



# St. Finbar's Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER No 31

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday this week I had the pleasure of attending the Hoop Time basketball tournament at MSAC with some of our senior students. What a privilege it was for me to witness the skills of our 3 teams who had qualified from previous tournaments. All students represented our school with pride and a passion to compete and do their absolute best. I would like to thank Mrs Tania Thompson for her organising of the teams and also the many parents who assisted and supported the children. Two of our three teams that competed have now qualified for the State Championships later this term - well done!



It is that time of year when we begin the process of planning all aspects of school life for 2017. Part of this planning involves placing children into grades for next year. We aim to provide each child with the best possible opportunities to be an active member of the class to enable maximum learning to occur, while at the same time forming well-balanced classes that take into consideration the social, emotional, academic and physical characteristics of each child. The arrangement for class groupings for 2017 is 2 classes of each year level from Foundation to Year 6.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter if parents have a request for their child for their 2017 class placement please **email me directly by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. Again, can I please stress that I cannot cater for requests for individual teachers. Classroom placements for teachers in 2017 are well underway and have not been finalised as yet. Any discussion about placements at this point in time is a distraction from finishing off Term 4 in the best way possible for all students and families.

Thank you to the School Advisory Board who met on Tuesday evening. There were many topics covered at this meeting some of those being:

- School report format for second semester 2016
- School Homework Policy for 2017 and beyond
- Specialist classes for 2017
- Positions of Leadership for 2017
- Swimming lessons for 2017

Parents will see a new modified student report in December which will entail many of the recommendations from our parent survey from Term 2. Thanks to the school staff for their feedback and in particular to Mrs Liz Drinan for her organising of the new format. Our new homework policy will also be made available later this year and will be easily accessible on our school website. I am pleased to report that school swimming lessons will be at Starfish in 2017 and lessons will be for Foundation – Year 4 students. The beach program will remain for the Year 5 & 6 students next year. The specialist teaching subjects for 2017 will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Well done and congratulations to our Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 classes with the successful completion of this year's swimming program. Special thanks to all of the Junior Staff and Learning Support Officers for your flexibility and support of this valuable program. I am looking forward to our whole school Swimming Carnival happening later this term.

Our Bike Shed Committee met earlier this week and there are many plans well underway for this project. I am pleased to report our Year 6 students will be seeking feedback from their peers and will be presenting to the committee later this term.

Peace and Blessings,  
Pat Berlinger  
Principal

#### TERM 4 UPCOMING EVENTS:

##### October

Sun 16 Year 5 Family Mass 5pm  
Mon 17 Foundation 2017 Orientation Session  
Tue 18 P&F Meeting - 7pm  
Sun 23 Year 3 Family Mass 5pm  
Mon 24 Foundation 2017 Orientation Session  
Fri 28 School Closure Day  
Mon 31 School Closure Day

##### November

Tues 1 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday  
Fri 4 T20 Cricket Year 3 & 4  
Mon 7 Foundation Whole Group Orientation  
Tue 8 Year 5 Speaking with Power incursion  
Fri 11 Remembrance Day  
T20 Cricket Year 5 & 6  
Mon 14 Year 5 Speaking with Power incursion  
Tue 15 Year 5 Speaking with Power incursion  
Board Meeting 7pm  
Fri 18 Beach Program Years 3 – 6  
Mon 21 Year 5 Speaking with Power incursion  
Tue 22 P&F AGM 7pm  
Fri 25 Beach Program Years 3 – 6  
Mon 28 Year 5 Speaking with Power incursion

##### December

Fri 2 Whole School Swimming Carnival  
Mon 5 Brighton Cluster Day – Year 6  
Tue 6 Carols Night 6.30pm (**CHANGE OF DATE**)  
Wed 7 'UP' Day F – 6 2017 Classes  
Thu 8 Year 6 Graduation ~ 6.30pm  
Fri 9 Year 6 Big Day Out  
Thu 15 End of Year Mass  
Students dismissed 2pm  
Fri 16 School Closure – Teacher Day  
Mon 19 School Closure – Teacher Day  
Tue 20 School Closure – Teacher Day

#### COMING HOME TODAY:

Eldest child, all years **SOCKTOBER APPEAL**

#### EMAIL ATTACHMENT/ LINK

**Community Advertisements No 6**

#### \*\*\*STAR OF THE WEEK\*\*\*

Year 1J~ Anthony R  
Year 2A ~ Marcus C  
Year 4H ~ Charlie F  
Year 5L ~ Charlotte B  
Year 5W ~ Kieran R  
Year 6A ~ Ashley M

#### TERM 3 UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6D  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5L  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6A  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5W  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Year 4H  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2G  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Year FG & FI  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – **NO ASSEMBLY**

**All parents are warmly welcomed to attend our weekly assemblies.**

**Assembly every Monday at 2:40pm.  
Please arrive on time to avoid disappointment.**



#### REMINDER:

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 6.30pm.**

**Please put this important date in your phones,  
calendars and diaries. Thank you.**

Our gospel from Luke (18:1-8) this weekend is another parable teaching us of 'the need to pray at all times and not lose heart'. In this parable the 'widow' constantly raises her voice in pleading for what she needs and her need is finally met by the judge. But it hardly means to suggest that God needs to be worn down like the judge. Basically it commends an attitude of trust in God that would motivate such persistence in prayer – even when the answer seems a long time coming. Faith in God, displayed in prayer that is both trusting and calm as well as constant and persistent, is the right attitude for the present time – a time of waiting and hope. In a world where so much injustice prevails and where the poor, like the widow, continue to cry out for justice day and night, the challenge of the parable is sharp.

John Powell once said, 'God knows what we want and need before we open our mouths. In prayer, then, he does not need a performance from us. He longs for an act of love.'



*May our prayer this week help us to move away from demanding that God change his mind, to allowing his love to keep converting and changing us.*

October is World Mission month and our Social Justice leaders have been busy organising and planning events for this month (see details below) ..... remembering that this is an action we can take during our Year of Mercy ... I strongly urge you to support the team's efforts.

In the next two weeks we have class masses - Year 5 and Year 3. Details are:

**Year 5 Class Mass – Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October @ 5.00pm THIS SUNDAY!!**

**Year 3 Class Mass – Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October @ 5.00pm**

Please support our Year 5 and Year 3 students by attending their class masses, if possible.

# Socktober

## Sock it to poverty

October is the month of World Mission. Socktober is the time when we give a little extra to those who need our help. 'Sock it to poverty' is a fundraiser run by Catholic Mission, all the money we donate for Socktober goes to the less fortunate people in Cambodia.



On **Monday 24th October** we will all wear crazy socks to school and bring a gold coin donation. On the day everyone will have the chance to have a guess of how many lollies are in the jar. This will be happening at Snack and Lunch on 'crazy sock day'. It will be 20c per guess, and all the money raised will go to the Socktober fundraiser. Crazy sock day will be the last chance to put in a donation to the charity.

From your Social Justice Leaders,  
Alice & Sebastian



Enjoy your week,

# Year 1J Swimming Report

**In Week 1 and Week 2, we have been swimming at GESAC every day.**

**In our swimming lessons, we have learnt:**

To swim underwater like a dolphin and freestyle stroke. (Archie)

To do dolphin kick and move our body's into a ball and sink to the bottom of the pool. (Aaron)

To do backstroke, better technique and bubble, bubble, breathe. (Layla)

How to do a pin drop into the pool and frog kick. (Tas)

Backstroke and freestyle. (Daniel)



### World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day is a global event celebrated every October 10th to spread mental health advocacy, awareness and education.

According to the World Health Organisation, depression will be the leading illness worldwide by 2030 if certain issues are not acted upon urgently.

*"It doesn't matter if you have a mental illness, care for someone with a mental illness, know someone with a mental illness or just care about good mental health, you can be part of this year's campaign,"*

The theme of this year's campaign is Psychological First Aid. The key message of this year's Mental Health Day is that: • All members of the public can learn basic skills to help people with mental health problems.

[Here is a link to more information](#)

### Protective factors for children's mental health

*'Protective factors can help to reduce the likelihood of developing a mental health problem. The kinds of things found to be protective of children's mental health are presented in the table below. Not all protective factors work in the same way. Some protective factors may help by shielding the child from experiencing a risk factor. More commonly, protective factors operate to reduce children's exposure to risk. For example, a child with good social and emotional skills is able to make friends easily and is consequently less likely to experience social isolation (risk factor).'*



	Protective Factors
Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Easy temperament</li><li>• Good social and emotional skills</li><li>• Positive coping style</li><li>• Optimistic outlook on life</li><li>• Good attachment to parents or carers</li></ul>
Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family harmony and stability</li><li>• Supportive parenting</li><li>• Strong family values</li><li>• Consistency (firm boundaries and limits)</li></ul>
School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Positive school climate</li><li>• Sense of belonging and connectedness between family and school</li><li>• Opportunity for participation in a range of activities</li><li>• Academic achievement</li></ul>

### Seasons for Growth:

Tomorrow we begin our first Seasons for Growth program involving a small group of children in 8 sessions throughout the term. We will of course offer this program again throughout 2017.

*Seasons for Growth* is a program for children, young people or adults who have experienced significant change or loss.



**ONPSYCH PSYCHOLOGIST IS NOW AVAILABLE:** OnPsych Psychologist is available for children who are presenting with social, emotional or behavioural difficulties. This service is completely covered by Medicare. Please visit [onpsych.com.au](http://onpsych.com.au) for a short video highlighting the help they can provide. To access this service please speak to Mr Nigel Rodrigues ~ Deputy Principal who will provide you with details on how to refer your child.

### SPORT NEWS ~ Mrs Tania Thompson

#### **REGIONAL HOOP TIME** *- an amazing day out!*



It was a privilege to observe our three teams playing at the Regional Hoop Time finals at MSAC on Tuesday! All twenty-four players who took the court (our 3 teams were the All Star Boys, All Star Girls and Future Stars 'Fury') played an impressive, team-cohesive, skill-filled four or five games in their round-robin pool games and all managed to make it through to the Qualifying Finals- a wonderful achievement! Not only were their skills a sight to see, but more importantly; was the consistent efforts to share the ball around, encourage each other and make sound choices in their game-play to benefit their team! Well done to all 24 players! A special mention to Maxwell P, who after breaking a foot bone a few day prior, came along and was a great support to the team over the day.

A huge thank you goes to our wonderful parent helpers who offered their time to support the teams as Team Managers, Scorers and Cheer Squad. We'd especially like to thank Roger Prezents, Mel Tormey, Sam Marsden, Andrea Healy, Dianne Larkin and our own staff member; Sue Humble for their fine efforts with their team over the day. The students are very appreciative of your efforts in making days like this possible for them to enjoy.

Congratulations goes to our **All Star Boys** and **Future Stars Fury** teams who won their Qualifying final and now move onto the Hoop Time State Finals in November. Our All Star Girls team played a gallant final against a very competitive team, however were narrowly beaten in their game. Well done to all players!



#### **T20 CRICKET Dendy District days – COMING SOON!**

Students across Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 have the opportunity to participate in our Dendy District T20 cricket tournament on November 4<sup>th</sup> (3/4) and November 11<sup>th</sup> (5/6). Teams will consist of 10 players and T20 rules will apply to the modified cricket round-robin tournament.

**PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED:** We require the support of at least 3 - 5 parents to help supervise/manage teams on each of these days. If you are able to, please email Tania [tthompson@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tthompson@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au) Complete rules and guidance will be given to all helpers in advance – it's going to be a fantastic day out so we'd love your support! The number of team that attend will depend on the number of parents we get to support our students. Many thanks!

#### **SUMMER TEAM PLAY-OFF'S - next Tuesday**

Wishing our Year 5/6 Boys and Year 5/6 Girls Basketball teams all the very best at their next level of competition for winning the Dendy basketball play-offs. Our All Star Boys and All Star Girls teams will travel to Oakleigh Rec Centre to play against other Beachside Division teams in a round-robin style tournament. We hope you all have a great day of competitive games!

## OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS

**Casual Bookings/Cancellations/Adjustments** please call 9592 0994 directly.

**Email:** [melissa.asmar1@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.asmar1@gmail.com)



### **EMAIL NOT TO BE USED TO CHANGE DAILY ATTENDANCES**



**EMAIL TO BE USED** for changing permanent bookings, making advanced bookings/cancellations (i.e. holiday program, school closure days), account queries, addressing special needs, incidents that need clarification, and the like. Emails are **not checked** prior to a session as administrative duties are addressed off site and away from the service as our priority lies with the active supervision of children, their development and wellbeing.

### **Dates to remember**

#### **School Closure Days**

The service will be open Friday 28th October from 8-6 however due to poor attendances in the past, the service will be CLOSED Monday the 31st of October.

Friday 28th October	School Closure	OPEN 8-6
Monday 31st October	School Closure	Closed
Tuesday 1st November	Public Holiday	Closed

### **School Closure Day Friday 28th October-Planned experiences**

School Closure 8-6	\$38	<b>After rebate \$19</b>
School Closure 1/2 day (any 5 hours)	\$19	<b>After Rebate \$9.50</b>



Ghost Colouring-in Competition



Noodle Hockey



Nerf Ping Pong



Oreo RIP Cups

### **School Closure Day-Helpful Hints**

**BYO HEALTHY LUNCH, SNACKS (extra snacks) AND DRINK BOTTLE WITH WATER:** where food is brought from home, the service encourages families to provide food that is consistent with the: Australian Government guidelines Get Up & Grow: Healthy Eating and Physical Activity for Early Childhood, and/or Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents in Australia. We encourage parents to provide extra fruit and vegetables for afternoon snack and "sometimes foods" to be kept to a minimum. Store lunches in our fridge (chilled water is always available @ the service) Snack time 10.15am - Lunch 12.15pm.

**Please note that the service aspires to be a nut free environment.**

**Anaphylaxis:** Under regulations children who have been prescribed an adrenaline auto-injection device such as an EpiPen® must bring it to the service. Please note that the school office will be closed during the school closure days and as such OSHC staff cannot access the first aid room.

To ensure parents/guardians of the child/ren diagnosed at risk of anaphylaxis are provided with a copy of the policy (r. 20(2A)), the service has now posted the policy on the school website. (Community tab; OSHC; Anaphylaxis policy)

**Sunsmart Guidelines:** NO HAT NO PLAY. We insist children wear a hat @ all times during outside play. We recommend broad rimmed or legionnaire hats. SPF 30+ sunscreen must be applied prior to the arrival of the program. Staff will record and assist with application at intervals throughout the day.

**Extra Forms** to complete if necessary: Medication form

**Clothing and footwear:** comfortable and protective

**Behaviour-** Children are expected to follow the rules and practice positive behaviour, where a mutual respect between staff and children shall be fostered. If a child/rens behaviour is deemed unsatisfactory, behaviour management action will take place to positively change the behaviour (redirect to quieter activities) if unsatisfactory behaviour persists, then an incident record will be completed and parents/guardians notified. The Directress reserves the right to exclude the child/ren from participating in the program.

**Electronic games** are welcome although items bought from home are the children's responsibility. St Finbar's OSHC will not take responsibility for lost or broken games.

**Kids on wheels-** bring anything with wheels and a helmet for safety.

## Sunsmart

UV Key
0 - 2.9 LOW
3 to 5.9 MODERATE
6 to 7.9 HIGH
8 to 10.9 VERY HIGH
11+ EXTREME

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### Hats during Before & After Care, School Closure & Holiday Program

Strategies for teaching sun protection in the service will be based on children actively practicing and monitoring their own implementation of sun protection strategies as active learners (MTOP Framework Outcome 4). This will include children having opportunities to access UV alerts and monitoring exposure to the sun of both themselves and their peers (MTOP Outcome 5). These opportunities for learning empowers children to take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing (MTOP Outcome 3)

Prior to going outside, children will determine UV levels. Should they find that UV is above 3 then they must "Slip Slop Slap". Parents, please provide a broad rimmed or legionnaire sun hat and sunscreen during the OSHC hours.

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

### UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November – 9am – 9.30am.**

**Reminder** – order forms are available from the office or they can be downloaded via the school website. Orders can be left at the office and will be filled and returned to your eldest child's classroom. We now accept orders via email. Forms can be downloaded [HERE](#) emailed to: [uniforms@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:uniforms@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au) Payment needs to be processed for orders to be sent home with the child. Thank you.

### HEALTHY HUT TUCK SHOP:

Welcome back to Term 4.

The tuck shop will be **CLOSED** on the following days during the Term.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October and  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.**

Thank you for your understanding.



## PARISH NEWS

15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Altar Servers/Helpers	Readers
6pm	Chelsea	C Sabatino
Counters	P Matthey, J Hansen & B Symes	
9.00am		P Cooper
11am	Calvin & Chloe	M Sideridis
5pm		Year 5 Family Mass

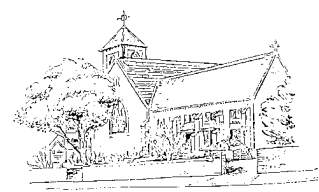
### First Eucharist

This week the children of St Finbar's Parish who don't attend our primary school began their lessons for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. On Sunday they will make their commitment to their preparation at Mass. Please continue to keep them and their teachers in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

### Year 5 Mass

We also welcome the children of Year 5 and their families to celebrate the 5pm Mass this weekend.





## St Finbar's Catholic Parish

Parish Priest Father Ian Ranson  
 Parish Secretary Bridget Cooper (Tues & Thurs)  
 Address 86 Centre Rd, Brighton East  
 Phone 9593 2122  
 Website [www.cam.org.au/brightoneast](http://www.cam.org.au/brightoneast)  
 Email [BrightonEast@cam.org.au](mailto:BrightonEast@cam.org.au)  
 St Vincent de Paul Hotline 1300 305 330  
 School Principal Mr Patrick Berlingeri  
 School Phone 9592 4479

## Mass Times

Saturday 6pm Vigil  
 Sunday 9am & 11am and 5pm  
 Weekdays Mon at 8.15am, Tues to Sat at 9.15am  
 Reconciliation After 9.15am Mass on Saturday  
 Baptisms Most Sundays following 11am Mass  
 Please contact the Parish Office  
 For Weddings or Sacramental Enquiries  
 (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation),  
 Please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Roster 23 Oct 30th Sun Ord / Year C	6.00pm	9.00am	11.00am	5.00pm
<b>Lectors</b>	Julie McInerney	Ian Jones / Lorraine O'Reilly	Margaret Howse	Year 3 Family Mass
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Joy Conheady	Pauline Bourke / John Mason	Jenny Reiche / Rita Maguire	VOLUNTEERS
<b>Altar Servers</b>				Rose & Lily
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		-		
<b>Data Projector</b>	Tony Conheady	Dials	Leo	Volunteer
<b>Counters</b>	B Mateer, B Cosgriff & K Reed			
<b>Readings</b>	<i>First Reading:</i> Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19 <i>Psalm:</i> PS 32 "The Lord hears the cry of the poor." <i>Second Reading:</i> 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 18: 9-14			

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October

## St Joan of Arc Parish Social Justice Group

Meeting On Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders

Thursday 27th October at 7.30pm

In line with Pope Francis' invitation for us to demonstrate mercy and compassion, the St Joan of Arc Parish Social Justice Group welcomes all those interested in the broader community to join in beginning a conversation about how we can practically contribute to improving social justice concerns of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The meeting will be held in the St Joan of Arc presbytery meeting room at 118 New St. Brighton on 27th of October from 7.30 to 9pm. We sincerely welcome Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and anyone who has expertise, lived experience, knowledge or ideas to share. Parishioners from surrounding parishes are invited to engage in this conversation and we look forward to meeting old and new friends.

For questions or confirmations and to obtain the short pre-reading document please contact Elisa Wilson on [elisawilson2008@gmail.com](mailto:elisawilson2008@gmail.com) or Sheila Howell on [sheilamhowell@gmail.com](mailto:sheilamhowell@gmail.com). Many thanks.

<b>Baptisms</b> Zac John Dunlevie (Mark and Elisha) Elizabeth Anna Torcasio (Joseph and Emma)	<b>Recent Deaths</b> Vera Tierney and Dorothea Turner	<b>Anniversaries</b> Erik Sorensen, Albina Tauro, Michele D'Amore, Roy Stock, Peter Mulvany, Mark Pirola and Ninneta Fiumara
<b>Please pray for the sick:</b> Brinal D'Silva, Liam Evans, Mary Barberi, Kath Dyer, Denise Fitzsimmons, Louise Davis, Kathleen Chiosso, Judy Burke, Cody Fisher, Joan D'Cruz, Kerrin White, Sheridan Veith, Adrienne O'Meara, Elizabeth Breen, Michael Moroney, Lisa Tonna, Maurie Beaumont, Geraldine Farrell, Tracey Harris, Michaela Burge, Tegan Whittle, Carmel Currie, Wendy Glennister, Sandra Charles, Jane Boyd, Patricia Cawte, Annalisa Ziino, Margot Rawson, Olive Mabag, Odessa Prosser, Logan Tonini, Jill McKern, Jennifer Spencer, Nick Byrne, Luke Marriott, Max Finch, Rosa Maria Santos, Tom Howard, Catherine Stahn, John Smith, Sue Heffernan, Krystyna Charbucinska, Jon Devitt, Will Murray, Peter Cleary, Margaret Sinclair, Joan Tranter, Mary Callea and Frank West. <i>Some of their names will be read out each week in the Prayers of the Faithful.</i>		

## Melbourne Catholic

The October issue of the Melbourne Catholic Magazine is now available in the foyer. Just \$4 a copy. Please place your money in the poor box. Previous issues also still available.

**2017 Columban Calendars**  
 A great gift idea, 2017 Columban calendars will be available in December. If you would like one to send overseas for Christmas please contact the Parish office. Cost \$9 each.

**Rental Accommodation**  
 One bedroom, ground floor flat with carport in South Caulfield. Close to all amenities. For further enquiries please call 9578 4485.

**Farewell and Welcome**  
 We wish Fr Ian a safe and happy holiday! He will be away from this Tuesday until mid November; and we welcome Fr Kerry Cronan who will be with us while Fr Ian is away.

## Communion for the elderly/sick

We have a growing number of parishioners who would appreciate communion being brought to them at home on a regular basis.

We would also particularly like more volunteers to assist in bringing communion to Vasey House in Hawthorn Rd just once a month. Please contact the parish office if you would be able to help.

If you already take communion to the sick on behalf of the parish could you please contact the parish office to submit an updated contact list of who you are taking communion to.

## First Eucharist

The children of the parish began their lessons for the Sacrament of First Eucharist this week.

We welcome them to Mass this weekend to make their commitment to their preparation. We also thank their teachers for their time and commitment to them. Please pray for them as they continue their faith journey.

**Year 5 Families**  
 We also welcome the children of year 5 and their families to the 5pm Mass this Sunday to celebrate Mass together.

## Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

## Communion Antiphon:

The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many

## Parish Calendar:

26-27 November - First Eucharist 6pm and 11am Masses  
 3 December - Bethlehem in Brighton

## Community News

### Gospel and All That Jazz

Jazz Australia in association with the St Andrew's Music Foundation presents ... "Gospel and All That Jazz" with the legendary Creole Bells Revival Band, featuring guest vocalist Beverley Sheehan.

2.30pm Sunday 16th October at St Andrew's Church cnr New & Church Streets Brighton (enter car park from New Street).

General admission: Adult/Concession \$45, Students \$20, children free includes sumptuous afternoon tea at interval. BOOKINGS: [www.trybooking.com/MLMP](http://www.trybooking.com/MLMP) or purchase tickets at the door. St Andrew's Church: (03) 9592 1240; Jazz Australia: (03) 5258 3936

### Spirituality in the Pub

Pope Francis' Document on marriage: *Amoris Laetitia*  
 A married couple's reflection - Garry and Maureen Mahon

Wednesday, 26 October at 7.30pm  
 Garry and Maureen Mahon have been married for 46 years, and they have been members of "Teams - A movement for Married Spirituality" for over forty of those years. VENUE: SANDRINGHAM HOTEL, CNR BEACH ROAD & MELROSE STREET (MELWAY 76 G9) Separate adjacent room for SIP meeting. Book a meal at the hotel 9598 7255 and mention SIP, OR join the group from 7.30 - 9pm. Further details contact Vin 9530 6004 or Frances 9579 3920

## CONVERSATIONS WITH MARY: A MONTHLY GATHERING

Monday 17 October, 11am-12.30pm  
 Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne  
 'Conversations with Mary' is a monthly gathering of people interested in prayer and reflection with St Mary MacKillop, facilitated by a Sister of St Joseph. The gathering will begin in the chapel at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre and includes a light lunch.  
 Details: 9926 9300 or [admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au](mailto:admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au)



## Parish Contacts

Please feel free to contact any of these people if you would like to become more involved in Parish Life.

**Rosters for Lectors, Collectors and Special Ministers at Mass**  
 Paul Dungan - 9592 2463

**Counting Roster**  
 New Volunteers please call  
 Parish Office - 9593 2122

**Children's Liturgy**  
 Parish Office 9593 2122

**Altar Serving** Parish Office 9593 2122

**Church Flowers and Linen**  
 Rita Maguire - 9592 4159

**Church Decoration**  
 Jim Sinclair - 9598 9541

**Senior's Group** Sue Sharpy 9592 7229 and Joan Hamilton 9592 2498

**Music** Joy Conheady - 9596 2643

**Lent/Advent Prayer Groups**  
 Parish Office 9593 2122

**Sacramental Enquiries** (Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation) Parish Office 9593 2122

**Parish Pastoral Group**  
 Parish Office 9593 2122

**St Vincent de Paul**  
 Assistance Hotline:  
 Freecall 1800 305 330  
 (Mon to Fri 10am - 3pm)

**Tennis Club**  
[www.stfinbarsnetballclubbrightoneast.com](http://www.stfinbarsnetballclubbrightoneast.com)

**Netball Club**  
[www.stfinbarsnetballclub.com.au](http://www.stfinbarsnetballclub.com.au)

**Basketball Club** [www.scalpers.com.au](http://www.scalpers.com.au)

Next Parish Pastoral Group meeting:  
 Wed 23 November

Children's Liturgy dates (9am Mass):  
 tbc