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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.

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If you would prefer to give by card, tap
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the churches.

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Thank you for your generosity.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 4th October 2026

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

While giving a homily on this Gospel passage in 2015, Pope Francis said that 'what was rejected becomes strength'. It could be a theme for his pontificate. A few weeks later he released his ground-breaking teaching 'Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home', which met with swift and public criticism from certain quarters – including from some high-profile Catholic ones.

How often did vocal critics react to the Pope's actions, teachings and endeavours with a mentality typified by those 'chief priests and elders' to whom Jesus originally directed the parable of murderous tenants?

Pope Francis, as the successor of Saint Peter, and 'Vicar of Christ' – literally meaning 'Christ's deputy' – too often found himself being rejected in decidedly un-Christian ways for conveying his Master's message of mercy and love. Like the beaten, murdered and stoned servants in the vineyard, there were, and still are, frequent moments of resistance to what Pope Francis taught.

Whether it be his call for a humble Church that accompanies the poor, or his hopes for a listening Church that recognises the gifts of all its members, or his advice about a mature understanding of the role and meaning of liturgy, the message of today's Gospel is surely pertinent: we need to ask for the grace to listen to the message before reflexively striking out at the Master's messenger.

Lets us pray.

Sick

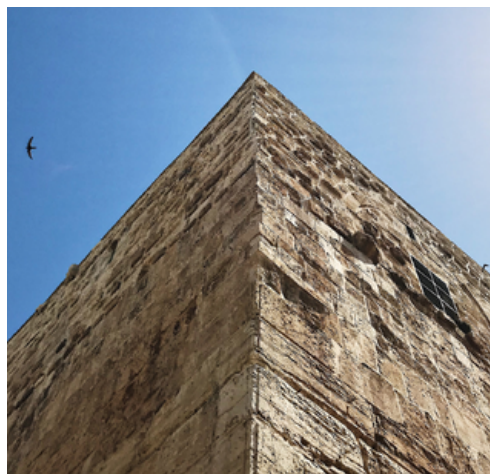
Vin Underwood, Berna Duffy

Recent Death

Michael Howes

Anniversary

Sylvia Arendze



"I tell you, then, that the
kingdom of God will be
taken from you and
given to a people who
will produce its fruit."

Matthew 21:43

You are warmly invited to open

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How God wants to empower our lives
with the Holy Spirit, and
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2. The Joy of the Gospel
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4. Unwrapping God's Gift
5. Encountering the Holy Spirit
6. Living in the 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

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(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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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

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

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the sessions.

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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.

Emmaus Luncheon

Brighton Beach Hotel - 4 Esplanade Brighton

12pm - Tuesday 13th October

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We welcome new faces.

