

Sunday 17th October 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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Year B

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?

Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be baptised into his death. As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness.

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GOSPEL FOCUS

Sacrifice

Sacrifice is a term that gets used quite a lot in religion and yet it's a term with which modern society is very uncomfortable. We're not really 'into' sacrifice. We're much more into feeling good about ourselves and comfortable in our existence. Jesus called on the rich man to make a sacrifice – to let go of what he really loved and valued. What Jesus really called the man to do was to place his trust in Jesus and not in material wealth – that was the sacrifice he was called to make. Ultimately, the man couldn't do that! He couldn't let go of certainty and security and entrust his life and soul to Jesus.

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.

Recent Deaths:

Sr Marie Hedigan (LCM)

Sick: Brian Cook, Patricia Brown

Anniversary:

Ninneta Fiumara



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

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

OCTOBER: Month of The Holy Rosary

Monday: 18th *St Luke, Evangelist*

St. Luke was an evangelist, apostle and author of the 3rd Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. He is the patron of painters and physicians.

Tuesday: 19th *St Laura*

Wednesday: 20th *St Martha, St Paul of The Cross*

Thursday: 21st *St Gaspar*

Friday: 22nd *St Pope John Paul II*

Saturday: 23rd *St John of Capistrano, St Anthony Mary Claret and St Ignatius of Constantinople*



Lockdown Light—week seven

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

Podcasts for Christian living: Theology of the Body and Healing

In this podcast, Catholic therapists, Dr Bob Schuchts & Jake Khym discuss how we can glorify God in and through our bodies. Using St John Paul II's Theology of the Body, they look at ways we can receive healing and peace. Listen here www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving7

Getting to know your Bible: How do Scripture and Tradition work together?

Getting Started: Why do we believe in things like the Trinity, purgatory or even what books make up the Bible? They all form part of Sacred Tradition. In this 3-minute video, hear how Scripture and Tradition work together in the life of the Church. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted7

Going Deeper: Written for Catholic teachers, this short article 'Catholic Teaching on Sacred Scripture' explains the role and importance of both Sacred Scripture and Tradition in our understanding of the revelation of God. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper7

Re-Imagining our Local Church as Mission Communities

The Way of the Gospel—the path of missionary discipleship—has always been adapted by every generation to fit the local circumstances. How this is arranged has varied according to time and place. How might our local communities of faith continue to address the missionary call of the Gospel into the future? How might we invite people into the fullness of the Gospel of life, and do so with a sense of vibrancy and vitality?

'It is a renewal of this vision for today that I want to explore with you over the coming months and years, so that we might walk together towards a more energised purpose for our local Church in the light of Pentecost. This will be a journey that will take time and effort, and we will need to take it together.' —Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

- The mission of the Gospel is at the heart of our life, worship and outreach;
- Local faith communities are arranged to allow for them to flourish, and;
- Our faith communities be effectively resourced—spiritually, ministerially and materially.
- A Mission is a family of communities, working together for viability and vitality. It is a local area, with commonalities in history, demographics, geography and with a collaborative focus on evangelisation, worship, formation and outreach.

What Archbishop Comensoli is inviting us to is a renewed sense of missionary purpose for our local Church. He is calling us—clergy and laypeople—to begin the task of re-imagining and re-framing how we arrange our local communities of grace, be they parishes, language communities, or movements. By virtue of our baptism, each of us is called to proclaim the Gospel and find ways to invite others into a life with Jesus Christ. There is also a need for a greater sense of co-responsibility in the Church and this invitation to shared discernment aims to facilitate this into the future.

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.

Granny flat/small unit

Prospective tenant: 22 year old female

Please call our office: 9593 2122 for more information



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A VOLUNTEER ROLE ?
ST FINBAR'S PARISH
PARISH COORDINATOR—TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

All questions regarding position to be directed to Fr Ian Ranson / Carmel Cristiano

Follow the link below for a full description of the role.

https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/Take-the-Way-of-the-Gospel/TWG_Parish-Pack_Role-of-Parish-Coordinators.pdf

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OFFICIAL COVID UPDATE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Mandatory vaccinations for Parish Employees and Volunteers

All religious workers, that is, people (paid and volunteers) who work at or in connection with a place of worship will be subject to Mandatory Vaccination (Workers) Directions.

Religious workers in our Parishes would typically perform (but not limited to) roles such as Parish Secretary, Bookkeeper, Livestreaming technicians and assistants, musicians and domestic support.

For these employees, the following key dates apply:

By **15 October** all workers need to be vaccinated or show that they have a booking for vaccination by:

22 October 2021 – latest booking for first dose

26 November 2021 – latest booking for second dose.

At this stage, we understood that Authorised Worker Permits are still required.

In order to continue working, workers must provide Vaccine information to the Parish engaging them. The Parish must hold this information in confidence and not disclose it to any person except as required by law.

Vaccination information can be recorded in a variety of documents such as a letter from a medical practitioner, a certificate of immunisation or an immunisation history statement obtained from the Australian Immunisation Register.

If a worker currently holds a permit but are unable to provide the required Vaccination information, as Parish Priest, you must revoke their current permit.

If you are in this situation and have any questions or need support, please feel free to have a confidential discussion with a member of CAM's HR team. To arrange this, please email: hadmin@cam.org.au.

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.