

Sunday 24th 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

Thirty Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made?

Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Or have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst?

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Have you thought?

On the side of the road...

When Jesus encounters Bartimaeus he is sitting by the side of the road – a reject of society sitting off to the side as the world passes him by. There are times in all of our lives when we feel like this: hurt; ashamed; unloved; rejected; cast aside. It is at these moments in our lives that Jesus really wants to 'break through' into our experience. If we allow ourselves to hear his voice calling us to him, then we too can 'throw off our cloak' – our old life – and join him on the road.

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.

Deaths:

Sr Maureen Martin FCJ

Sick: Richard Wakeham

Anniversary:

John Lawson, John Mulvany



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: 25th *St Crispin*
Tuesday: 26th *St Evaritus*
Wednesday: 27th *St Frumentius*
Thursday: 28th *St Simon, St Jude, apostles*
Friday: 29th *St Narcissus of Jerusalem*
Saturday: 30th *Blessed Angelo of Acri*



MASS IS OPEN, WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

Mass will slowly reopen this weekend at St Finbar's for 20 vaccinated attendees only. Bookings are essential this time round. Please let friends and family who are not on our emailing list know.

Follow the link below.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BUWXY>

Due to the current restrictions and close monitoring in order to keep us all safe, it is essential that we all work together so as to allow the Churches to be open to higher numbers in the next few weeks.

Please aim to book online as this will mean your booking will be confirmed instantly. If you know anyone who does not have access to a computer, they are welcome to contact myself. This will be easier than passing on messages through others as this could result in the booking being missed.

Reader volunteer are welcome at each mass session. Refer to attached "The Saving Word" for readings.

TEMPORARY MASS TIMES DURING COVID RESTRICTIONS

SATURDAY: 4.30 PM, 5.30 PM
SUNDAY: 9.00 AM, 10.00 AM, 11.00 AM
MONDAY—FRIDAY: 9.15 AM

BEST WISHES TO ALL VCE STUDENTS OF 2021 AS THEY COMMENCE THEIR EXAMS.

May God keep you safe and give you strength and guidance.



This weeks religious humour

Susie's husband, George, had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, prompting frequent visits by their local parish priest. Things were looking grim, but she was next to her husband's bedside every single day without exception.

One day as George slipped back into consciousness, he motioned for her to come nearer. Susie pulled the chair close to the bed and put her ear close so she could hear him.

"You know," George whispered, his eyes filling with tears. "You have been with me through all the bad times. When I got fired, you stuck by me. When my business went under, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you were there. My health started failing, and low and behold you were there by my side. And you know what Susie?"

"What dear," she asked, gently stroking his hand.



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.

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](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.

