



# St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**On Catholic Dogs**

'Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable *pagan* woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises *her* faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'. © Fr Michael Tate



**Reflection**

"Having faith means keeping your heart turned to God, to His love, to His Fatherly tenderness, amid the storm."

"The coronavirus is not the only disease to be fought, but rather, the pandemic has shed light on broader social ills. One of these is a distorted view of the person, a perspective that ignores the dignity and relational character of the person."

Pope Francis

**FAITH in GOD  
CHANGES EVERYTHING**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Pray for the Sick**

Tony Conheady

**Recent Death**

Donald Gamble

**Anniversaries**

Lena LaBozzetta, Wildon Dial,  
Patricia Bryce, Jim Maguire,

Valerie Hewitt,  
Bernard Mateer,  
Maurizio Tauro,  
Gwynne Holmes,  
Jack Mateer,

Cliff Grant



**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.

### from the perspective of a disciple

As we passed through a little village near Sidon this Canaanite woman suddenly started calling on the master to help her daughter. We all expected the master to help her out as usual but he really put her in her place! He told her that his ministry was not for pagans like her. That should have stopped her, but she kept on and on, even turning the master's words back on him! She was so rude. We were about to push her out of the way so that the master could move on when he suddenly told her that her faith was great and that her daughter was better. Great faith? A Canaanite? He never ceases to surprise us!

# 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.*

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith  
firm.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.  
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.  
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,  
but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed

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## AUGUST—THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

- 16th St Stephen of Hungary*
- 19th St John Eudes, Priest*
- 20th St Bernard*
- 21st St Saint Pius X, Pope*
- 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin*

