

Sunday 19th September 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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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.

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ST FINBAR'S DAY MASS 25TH SEPTEMBER ONLINE

**Open this link next Saturday to celebrate mass
with Fr Ian Ranson online.**

<https://youtu.be/OkH5CwhquJl>

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.

Sick: Philip Tascone, Patricia Brown

Recent death: Maria Martino

Anniversary:

Michelle Sabatino, Francesco Sirianni,

Barbara Bartley, Vivienne Coghlan,

James Fitzsimmons, Nell Oeslner,

Tom McMahon



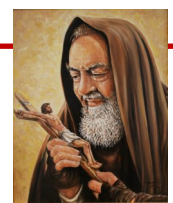
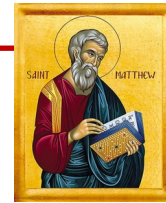
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<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

SEPTEMBER: Our Lady of Sorrows

19th St Januarius, 21st St Matthew, Apostle 23rd St Pio of Pietrelcina,

25th ST FINBAR



He was the son of an artisan and a lady of the Irish royal court. Born in Connaught, Ireland, and baptized Lochan, he was educated at Kilmacahil, Kilkenny, where the monks named him Fionnbharr (white head) because of his light hair; he is also known as Bairre and Barr. He went on pilgrimage to Rome with some of the monks, visiting St. David in Wales on the way back. Supposedly, on another visit to Rome the Pope wanted to consecrate him a bishop but was deterred by a vision, notifying the pope that God had reserved that honor to Himself, and Finbar was consecrated from heaven and then returned to Ireland. At any rate, he may have preached in Scotland, definitely did in southern Ireland, lived as a hermit on a small island at Lough Eiroe, and then, on the river Lee, founded a monastery that developed into the city of Cork, of which he was the first bishop. His monastery became famous in southern Ireland and attracted numerous disciples. Many extravagant miracles are attributed to him, and supposedly, the sun did not set for two weeks after he died at Cloyne about the year 633.

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This weeks religious humour

An Irishman moves into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers.

The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone.

An hour later, the man has finished the three beers and orders three more.

This happens yet again.

The next evening the man again orders and drinks three beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering about the Man Who Orders Three Beers.

Finally, a week later, the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers?"

'Tis odd, isn't it?" the man replies, "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America, and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond."

The bartender and the whole town was pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders Three Beers became a local celebrity and source of pride to the hamlet, even to the extent that out-of-towners would come to watch him drink.

Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening - he orders only two beers. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers.

The next day, the bartender says to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know-the two beers and all ..."

The man ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well ... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

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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.

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.