

Sunday 27th February 2022

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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Let us pray



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Year C

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

In ancient Greece actors wore masks which concealed the face. One may say they were 'two-faced'. They were called 'Hypocrites', and we derive our word and the idea of 'hypocrite' from that. As did Jesus.

He could always see through the veneer which people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate through to the heart – the core of the personality.

For us, judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk. As Jesus humorously put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else's eye, and in super-critical mode fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts *our* vision. We should not rush to judgment.

The fact is that only the gaze of God can really penetrate to the heart of someone. We know that the gaze of Jesus, Who is God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation. (Mk 10:17-22)

This is one of the reasons why recent Popes have opposed capital punishment. Time must be given for the heart of the convicted criminal to respond to that loving gaze. And it leaves the Final Judgment, even of the murderer, to God.

Listen to the dying moments of Our Lord. His loving gaze penetrated beyond the masks and actions of his tormentors and focused on their hearts. Then he cried out this plea: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.'

We are all conscious of the times we have fallen short of the practice and teaching of our Master despite our praying: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that The Teacher's loving gaze fall upon us to make us whole-hearted disciples willing 'to be formed by divine teaching'.

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2022 ST FINBAR'S LENTEN PROGRAM

AFTER 2 YEARS OF LOCKDOWNS AND RESTRICTIONS

WE CAN WELCOME THE LENTEN SEASON WITH FREEDOM & JOY.

COME ALONG AND LISTEN.

Thursday evening, 7:30-8:30 pm followed by tea/coffee.

Start date: 3rd March

Location: Marian Room, no bookings required.



Please refer to the following Archdiocesan guidelines and resources for the COVID-19 pandemic:

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

©Liturgy Help

MARCH:
Month of the St Joseph

28th Feb Venerable Carlo Gnocchi

1st St Albinus of Vercelli

2nd St Quintus the Thaumaturge

3rd St Cunegund

4th St Casimir

5th St Adrian of Caesarea



SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

A Carpenter, a humble man, loving husband and a father. Without question, he heeded God in his dreams to save his family. He respected God and followed his commands. He was also compassionate and Caring. He died before Jesus' public life with Mary and Jesus close by, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

He is the patron of the universal Church, Carpenters and fathers.

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St. Joseph

Rosters for Next Week

6th March	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
1st Sun of LENT - Year C			
Lector	Paul Dungan	Rod Watson	Richard Wakeham
Eucharist Minister	Clare Sabatino	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	Leo Cuerden	Feresa Myer

ASH WEDNESDAY—2nd March

Masses: 9.30am & 7.00pm

Stations Of The Cross - Friday evenings

6.30pm inside the church, commencing, Friday 4th March



Seniors luncheon

Tuesday, 8th March , Brighton Beach Hotel, 12pm

Please contact to book: Joan Hamilton: 9592 2498 or 0432 449 122

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Parishioners of St James are invited by the members of the St Vincent de Paul Conference, St James to join in celebrating the 120th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Conference in a Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 6 March at St Joan of Arc Church, 11.00 am. coffee, tea and cake afterwards

St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



Healing Mass, Tuesday, 12th April 11 am, St Finbar's Church

followed by lunch in the Marian Room

Celebrity Organ Recital by Christopher Cook

St Patrick's Cathedral is once again hosting a series of Friday night concerts, with the first concert featuring celebrated organist Christopher (Chris) Cook. Come and enjoy the beauty of St Patrick's Cathedral along with some classical music! Tickets are \$25 and can be booked online or at the door. Children under 15 are free.

Friday, March 4, 2022, 6:00pm – 7:00pm, Book tickets: 9926 5677

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.