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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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 27th September 2026

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Pope Leo says that 'sharing in our humanity is the path that Christ calls the Church to follow.' We are called to become listeners who become doers, rather than talkers who do nothing!

The dynamic to which the Pope encourages us is 'a sharing that calls on us to leave behind all passivity and indifference in the face of current events, history and people's lives.' Rather than being 'unengaged spectators', the Pope reminds us that we are called 'to listen with our hearts, allow ourselves to be challenged, and become involved.'

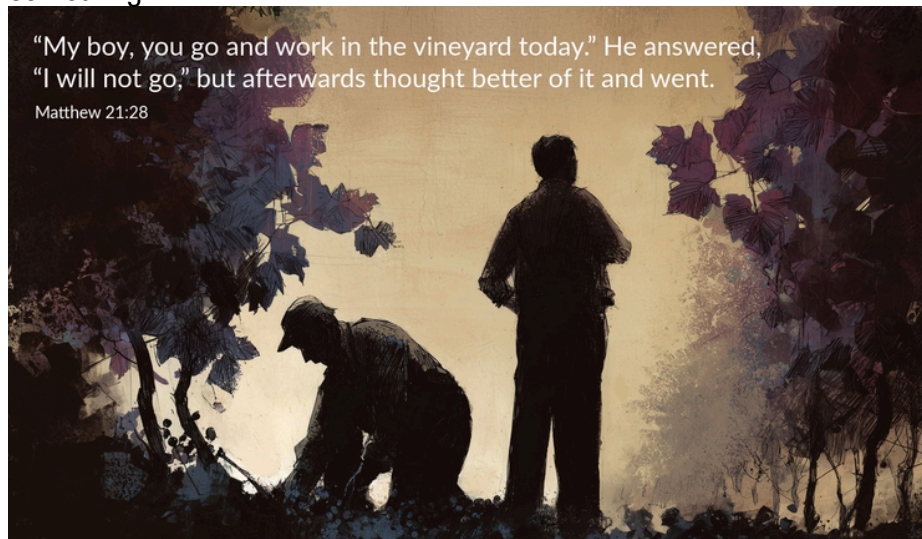
'With Christ and sustained by the power of His Spirit,' the Pope says, 'believers are called to take on the burdens of their brothers and sisters, especially those who are crushed by injustice, discrimination, and violence.'

'In this regard,' the Pope adds, 'proximity towards humanity opens the way to a deeper understanding of events and of Revelation itself.' Plans and intentions have their place, but actual progress requires action.

'Christian solidarity commits us to engaging with reality', the Pope reminds us. Which of us, we might consider, really does Our Father's will? Is it the one who always aspires to address the problems of our age, or the one who rolls up their sleeves and starts to mend something?

"My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went.

Matthew 21:28



Lets us pray.

Sick

Vin Underwood, Berna Duffy

Recent Death

Rudolph Bruckner

Ada Murkies, Michael Howes

Nigel Daly, George Marich

Hubert Perera

Roy Rodrigues

Anniversary

Sarah Reed, Ada Murkies

Magaret & Jack Kyne

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



Presented by
Very Rev. Dr Kevin Lenehan

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"?

Monday 26 October: 7pm - 8.30pm

Bookings close Friday 23 October at 5pm

[Book online](#)

**No Tuesday Exposition
& Mass at St Joan of Arc
from Tuesday 29th Sept till
Tuesday 3rd Nov.
Mass will recommence on
Tuesday 10th November.**

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.

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

Dear parishioners of Emmaus Catholic Parish,

Through the special collection, our parish community generously contributed....

LATEST UPDATE APPROXIMATELY \$24,000. WELL DONE AND THANK YOU.

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.

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

**Discover God's amazing love for us
and how He wants to empower our lives
through 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

Emmaus Luncheon Brighton Beach Hotel

4 Esplanade Brighton
Tuesday 13th October

12 noon

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We welcome new faces.

