



St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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'Get behind me, Satan'

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus *wanted* him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love.

where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death.

The temptation to avoid that dreadful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get *behind* me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, *follow* me.'

We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.

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Reflections

"God is the perfect dance partner if we learn to listen to him and follow his lead."

Fr Chris Gleeson SJ

"GOD is the only one who can make the valley of trouble A door of HOPE"

Hosea 2:15

"FAITH is being sure of what we HOPE for and certain of what we do not see."

Hebrews 11:1

The Church and Parish is currently closed due STAGE 4 COVID restrictions.

Please feel free to email or call Fr Ian or Carmel if you have any special intentions.

Please refer to the links on parish website for further information regarding Covid regulations.

At present, funerals only are permitted, with limitations/permits as per regulatory instructions.

Home visitations are not permitted unless for grave reasons.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the Sick

Rita Maguire

Anniversaries

Sebastiana Molino, Giuseppe Aloï , Peter Aloï , Enid Smith, Roy Lock, Steven and Barbara Yan, James Cowling, Guiseppina Spinella



Living the gospel

Have you got what it takes?

For some people, to be a Christian is a 'soft option' – they see being Christian as being a bit 'fluffy'. This week's gospel is a reminder of the real challenge of being a Christian. Jesus reminds us that to be one of his followers we must be prepared to pick up our cross – whatever our particular cross might be – and still follow his example. To be a Christian means that we don't fall in a heap when difficulty comes our way; we take up the burden – our cross – and continue to look forward with hope. To live like Jesus is no easy option.

MASS & PRAYER AT HOME DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

[All Victorians are invited to come together to pray for an end to this pandemic](https://www.facebook.com/viccouncilchurches)

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- **Sunday 30 August @ 2pm – Standing Together**
- **Monday 31 August @ 7pm – Light in the darkness**

Hosted by the Victorian Council of Churches, the Standing Together initiative on Sunday afternoon seeks to unite people from across the Christian communities in Victoria for a virtual prayer session. It will include a reflection led by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli. Then, on Monday evening, as we bid farewell to winter, everyone is invited to light a candle in the darkness and look forward with hope.

'We're encouraging people to stand in their front garden or at their door or in a window and acknowledge that there's now a light in this darkness; the darkness of winter is fading. And now we're coming into the light of Spring.'

Spring is a time for rebirth, Deacon Joe says, and for Christians this has 'a very paschal resonance. As Easter, in the Northern Hemisphere, occurs at the beginning of Spring.'

Seeing the need for some light in the darkness of 2020, it was Sr Mary Reaburn, a Sister of Our Lady of Sion and a member the EIC, who initially suggested parish communities would benefit by doing something 'to show unity and solidarity and remember those who had died, but also hoping for the future'.

With individuals across the city living in isolation under Stage 4 restrictions, and missing their faith communities, Deacon Joe explains that they'd like to see a broad selection of people come away with a sense of being a valued part of the greater community.

According to Deacon Joe, while people can't be near under lockdown, people can still be together. 'This is a way of saying, we might be social distancing, but they're still members of the same community. We've been through these hard times together, now we can have hope together; everyone can have hope in the future. We remember the troubles affecting so many, but we look forward to the future with hope.'

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AUGUST—THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

30th St Rose of Lima

September—The Seven Sorrows of Mary

3rd St Gregory the Great

