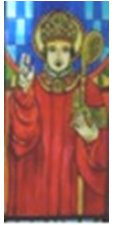




# St Finbar's Catholic Parish



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## The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Day - Year A

25th December 2022

### Parish Staff

Parish Priest: Fr Ian Ranson

Retired Priest: Fr Clemente Cafarella

Parish Secretary: Mrs Carmel Cristiano  
(Tues & Thurs, 9.00 am—3.30pm)

St Vincent de Paul: 1800 305 330

School Principal: Mr Patrick Berlingeri

### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 9.30am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments:  
please call the office to organise.



### Let us pray

**Sick:** Sr Josephine Hoare  
Linh Tran

**Recent death:** Leo Cuerden

### Anniversary:

Kuncheria Chacko

Bill Brasier

Irene Crawford

Sean Hammer

Georgina Cust

Gregory Bloink

Frank Brasier

Nathan O'Sullivan



## Prayers

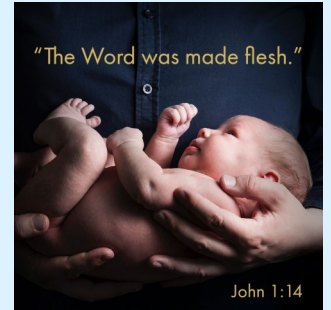
### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

### Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.



## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

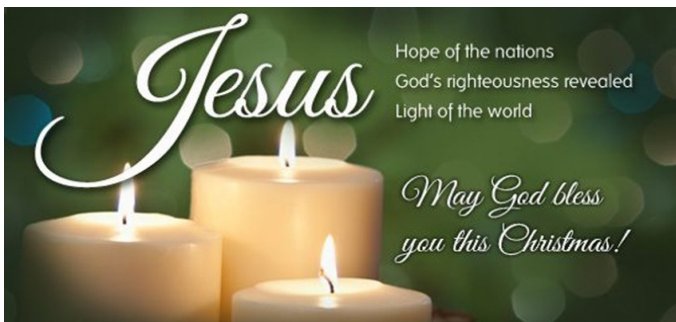
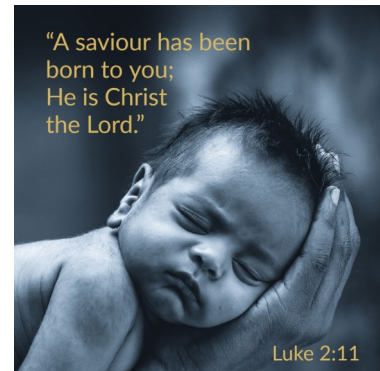


Please Silence  
All Cell Phones  
Before Entering Our Church

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

### The Nativity scene

St Francis of Assisi is credited with setting up the first nativity scene and thus establishing a tradition that is carried on today in homes, churches and public spaces in Christian communities everywhere. In 1223, in the town of Greccio he created a life size tableau of the nativity scene to heighten the awareness of the celebration of the birth of Christ. It included statues of the holy family and a live ox and donkey. The inclusion of the livestock has no scriptural support and it is to Francis that we owe the array of sheep, oxen and donkeys that have become standard inclusions in our nativity scenes.



**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY JOYOUS CHRISTMAS  
& HAPPY 2023 FILLED WITH PEACE AND LOVE.**

**A special thank you to all of the volunteers who selflessly gave  
their time & talents**

**to assist in the preparation of the Christmas masses.**

**God bless, Fr Ian Ranson**

*"St Finbar's StVdP Conference thanks donors and invites you to see photos (see on back wall) of our latest project in India to aid fatherless families".*

## St Finbar's Parish Raffle 2022

**All money will go to assisting with the painting of the Church interior.**

**Draw date has been changed to New Years Day—start 2023 with a bang!**

**Tickets: 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10**



### 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.*