 Mon-Friday 10am-3pm

Message from
Gardenvale and Brighton St Vincent de Paul conferences.

Orders close
30 October!

Cooking Fun



The students at St James have been busy during remote learning putting together a cookbook of their favourite recipes. The proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will go to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

Our Brighton SVDP Conferences are anticipating a much increased call for our support at Christmas time this year so this lovely fund-raising gesture by St James students and families will be most welcome.

St James' Favourite Recipes

Buy now for Christmas gifts.

- Closing date for orders is Fri 30th October.
- Each Book costs \$15 plus booking fee (\$0.88).
- To purchase please follow this link:
- <https://www.trybooking.com/BLZTU>

Books can be collected from 64 Martin St Brighton the week beginning 30th November.

A message will be sent if alternative plans for receiving your book need to be made due to COVID. Many thanks for your support.

Parishioner Michael Young tells us:

"One from Melanie's cousin who lives in North Carolina US. Amazingly her parish is also St Joan of Arc. They are also in lockdown. She told me they have a "Cowboy mass" by standing on the footpath outside their homes and singing hymns!"

Thanks for that Michael and perhaps it may be a good way to catch a few new parishioners as well, Yeeha!



You're invited To Our Comedy Night, Friday 30th October 7pm-8pm on ZOOM.



Dear Parishioners,

Time is running out to BOOK your free ticket for the 2020 COMEDY NIGHT! Starring comedian and master impersonator Ben Price, this family friendly online comedy show will be sure to entertain. Book your tickets here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BMDYW>

The online show is on Friday 30th October from 7pm-8pm and will be via zoom. A link will be sent on the morning of the event.

For event enquiries please contact Lynn Chen, Parish Office on 9589 2271.

Proudly supported by the Nazareth Parish Pastoral Council.

Online Liturgy For Children



The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video

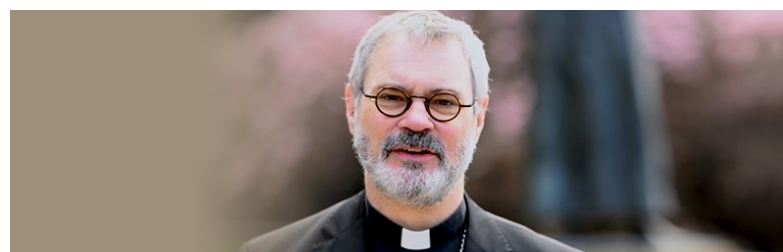
series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel.

Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity.

This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists.

<https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

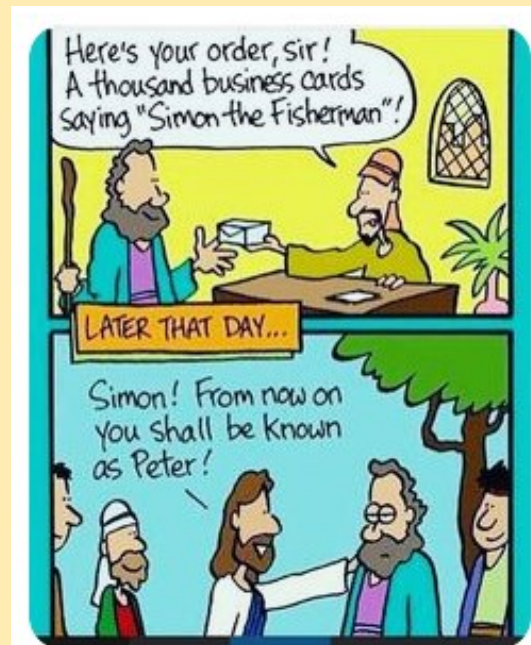
The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration, commencing from Sunday 18th October and continuing each Sunday until Christmas. We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne.



Equality for people of faith

'Sunday was not a great day for people of faith in Victoria, but it should have been,' wrote Archbishop Peter Comensoli in the Herald Sun on Monday 19 October. 'In announcing the next step of Victoria's COVID-19 road map, the government eased some restrictions. People were ready for glimmers of hope, but there was not much hope offered to people of faith. We weren't expecting a great opening up of every sector. However, it was noticeable that additions to step two restrictions allowed for a return to pet groomers, swimming pools and locations 25km from your home, but no return to your place of worship in any meaningful sense.'

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2020 Knox Public Lecture

Thursday 5th November at 7.00pm

Sheree Limbrick

**Safe Church: Commitment, awareness &
action for cultural change**

Bookings and Info:

ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture

Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or

Phone 9412 3333

Venue: online

Stewardship Pledges

We hope that everyone is continuing to do well.

Thank you for your continued messages of support to our parish community – both in St James and St Joan of Arc.

As you will appreciate, our normal sources of collection through our weekly masses have just about ceased however we are still faced with ongoing overheads for both parishes.

I know that both Fr David and Fr Dean have appreciated all the financial support that is being given by our community.

Contributions for the support of Fr David and Fr Dean, can be made through the Church Account - please notate this on your banking detail as "First Collection".

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

BSB : 083347 Account Number: 64341 9112

Account Name : St Joan of Arc Church

BSB: 083347 Account Number: 6633 09906

Account Name: St James Church

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.