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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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

16th Aug 2026

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

On Catholic Dogs

A pagan woman approaches a Jewish man and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable pagan woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises her faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!



Lets us pray.

Recent Death

Mary O'Connor
Barry Hajdinjak

Anniversary.

Marcus Young
Danny Frawley

Dean Jones, Henry Hodgins
Andrew Fobes
Noma Hodgins
Mr Bonaventura
Geoffrey Carr

'There are a lot of people who want to serve and who have been given gifts, but sometimes you need someone to come to you and say, "I think God put that calling in your heart for a reason." Sr Delma Lamb FMA.'

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program
A Journey of Faith**

to commence in October 2026
Express your interest
email: brightoneast@cam.org.au

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

"The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow."
~ Nelson Mandela ~

International Youth Day is a chance to recognise young people and the important part they play in shaping our future.

Growing up today can bring many challenges. Young people face pressure at school and work, uncertainty about what lies ahead and the demands of an ever-changing world. Despite this, they bring fresh ideas, energy and a strong desire to make a difference.

Every young person has something valuable to offer. Finding the right path may take time, but along the way they discover more about themselves, what is important to them and what they want to achieve in life.

Young people also need encouragement. When we listen to them, believe in their abilities and give them opportunities to learn and grow, we help build their confidence and give them a sense of purpose and optimism.

On International Youth Day, let us celebrate the young people in our families, schools, workplaces and communities. May they have the courage to believe in themselves, learn from their experiences and use their talents to help create a better world for everyone.

Dear Lord, be close to young people as they make their way through life. Give them wisdom in the choices they make, strength when times are difficult and the support of those who care about them. Help them always know that they are loved and never alone. Amen.

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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



The young Church of Melbourne is going to World Youth Day Seoul 2027!

Join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and young people from across the Archdiocese as we launch the Archdiocese of Melbourne's pilgrimage to WYD Seoul 2027.

The night begins with Six30 Holy Hour, with adoration and Benediction in St Patrick's Cathedral, and continues with food trucks, music and celebrations in the Cathedral grounds.

Gather your family, friends, youth group and community members as we begin our journey to South Korea.

Your invitation could be the first step in someone's encounter with Christ.

Thursday 20 August 2026, 6.30pm–9.00pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

For enquires, contact wyl@cam.org.au