



St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN PRAYER**

Pray for the Sick

Al Rucinski,

Pauline Bourke, David Fist,

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Anniversaries

Zena Lappen, Nathan Doyle,

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Year A

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

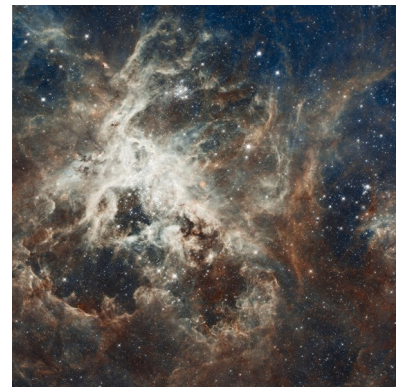
What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is

turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome

our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

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Have you thought? Christ the King

This week's liturgy marks the end of the liturgical cycle. Next week begins the new year with the season of Advent. The liturgy is celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King – reminding us of a very imperial model of church and theology that reflected the structure of the Roman Empire and later, Feudal Europe. To have this reading on the feast of Christ the King is a powerful reminder of how Jesus envisaged the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, the Kingdom was not a rule of power and status but a rule of justice and peace for even the lowliest. It is an apt conclusion to the liturgical year.

GOSPEL FOCUS

The Final Judgment

Often referred to as 'The Final Judgment', this gospel presents an understanding of judgment and punishment that reflects the theology and culture of the first century. It is an image that has continued to dominate Christian art and theology for most of its history: the idea of God sitting in judgment on the final day and weighing up each individual's actions. It is often applied very literally and it is a dominant image of God represented in the media – TV sit-coms and movies often draw on the image. It is a literalist image of God that needs to be challenged. We must remember that the focus of the gospel passage is on the call to action for justice.



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 Virgin.

Mass Schedule during Covid Restrictions

Saturday: 4.30pm, 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.00am, 11.00am, 5.00pm

NEW TIME Weekday: 9.30am

Location: Inside the Church, MAX NUMBER: 20

Bookings must be made via: **<https://www.trybooking.com/BMSAN>**
or call **Carmel 0422 385 136**

MUST HAVE A VALID BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS - WALK IN'S NOT ALLOWED DURING THIS TIME AS COVID BREACHES INCUR HARSH FINES TO BOTH THE CHURCH AND THE INDIVIDUAL

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.



STILL CONTINUING

Live telecast of 11am Sunday Mass,
Ch 44 or online

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



Baptism congratulations to Josephine Ileana Norton.

Wedding congratulations to Isa & Stephany.



2021 Columbian Art Calendar

Christmas Cards and Columbian Calendars.

St Vincent de Paul will again have cards and calendars
for sale in the church foyer ... from next weekend.

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

23rd St Clement I, Pope and Martyr

24th St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

25th St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr



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.

Christmas Giving Tree – Our St Finbar’s Parish community is again helping to bring the Spirit of Christmas to people who have been forced to flee their homes and seek refuge. The Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (www.basp.org.au) – with a small army of volunteers – gives assistance throughout the year to many families and young men and women trying to get started on a new life in Australia. As for the last 2-3 years, you’re invited to make up a small Christmas hamper ... which we will deliver to BASP on 7th December. The tags on our Christmas Giving Tree give brief details of various family groups or households of young men and women. There are also some tags that are simply ‘a shopping bag of food/household goods’. There are some printed pages near the tree with suggestions. Please be aware of WEIGHT! The hampers are often delivered by just one person ... so hampers must be easily lifted. SPLIT into a couple of cartons or 2-3 shopping bags.

Your support does make a big impression on the people we are able to help; here are a couple of ‘thank you’ texts from last year ...

From one of the men in a share house: *“We’ve received the Christmas gift and shared among ourselves and thank you so much for your unprecedented kindness!!! I’ll always thank you all for making me felt welcome!!! Happy Christmas to you all!!!!”*

From a mother and her 2 daughters: *“Thank you very much for the Christmas hamper ... It’s not only a hamper with gifts inside it, it’s also a hamper in which we found lots of love and endless happiness for me and my kids.”*

Thank you for your great support of these people!

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