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DUE TO CURRENT COVID
RESTRICTIONS**

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All Saints

Today we celebrate the memory of all the baptised who have gone before us and whose lives were virtuous. The saints of God are all those who have been baptised into Christ, who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. We all know people whose lives were steeped in genuine holiness. The life of every one of us has been blessed by their goodness. This is a day for us to remember and to celebrate their holiness. We celebrate the lives of all those who have been marked with the sign of faith, those who have been canonised by the church, those whom we have known personally as well as those


whose names we do not know.

In the beatitudes listed in today's gospel we are given examples of what it means to live lives of holiness. This gospel really does not present a blueprint for holiness. Rather, it offers a series of snapshots that demonstrate the holiness that is ours by virtue of our baptism. Those who have gone before us lived such lives. Today, as we remember them, we hold up their lives as examples of holiness and models for our imitation. The sentiments that are expressed and the commitment that it illustrated in the beatitudes clearly stand in opposition to the standards of the

world. Their radicality may be more than some can understand, but they are traits that are recognisable by those who belong to the family of God, for they are genuine godly traits.

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Have you thought?

Making Saints

Despite media reports that the Church, or the Pope, has "made" a person a Saint, the Church is quite clear that what it does is recognise a person as a Saint, not make them a Saint. This is what happens through the process of canonisation; a person is 'formally recognised' as a Saint by the Church. We might say that it is God who makes Saints, not the Church. The Church formally recognises the saintliness of particular people partly to provide inspiration and example to others. The Church tells the stories of its Saints to keep alive their inspiration.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the Sick

Pauline Bourke, David Fist,
Cindy Setia, Rita Maguire

Anniversaries

John Lawson,
Brianna Dungan,
Norma Dogillo



WELCOME BACK INTO THE CHURCH OF ST FINBAR'S

Praise the Lord!

*How wonderfully he showed his love for me
when I was surrounded and attacked!*

*I was afraid and thought
that he had driven me out of his presence.*

*But he heard my cry,
when I called to him for help.*

Psalm 31:21

RECOMMENCEMENT OF MASSES AT ST FINBAR'S

Mass Schedule during Covid Restrictions

Saturday: 4.30pm, 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.00am, 11.00am, 5.00pm

Location: In front of the hall in school grounds, seating provided undercover area, **MAX NUMBER: 20**

Weekday: 9.00am, 11.00am

Location: Inside the Church, **MAX NUMBER: 10**

Bookings must be made via: **<https://www.trybooking.com/BMLLI>**

or call Carmel 0422 385 136

MUST HAVE A VALID BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS - WALK IN'S NOT ALLOWED DURING THIS TIME AS COVID BREACHES INCUR HARSH FINES TO BOTH THE CHURCH AND THE INDIVIDUAL

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.



STILL CONTINUING

Live telecast of 11am Sunday Mass,
Ch 44 or online

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registrant/donate.aspx?eventId=52905&spid=5635700>

Thank you to all those who have continued to support
St Finbar's Catholic Church during these difficult
times.

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

1st All Saints

2nd All Souls

3rd St Martin de Porres

4th St Charles Borromeo, Bishop



SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.

Prayer to St Joseph

You were receptive to God working in your life.
Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care:
may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers:
help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity:
assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

The simple and loving act of Spiritual Communion (written by St. Alphonsus Liguori) can be made when we are unable to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist. Pray these words:

My Jesus,
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.