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PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED
DUE TO CURRENT COVID
RESTRICTIONS

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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. *How* it will happen, we do not know. *When* it will happen, we do not know. *That* it will happen, we are sure. The wisdom that

we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom

that instructs us to be ready at all times.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN PRAYER**

Pray for the Sick

Pauline Bourke, David Fist,
Cindy Setia, Rita Maguire

Anniversaries

John Murphy, Bruce Dunn, Ann Wilks, Katherine Heriot, Maura Burns, Clive Holmes, Pauline Hamilton, Guiseppe & Caterina Porcino, John Mulvany, Richard Livingston

from the perspective of a bridesmaid

My friend, Miriam, was married yesterday. She is 14, two years older than me, and has married a fine man. As we waited to receive her husband, some of the girls ran out of oil. They asked me for some of my oil but I knew that if I gave them my spare oil we might all run out before he arrived and then there would be no one to welcome him and light his way. What shame that would be! Miriam and her husband were so angry, they didn't allow the girls into the hall. No one will ask them to be bridesmaids again!

Living the gospel

Living in hope

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!

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: Infront 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

9th St Leo the Great, Pope

11th St Martin de Porres, religious

12th St Josaphat, Bishop & Matyr

13th St Francis Xavier Cabrini, Priest



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.