

Sunday 7th November 2021

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.



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Year B

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models.

Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him.

It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

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LIVING THE GOSPEL

Hypocrisy

Throughout the gospels, what Jesus appears to abhor more than anything else is hypocrisy. His harshest condemnation of the scribes and the Pharisees is that they are hypocrites. In this passage, whilst Jesus hates the scribes' parading around and claiming honour that is not their due, what really sees him condemn them is their mistreatment of widows 'while making a show of lengthy prayers'. We cannot praise God in prayer while at the same time mistreating our neighbour. That is hypocrisy! Our actions are an extension of our prayer. We cannot celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and fail to live it the rest of the week!

Let us pray

Baptism:

Edward McCleod

Rory Pelligrin

Anniversary:

Vincenzo Ferrenacci, Guiseppa & Caterina Porcino, John Mulvany, Gerald O'Reilly, Peter Fardy, Richard Livingston, Clive Holmes, Pauline Hamilton.



Please refer to the following Archdiocesan guidelines and resources for the COVID-19 pandemic:

<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

NOVEMBER: Month of The Souls In Purgatory

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| Monday: | 8th | The Four Crowned Ones, martyrs |
| Tuesday: | 9th | Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, feast |
| Wednesday: | 10th | St Leo the Great |
| Thursday: | 11th | St Martin of Tours |
| Friday: | 12th | St Josaphat |
| Saturday: | 13th | St Diego of Alcala |



NORMAL MASS TIMES HAVE RESUMED

SATURDAY: 5.30 PM SUNDAY: 9.00 AM, 11.00 AM

MONDAY-SATURDAY: 9.30 AM

- **QR CHECK-IN OR REGISTRATION IN LOG SHEET IS MANDATORY**
- **PROOF OF VACCINATION MUST BE VIEWED BY COVID MARSHALL AT EACH ATTENDANCE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU HAVE PRESENTED IT BEFORE.**
- **UNVACCINATED PERSONS TO BE SEATED IN THE UPSTAIRS CHOIR LOFT OR IN FRONT FOYER, with max. limit 20.**

We appreciate everyone's co-operation.

Hear their call ... Assist a Student!

100% of the donation goes to students' school needs. In 2021, the program is supporting 1,470 students in Cambodia, Indonesia, Kiribati, Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Maybe you, your family, your friends, class or colleagues can combine to help a child become a pupil?

Donate online at: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nat/assist-a-student>

(...write Brighton East, St Finbar's in the 'comments' field).

Or pick up a brochure/donation slip from the church foyer. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Christmas Giving Tree – Our St Finbar's Parish community is again helping to bring the Spirit of Christmas to people who have been forced to flee their homes and seek refuge. The Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (www.basp.org.au) – with a small army of volunteers – gives assistance throughout the year to many families and young men and women trying to get started on a new life in Australia. As for the last 2-3 years, you're invited to make up a small Christmas hamper ... which we will deliver to BASP on 29th November. The tags on our Christmas Giving Tree give brief details of various family groups or households of young men and women. There are also some tags that are simply 'a shopping bag of food/household goods'. There are some printed pages near the tree with suggestions. Please be aware of WEIGHT! The hampers are often delivered by just one person ... so hampers must be easily lifted. SPLIT into a couple of cartons or 2-3 shopping bags. Thank you for your great support of these people!



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NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE DEPARTED

ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER FOR NOVEMBER MASSES.

PLEASE PUT THE NAME OF THE DEPARTED AND HAND IN TO FR IAN .



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.