

Sunday 31st January 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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Discipleship requires a change in us. We want to change because in so many ways we are being strangled to death by demons. We are caught in dysfunction and sin; we live in the midst of the battle between good and evil, the struggle of human finitude and failure. We are plunged into the throes of human suffering and pain, and there seems to be no escape.

The demonic seduces us in more ways than we can count and we are often caught in its web before we recognise what has happened. There have always been many and varied voices that claim to have the remedy for our ills. Preachers and politicians have stirred up crowds and ignited their emotions. Promises have

been made and predictions advanced, yet the conflict goes on, the demons continue to hold sway. The demon recognised the authority in the voice of Jesus. Do we recognise it?

When we are released by Jesus from the demons that possess us, we are freed from the stranglehold of evil and liberated to live far less encumbered and divided lives. No Earthly reality will possess us, neither relationships nor obligations nor even religious practices. Rather, we will be possessed by Christ who liberates us for the reign of God. Therefore, whether married or unmarried, whether in the midst of the community or at its margins, we will be able to heed the voice of God in our hearts and to recognise Jesus in our midst.

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PLEASE
REMEMBER IN
PRAYER



Baptism

Maddison Blake, Ryder Blake,

Oliver Gwilt, Ella Gwilt

Recent Deaths

Medrick Halliday, Anthony Leech

Anniversaries

Joseph Sans, Frank Cambria,
Kieran Fitzsimmons,

Mary Liberati,

Anthony DeVincentis,

Margaret Fitzgerald,

Frank Curatore



SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

The Messianic Secret

A feature of the Gospel of Mark is an element of secrecy and confusion that surrounds Jesus' identity. He silences demons who would announce his identity and warns those he heals to be quiet about what has occurred. There is a real lack of understanding displayed by the disciples about who Jesus is. At one point, Jesus asks the disciples, "who do you think I am?" They identify him as the Messiah but immediately demonstrate that they don't really understand what that means. The theme that runs through the gospel is a developing understanding of what it means that Jesus is the Messiah.



JANUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

31st St John Bosco

FEBRUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

1st St Brigid of Ireland

2nd Presentation of the Lord

3rd St Blaise

4th St Andrew Corsini

5th St Agatha

6th St Paul Miki and Companions



Church Cleaners needed !

We are looking for more helpers with church cleaning, particularly after each mass.

Our amazing regular volunteers are in need of more helpers to distribute the load and keep the church covid safe. Everyone has been doing a great job helping each other and keeping us all safe and able to attend our beautiful parish.



St Finbar's needs COUNTERS!

Become a counter.

Register your interest via email/phone with Carmel at the Parish Office.

7th Feb 5th Sun Ord - Year B	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	Anna Conti	Leo Cuerden	Michael Heffernan
Minister	Carmel Cristiano	Mary Callea	Teresa Myer
Counters	TBA	TBA	TBA
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	Leo Cuerden	Teresa Myer

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



Come pray the Rosary

1st Saturday of the month in St Finbar's Church

Saturday, 6th February, 3pm

WELCOME ST FINBAR'S SCHOOL STUDENTS 2021

Dear Jesus, guide & protect all the St Finbar's students commencing school this week. Keep them safe. Let them learn and grow strong. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts and that of their teachers and families. We entrust our children to you. Amen

COVID GUIDELINES

- MASKS NO LONGER NEED TO BE WORN INSIDE THE CHURCH UNLESS THE 1.5M PHYSICAL DISTANCING RULE IS COMPROMISED.
- PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ATTENDING MASS IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL AND PARTICULARLY IF YOU HAVE ANY COLD LIKE SYMPTOMS.



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.