

Sunday 4th September 2022

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



Priests while Fr Ian is away

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Year C

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary - Year C

The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

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Let us pray

Sick:

Shon Pettersen

Recent Death:

Assunta Liburti

Anniversary:

Enid Smith

Guisepina Spinella

Mary Pirola

Eileen Rogers

Matthew Inkster

Peter Betros

Anne Beasley

Sydney Newnes



LIVING THE GOSPEL

Give up my possessions?

We live in an era of extraordinary wealth in some countries contrasted against extraordinary poverty and need in other countries. Accumulation of possessions has become a driving force in our society. Flat screen televisions, iPods, multiple computers, games consoles, portable DVD players, multifunction cell phones are all 'must-have' items. The thought of surrendering such items may be almost impossible to consider. However, Jesus' message about being a disciple calls to us. How can some people in the world surround themselves with such luxuries while others don't have enough to eat? Does the love of 'possessions' blind us to the needs of others?



SEPTEMBER - Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

4th St Rosalia

5th St Lorenzo Giustiniani

6th St Zechariah

7th St Gratus of Aosta

8th The Birthday of Our Lady

9th St Peter Claver

10th St Nicholas of Tolentino



Rosters for Next Week

11th Sept 24th Sun Ord- Year C	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	Anna Conti	John Little	Michael Heffernan
Minister	Volunteer	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	Mila Little	Teresa Myer




Bentleigh RSL
Senior Luncheon
 Tuesday, 13th September
 12 midday

Please reply to: Joan Hamilton: 9592 2498 or 0432 449 122
 Sue Sharry: 0458 086 602


Be part of a worthy cause.
Fr Paul Gurry's CD Release
'THE WIND BENEATH MY WINGS'
 Cost: \$20
 All proceeds to go to Ukraine Refugees.

CD's available after weekend masses from the Sacristy or at the Presbytery Office on Tuesday's and Thursday's between 9.00am and 3.30pm.

Please support our traditional annual collection for the Priests Retirement Fund. All contributions of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Envelopes are in the Church foyer. Thank you.



Fr Ian Ranson Update: As you may be aware, Fr Ian had a car accident in Siena whilst enjoying driving through the winding Tuscan country side of St Catherine's hometown. He is doing well and has finally made it to France, where he will spend the remainder of his journey before heading to Rome and back to Melbourne on 1st October. Pray for his safe return.



St Finbar's Parish Safeguarding Committee

Our Parish needs to set up a Safeguarding Team in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and relevant procedures and practices to promote the safety of children and young people consistent with the:

- Child Safe Standards (Victoria)
- National Catholic Safeguarding Standards
- National Principles for Child Safe Organisations

Information sessions etc will be provided.

Volunteers with child safety expertise (e.g. lawyer, human resources professional, teacher, early childhood education worker, police officer, social worker, youth worker) and/or commitment to safeguard children and young people would be ideal but not essential. The team would meet approx. 4 times per year.

Please contact Carmel on 0422 385 136 if you are interested.

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.