

Sunday 12th September 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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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Peter: earthquaked and then upside down

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.'

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

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Let us pray

For all those waiting to be Baptised, may God look over them and we pray for the return of sacraments in our Churches.

Sick: Philip Tascone, Patricia Brown

Recent death: Antonia Stebnyckyj

Anniversary:

Giuseppa De Losa, Donald Bird, Mick Hall, Louise Thomas, Ninetta Fiumara, Len Mason



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

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

EVENTS ONLINE TO BRIGHTEN LIFE IN LOCKDOWN

The Carmelite Centre Melbourne presents Tuesday Centering Prayer Meditations hope of the dawn to come.

Run by *Carmelite Centre Melbourne*, Centering Prayer Meditation draws on the Christian tradition of meditation from the heart centre, using themes from spiritual writing and scripture, to help us experience beyond limited intellect, the total mind we call Heart, deepen a way of being in God's Presence. It's a surrender method, a practice based on letting go of thoughts as they arise, deepening a relationship with God. It is an invitation for all with an open heart who are seeking to bring unity and wholeness into their daily life, whether or not from a Christian background.

CONTACT KATHRYN PILE FOR THE WEEKLY ZOOM LINK: kathryn@thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org
Tuesday, September 14, 21 and 28, 2021 5:00pm

Pandemic, Prayer & Positivity

The Australian Intercultural Society (AIS) is hosting an online panel discussion on how to find the strength to get through this pandemic. Featuring Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and Associate Professor Salih Yucel (Centre for Islamic Studies and Civilization, Charles Sturt University), and moderated by Makiz Ansari (RV Coordinator, Amity College).

The pandemic has presented us with many challenges that have impeded our ability to achieve our goals. We are going to move forward from these lockdowns to a new normal of life which will present new sets of challenges. As we know, life is a constant struggle with a pursuit to being better individuals, resilient yet caring for ourselves and others in society. How do we as individuals and collectively, who profess to be people of faith, find the strength to get through this pandemic? Are we hopeful for our future, considering pandemics and unexpected disruptions could unexpectedly pop up and change the way we live our lives? The new normal may be to live with uncertainty and constant change, so how do we remain steadfast in our respective faiths and belief in God? How could we inspire our faith communities to give individuals who are losing hope the shot of optimism they need?

Thursday, September 16, 2021

12:30pm – 1:30pm

MORE INFORMATION

info@intercultural.org.au

[Pandemic, Prayer & Positivity Registration, Thu 16/09/2021 at 12:30 pm | Eventbrite](#)



SEPTEMBER: Our Lady of Sorrows

14th Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 15th Our Lady of Sorrows,

16th St Cornelius & St Cyprian, 17th Robert Bellarmine & St. Hildegarde

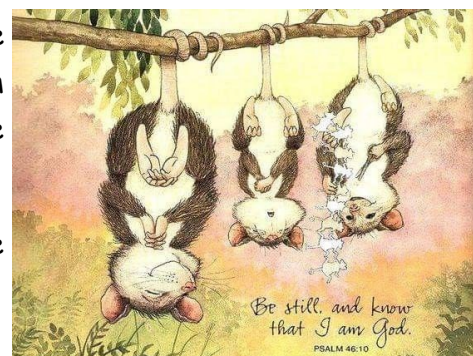
This weeks religious humour

A small town had three churches: Presbyterian, Methodist, and Catholic. All three had a serious problem with possums in the church building and each, in its own fashion, had a meeting to deal with the problem.

The Presbyterians decided that it was predestined that possums be in the church and that they would just have to live with them.

The Methodists decided they should deal with the possums lovingly in the style of Charles Wesley. They humanely trapped them and released them in a park at the edge of town. Within three days, they were all back in the church.

The Catholics had the best solution. They baptised and confirmed the possums. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.



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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.

COVID REMINDERS

**CHURCH IS CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO OUR
STATE'S LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS.**

FUNERALS ARE PERMITTED WITH 10 PERSONS AND
OTHER CONDITIONS APPLY.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM IS ON HOLD.