

Sunday 18th July 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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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them.

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them.

In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Baptism:

Teo Delomel

Margot Delomel

Anniversary:

Anne Maree Phyland,

Sue Dale

John Watson

John Samaranayake

John Martin



LIVING THE GOSPEL

Take time out

I recently travelled to France and was amazed that in the smaller towns and villages everything stopped for two hours in the middle of the day and people went home for lunch. As a tourist used to almost 24 hour convenience, it was at first terribly frustrating. Even tourist attractions would close down. The only businesses open were restaurants. However, the wisdom of the custom soon became apparent. How wonderfully civilized and life-giving to stop for two hours in the middle of the day, go home and have a leisurely lunch. It made me ask myself, When do I take time out to renew myself?



HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

Sheep and Shepherds

This gospel passage is one of many gospel references and even more Old Testament references to sheep and shepherds. It is an enduring image from the Bible. Much of it stems from the shepherd-become-King, David. When a monarchy developed in Israel it was clear that the role of king was like that of a shepherd, caring for his flock. Jesus applied the image to himself on several occasions, reinforcing an image of servant leadership. The language continues today, with bishops referred to as shepherds of their diocese and carrying a crosier that is reminiscent of a shepherd's crook.



JULY: The Precious Blood

19th Blessed Pietro Cresci of Foligno

20th St Apollinaris

21st St Daniel

22nd St Mary Magdalen

23rd St Bridget of Sweden

24th St Christina of Bolsena

25th St James the Greater



COVID REMINDERS

1. CHECK IN WITH QR CODE
2. MASKS TO BE WORN INDOORS
3. HAND SANITISE
4. PHYSICAL DISTANCE

25 th July 4 th week 17 th Sun Ord / Year B	6.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lectors	Julie McInerney	Lorraine O'Reilly	Richard Wakeham
Special Ministers	Volunteer	Pauline Bourke Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Data Projector	Cristiano	C & T Dials	Teresa Myer

COME & LISTEN!

Life is **BEAUTIFUL**
and we can discover its
meaning through
the knowledge of
Jesus Christ!

When:

Tuesday & Friday 7.30pm

Where:

**St Finbar's Catholic Church,
Marion Room**

Enquiries contact:

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PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. **We entrust ourselves to you**, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. **Help us, Mother of Divine Love**, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and **deliver us from every danger**, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer by Pope Francis

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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.