

Sunday 13th March 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.



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Let us pray

Recent deaths:

Carol French, Simone Marchese

Anniversary:

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Year C

2nd Sunday of Lent - Year C

One often hears the conventional wisdom: 'All religions are the same, with somewhat different packaging.' But, do they believe the same thing about the human person?

What if one believed that the most vital part of a person was 'the soul' which alone was destined for Heaven? This is not the Christian belief.

Today's Gospel recounts that Jesus' *body* was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' *body* was totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory.

That is the destiny which God desires for us also. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, *bodysoul*. That is our *ultimate* destiny, but can it be anticipated in the lives of those close to God?

You might care to read the story of St Seraphim of Sarov from the Russian Orthodox tradition. A follower recounts the dazzling bodily transformation of the saint with the blaze of light spilling over onto the snow-covered meadow.

We might pause for a moment to affirm our Christian hope that, with God's grace, we will be radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, filled with infinite joy in our hearts.



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GOSPEL FOCUS

Asleep again?

It seems that at crucial points in the gospel where Jesus' true identity and mission are revealed, the disciples are falling asleep! The gospel of Luke is unique in suggesting that the disciples were sleepy at the Transfiguration. They managed to fight off sleep in this instance, but were fast asleep at the Mount of Olives as Jesus prayed in agony. The sleepiness of the disciples at these crucial times is indicative of limited grasp of what Jesus is on about. They are wearied by all that he asks of them, rather than energised by it, and consequently they're not ready to witness great events when they come along.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

'Listen to him!'

God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation.

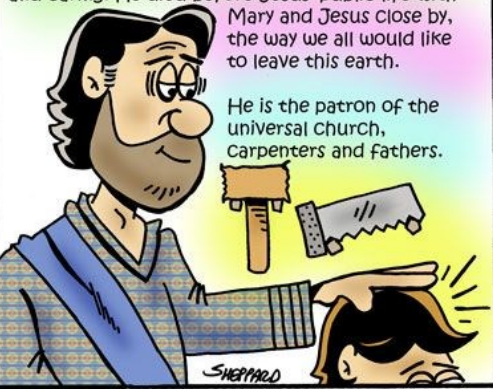
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MARCH:
Month of the St Joseph

- 14th St Matilda
- 15th St Longinus
- 16th St Agapitus
- 17th St Patrick
- 18th St Curil of Jerusalem
- 19th St Joseph

SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

A Carpenter, a humble man, loving husband and a father. Without question, he heeded God in his dreams to save his family. He respected God and followed his commands. He was also compassionate and caring. He died before Jesus' public life with Mary and Jesus close by, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

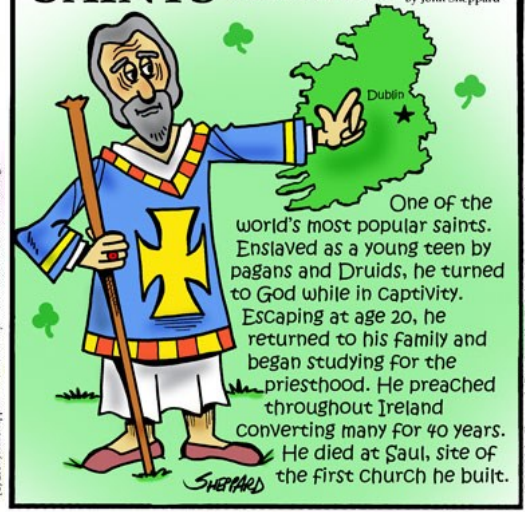


He is the patron of the universal Church, carpenters and fathers.

SHEPPARD

St. Joseph

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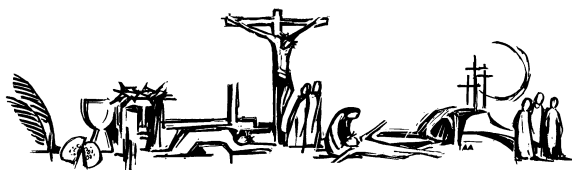
One of the world's most popular saints. Enslaved as a young teen by pagans and Druids, he turned to God while in captivity. Escaping at age 20, he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland converting many for 40 years. He died at Saul, site of the first church he built.

SHEPPARD

St. Patrick

Rosters for Next Week

20th March	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
3rd Sun of LENT - Year C			
Lector	Clare Sabatino	John Reddie	Helen Evans
Eucharist Minister	Volunteer	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	Leo Cuerden	Teresa Myer



2022 ST FINBAR'S LENTEN PROGRAM

AFTER 2 YEARS OF LOCKDOWNS AND RESTRICTIONS
WE CAN WELCOME THE LENTEN SEASON WITH FREEDOM & JOY.
COME ALONG AND LISTEN.

Thursday evening, 7:30-8:30 pm followed by tea/coffee.

Start date: 3rd March

Location: Marian Room, no bookings required.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Friday evenings

6.30pm inside the church



Virtual Lent Series with Australian biblical scholars

This Lent, Garratt Publishing is once again hosting a series of talks by four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week. Guest speakers include:

- Prof Mary Coloe PBVM
- Dr Mary Reaburn NDS
- Dr Chris Monaghan CP
- Dr Janina Hiebel

These sessions are free and will be conducted via Zoom. This is a perfect opportunity to enrich your Lenten journey. Presentations will be recorded and made available after the session.

Tuesdays in March , 2022

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Register:

<https://garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/2022-virtual-lent-series/>

Healing Mass, Tuesday, 12th April 11 am, St Finbar's Church

followed by lunch in the Marian Room



Piano lessons for Beginners—Julie Rogers

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Mobile: 0457 534 816 Location: Bentleigh

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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.