

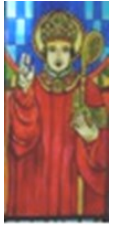


St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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Second Sunday of Advent - Year A

4th December 2022

Parish Staff

Parish Priest: Fr Ian Ranson

Retired Priest: Fr Clemente Cafarella

Parish Secretary: Mrs Carmel Cristiano
(Tues & Thurs, 9.00 am—3.30pm)

St Vincent de Paul: 1800 305 330

School Principal: Mr Patrick Berlinger

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 9.30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

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



Today's readings are like Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. The biblical authors sketch profiles of individuals after whom we can model our lives as we embark on our pilgrimage to eschatological fulfilment. Isaiah depicts the righteous messianic king; Paul provides us with a glimpse of Jesus, the one who ministers to all; and Matthew describes John the Baptist, the prophet who prepared for the Advent of Christ.

The gifts Isaiah attributes to the messianic king are the same gifts that we receive with the anointing of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. The image of the messianic king may have been fulfilled in Jesus, but it is also offered to us as a model after which we can pattern our lives.

Paul declares that Christ came for all. Just as the Canterbury tales describe pilgrims of all backgrounds and characters, so our companions on the pilgrimage come from diverse circumstances. Since the invitation was extended to all, we are expected to welcome all. Some of Chaucer's characters were quite unpleasant, but they were part of the group. Many of the people to whom Jesus ministered were quite unpleasant, but this did not deter him. His example is set before us today.

John the Baptist lived a life of radical self-denial, but he did not require this of others. He preached repentance or change of heart, not a rejection of the circumstances of life. He called for a return to righteousness, to relationships rooted in honesty and respect. He condemned presumption and arrogant reliance on one's religious origin, complacency and the shirking of responsibility, disinterest in the welfare of others.

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St Finbar's Christmas Masses 2022

Healing Mass & Luncheon

Tuesday 6th Dec at 11.00am

followed by lunch in the Marian Room

(no 9.30am Mass)

Reconciliation

Communal Prayers

followed by individual Reconciliation

Monday, 19th Dec at 7.00pm

Christmas Eve

Family Mass, 5.30pm

Christmas Eve Mass 9.00pm

Christmas Day

9am, 11am



Let us pray

Baptism: Kingston Kamal, Ava & Chloe Prendergast

Sick: Linh Tran, Amira Asmar

Anniversary:

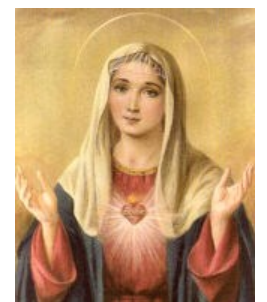
June Flood

Joan Bloink

Heather O'Brien

Nellie O'Connor

Francesca Galtieri



DECEMBER - Month of The Immaculate Conception

4th St John Damascene, St Barbara

5th St Dalmatius of Pavia

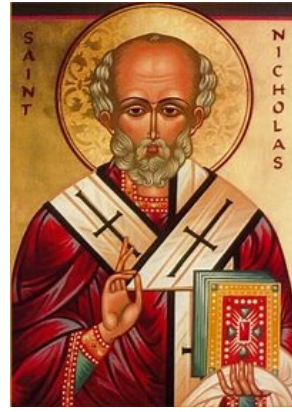
6th St Nicholas

7th St Ambrose

8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9th St Syrus of Pavia

10th The Blessed Virgin of Loreto



Rosters for Next Week

3 rd Sunday of Advent - Year A 11 th Dec 22	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	Anna Conti	John Little	Michael Heffernan
Minister	Volunteer	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	Leo Cuerden	Teresa Myer

St Finbar's Parish Raffle 2022



All money will go to assisting with the painting of the Church interior.

Fantastic prizes to be won, including MUMM Sparkling, Prosecco, Aperol, Pepperjack wines, Darrell Lea sweets, selection of gourmet crackers, French inspired cheese cutlery, Italian panettone & biscotti, cookbook, beautiful Christmas items for your home and many more.

3 fabulous hampers to be drawn!

Lollis Galorz, Drink & be Merry, Cook, Eat & Pray

Tickets: 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10

Purchase before & after mass or during the week from the Presbytery between 9am-12pm.
Drawn: Christmas Eve at the 5.30pm Vigil Mass

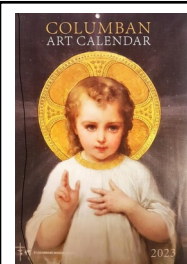
Lorenzo Poletta will have on display for sale in the Church foyer on Saturday 10th Dec & Sunday 11th Dec before and after masses, the beautiful religious icons.

Perfect Christmas gift!

All proceeds goes directly to the Redemptoris Seminary in NSW & WA.



Christmas Giving Tree – Please bring hampers for the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (www.basp.org.au) this weekend 3/4-Dec at the latest. Remember weight – split into two cartons! (Some of the volunteers doing deliveries are not as young and strong as they once were). ALSO needing 3-4 volunteers to help moving the hampers to BASP on **Monday morning 5th Dec (10am)** – contact Philip 0423 109-506. Thank you for your great support of these people trying to make a new start in life as part of the Australian community!



Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards.

St Vincent de Paul Society are selling calendars and cards after Masses this weekend ... and the next two weekends.

Calendars \$10. Christmas cards: 5-packs \$5 and 10-packs \$10

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.