



# St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### “Forgiveness”

I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'. It is that sort of forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others.

When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness. If we don't pass on this aspect of

God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life.

It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

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### Reflection

*The Christian response to the pandemic and to the consequent socio-economic crisis is based on love, above all, love of God who always precedes us (1 John 4:19).*

*When we welcome this divine love, then we can respond similarly.*

*Pope Francis 2020*

### Putting Children First: Child Protection Week 2020

Today, Sunday 13th September, the Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday. On this day we pray for those who have been abused and their families.

Our Parish of St Finbar's is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

Gracious God,

you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Pray for the Sick

Rita Maguire

#### Recent Deaths

William (Bill) Avallone

#### Anniversaries

Len Mason, Mick Hall,  
Donald Bird, Giuseppa De  
Losa, Ninetta Fiumara,  
Louise Thomas,  
Michelle Sabatino,  
Francesco Sirianni,  
Barbara Bartley



## MASS & PRAYER AT HOME DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS



*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.*

*Amen.*

## LIVING BY GOSPEL

### Just like Peter

*Throughout the gospels, Peter is a fantastic example of the common person. He has insights of faith at times but usually messes it up with his next breath. His question in this week's gospel is one that any one of us might ask. I try to do what's right, but how long do I have to hang in there? There has to be a limit to patience with someone who keeps upsetting me, surely? Jesus shows us that if we operate from a motivation of compassion and a desire to constantly build relationships that are life-giving for both parties, then there is no end to the number of times that we try to re-build that relationship.*

Forgiveness

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<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>



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<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registrator/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.



**The Church and Parish is currently closed due STAGE 4 COVID restrictions.**

Please feel free to email or call Fr Ian or Carmel if you have any special intentions.

Please refer to the links on parish website for further information regarding Covid regulations.

At present, funerals only are permitted, with limitations/permits as per regulatory instructions.

Home visitations are not permitted unless for grave reasons.

## SEPTEMBER—THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

14th The Exaltation of the Cross

15th Sept, Our Lady of Sorrow

16th Sept, Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

17th Sept, St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor

18th Sept, St. Joseph of Cupertino

19th Sept, St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

