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CATHOLIC CHURCHES



St Finbar's
86 Centre Rd
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St James
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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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 13th September 2026

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Twice in today's gospel we hear indebted servants cry 'Give me time'. Through this parable Jesus shows us that patience and forgiveness are high virtues. These inform the Church's teaching on what Pope Francis called an 'integral ecology', which basically insists that human progress should be sustainable and compassionate. All human beings exist as part of nature and in relation with each other. God too is part of this dynamic by virtue of the mystery of Creation, but also in a special way through Jesus in the Incarnation and through the Spirit in the Church. We Christians are called, therefore, to be patient and forgiving with nature and with each other as part of God's transcendent plan.

Our opportunities to do this come in many forms. We can reconsider whether our consumer habits are too burdensome on our planet, extracting resources more quickly than they can be replenished. We can choose to buy foods that are sustainably produced, and which justly supports small farmers. And we can encourage our political leaders to be like the good master, supporting debt relief for impoverished countries, abiding by international climate agreements, and taking other such actions that might give our world and its people time to heal.



"I cancelled all that debt of yours
when you appealed to me.
Were you not bound, then, to
have pity on your fellow servant
just as I had pity on you?"

Matthew 18:35

Lets us pray

Sick

Berna Duffy

Recent Death

Hubert Perera

Roy Rodrigues

Anniversary

Sydney Newnes

Brian Vernon

Eucharist and Work: Fruit of the Earth, Work of our Hands



In the wake of Leo XIII's social teaching, the 1917 essay *Eucharistie und Arbeit* (*Eucharist and Work*) by the Polish-German Jesuit philosopher and theologian, Erich Przywara, reflects on the dynamic relation between the "work" of the Mass and the work of human labour in the Christian life. When engaged with a eucharistic attitude, human labour can be a pathway to holiness and a means for the transformation of the world in Christ. The recent teaching of Leo XIV reflects on new challenges confronting human work in the age of artificial intelligence. What can we learn from the Eucharist to safeguard the dignity of "the work of human hands"?

Presented by
Very Rev. Dr Kevin Lenehan

Monday 26 October: 7pm - 8.30pm

Bookings close Friday 23 October at 5pm

[Book online](#)

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

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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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

BASP Online Trivia Night

is back on Fri 9 October
supporting the
Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project
(basp.org.au).
Invite a team to your place or co-operate
with a distributed team.

Details and booking at
cohdig.au/trivia
enquiries basp trivia@gmail.com.

FINDING DAILY STRENGTH AND POSITIVITY DURING ILLNESS

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson ~

Finding hope in difficult times, especially when facing illness can be challenging,
but here are some ways to nurture and sustain it:

1. **Take Small Steps:** Break down your challenges into manageable parts and celebrate each small achievement.
2. **Seek Support:** Connect with friends, family or support groups to share your feelings and gain encouragement.
3. **Practice Gratitude:** Each day, reflect on what you're thankful for to shift your focus toward the positive aspects of your life.
4. **Find Meaning:** Look for lessons or personal growth opportunities in your experiences to create a sense of purpose.
5. **Engage in Acts of Kindness:** Helping others, even in small ways, can lift your spirits and provide a sense of fulfillment.
6. **Visualise a Brighter Future:** Imagine and focus on positive outcomes to inspire hope and motivation.
7. **Take Care of Yourself:** Engage in activities that bring you peace, joy or comfort – whether it's nature, art, music or meditation.
8. **Read Inspiring Stories:** Find strength and hope in the experiences of others who have faced similar challenges.
9. **Stay Present:** Focus on the here and now rather than worrying about the past or future. Mindfulness can help you find peace.
10. **Believe in Your Resilience:** Remind yourself of past challenges you've overcome and trust in your ability to navigate current difficulties.

Dear God, in our time of need, grant us strength and peace.
Ease our suffering and surround us with Your comfort.
Help us hold onto hope and find courage in every moment.
May Your love and healing be our guide through this journey. Amen.

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