

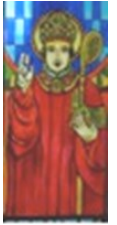


St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

20th August - 2023

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

Acting School Principal: Ms Michelle Hill

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.



On Catholic Dogs

A *pagan* woman approaches a *Jewish* man and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable *pagan* woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises *her* faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

© Fr Michael Tate

Let us pray

Recent death:

Cyril Drummond

Anniversary:

Madge O'Connell

Antonio Micari

Ann Ryan

Bernard Mateer, Maurizio Tauro

Kevin Wood

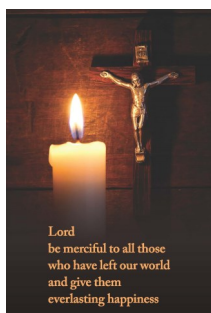
Nella LoSchiavo,

Bob Lancet

Denise McCarthy

Helen Van Dorlar

Margaret Sinclair



Lord
be merciful to all those
who have left our world
and give them
everlasting happiness

from the perspective of a disciple

As we passed through a little village near Sidon this Canaanite woman suddenly started calling on the master to help her daughter. We all expected the master to help her out as usual but he really put her in her place! He told her that his ministry was not for pagans like her. That should have stopped her, but she kept on and on, even turning the master's words back on him! She was so rude. We were about to push her out of the way so that the master could move on when he suddenly told her that her faith was great and that her daughter was better. Great faith? A Canaanite? He never ceases to surprise us!



Welcome

Year Prep & their families.

AUGUST—Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

21st St Pius X

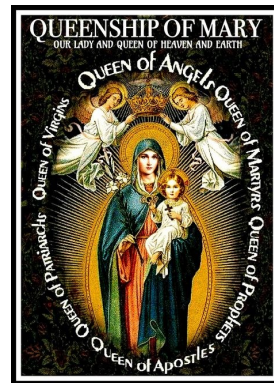
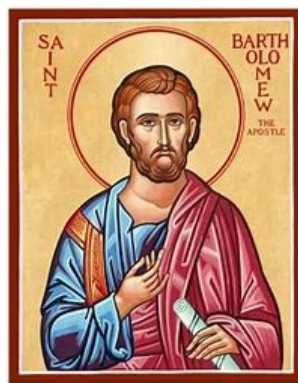
22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

23rd St Rose of Lima

24th St Bartholomew

25th St Louis of France

26th St Alexander of Bergamo



21 st Sun in Ord Year A 27.7.23	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	Julie McInerney	Rod Watson	Richard Wakeham
Minister	Volunteer	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiane John Sabatino	volunteer	Teresa Myer

IMPORTANT ST FINBAR'S PARISH CONSULTATIONS

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has invited our parish to participate in a process of consultation and discernment regarding the future configuration of our region of the Archdiocese. A consultation session will be hosted in **our parish hall (Father Lou Heriot Hall)** on **Thursday 31st August**, from **7.00pm—9.00pm**. Subsequent sessions may follow however you will be advised accordingly in the mass bulletin. Please consider attending this session so that the needs and hopes of our parishioners can be heard, and subsequently inform future decision making, not only at the local level, but also at the Archdiocesan level.

I hope as many parishioners as possible will participate in this consultation process, so I strongly encourage you to come along.

Please continue to pray for our parish of Brighton East.

Please book at www.trybooking.com/CKPNG or scan the QR code.

Fr Ian Ranson



Gangland to Promised Land: John Pridmore Melbourne tour

John Pridmore was a serious face in London's East End, living the 'high life' until he found himself nearly killing a man. What happened next can only be called extraordinary. Don't miss his incredible conversion story when he visits Melbourne in August and September. John has spoken to millions around the world about his past and remarkable conversion, inspiring countless individuals through his powerful talks, conferences and parish missions.

While in Melbourne, he will deliver a series of parish missions across the Archdiocese. In each parish, over three nights, John will share his story, interspersed with music, Scripture readings and a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

28–30 August, 7.30pm–8.30pm, Cost: FREE jpmelb.com.au.

"Storage/garage space required to rent- a minimum of 4m x 3m for storage of furniture and boxes/ miscellaneous items. Long term if monthly cost feasible. Please contact Chris Wright on 0404 441 725.

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.