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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.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 20th September 2026

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

The complaining workers in today's Gospel assumed they were near the top of some unspoken hierarchy. They thought they deserved more than some of their co-workers. If we think of the earth as God's great vineyard, we can see obvious parallels today. Nations can think they deserve more than their less developed neighbours; perhaps because their economies have been industrialised longer. People can assume they are right to own multiple properties while others remain homeless; perhaps because they inherited or worked hard for them.

But we Christians are called to work in the vineyard for its good, and for the good of all, not merely ourselves. 'The way humanity treats the environment influences the way it treats itself, and vice versa', declared Pope Benedict XVI in the encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, reminding us that justice for others and good stewardship of our world are intimately connected. During this Season of Creation, we might ask ourselves: How can we tend the vineyard into which God has sent us? Do we attend to the needs of our fellow workers, especially refugees and immigrants who have only recently arrived?

Lets us pray.

Sick

Vin Underwood
Berna Duffy

Recent Death

Nigel Daly
George Marich
Hubert Perera
Roy Rodrigues

Anniversary.

Brett Daly



Light into the Bayside - Leadlight window of St Joan of Arc - Brighton

Dear parishioners of Emmaus Catholic Parish,

With a grateful and humble heart, I would like to thank all our parishioners across Brighton, Brighton East, and Gardenvale for your support in the restoration of our leadlight windows.

The total cost of the restoration was **\$12,630.00**.

Through the special collection, our parish community generously contributed **\$15,560.10**.

After paying for the project, the remaining funds will be set aside for future restoration, and maintenance works at St Finbar's Church.

We are delighted that this project has now been completed. What we see today is not simply the restoration of beautiful windows, but a visible sign of what can be achieved when a parish community comes together in faith, generosity, and love for its heritage.

This project was inspired by the vision and dedication of the Late **Hugh McFadden**, whose passion for preserving the beauty and history of our church encouraged us to undertake this important work. I would also like to acknowledge the many parishioners who embraced that vision and responded so generously with their prayers, encouragement, and financial support.

As your Parish Priest, I am very conscious that I have merely been a steward of this project. The reality is that no priest can accomplish such things on his own. A parish priest may lead, encourage, and coordinate, but it is the people of God who make these works possible. Without the support, generosity, and trust of the parish community, little can be achieved. This restoration is truly your achievement.

These windows have witnessed generations of faithful Catholics who worshipped in our churches long before us. Thanks to your generosity, they will continue to inspire prayer and devotion for generations yet to come.

Thank you for believing in this project and for helping preserve an important part of our shared parish heritage. Your generosity demonstrates that Emmaus Catholic Parish is not simply a collection of buildings, but a vibrant community of faith where people work together for the good of all.

Please know of my sincere gratitude and prayers for each of you. May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

Fr Trac

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

You are warmly invited to open

THE GIFT



A powerful Life in the Holy Spirit course about

**God's amazing love for us,
How God wants to empower our lives
with the Holy Spirit, and
how we can receive the gifts
of the Holy Spirit.**

Dates: Every Monday from 5 October
to 9 November 2026 (6 weeks)

Time: 11:30 am – 1 pm, followed by
fellowship & nibbles

Venue: Presbytery of St Joan of Arc Church
(Please enter via the small parking area
on the Wallace Grove side)

For more information, call Elisabeth on 0425 762 111



Love the person who is difficult.
Forgive before bitterness grows.

Choose mercy when revenge
feels easier.

That is the way of Christ.

@anonymous

