

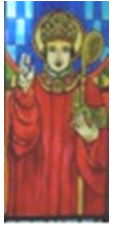


# St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

29th October - 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

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

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### 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.



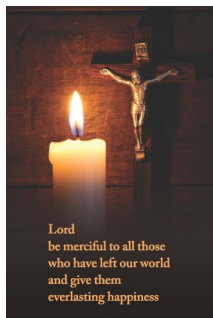
### Let us pray

#### Sick:

Gail Northy  
Mary Mc Manus

#### Anniversary:

Katherine Heriot  
Brianna Dungan



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

**1<sup>st</sup> Nov All Saints Day**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nov All Souls Day**

**MASSES ON THESE DAYS WILL BE  
AT**

**9.30AM & 7.00 PM**

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word, compassion, means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.



**DONATION EFTPOS IN OPERATION IN FOYER.**

**JUST TAP SCREEN TO USE.**

**Welcome Year 5 and their families  
to our Saturday vigil mass.**

**NOVEMBER—Souls in Purgatory**

1st All Saints

2nd All Souls

3rd St Martin de Porres

4th St Charles Borromea

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and  
let perpetual light shine upon them.*



**SENIORS LUNCHEON—All welcome**

**Tuesday, 14th November, 12pm**

Bentleigh RSL

538 Centre Road, Bentleigh

Joan Hamilton: 9592 2498 or 0432 449 122

Mary Holmes: 0419 592 045

**Roster for Next Week**

31 <sup>st</sup> Sun in Ord - Year A	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
5.11.23			
Lector	Paul Dungan	Rod Watson	Richard Wakeham
Minister	Clare Sabatino	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	John Sabatino	volunteer	Teresa Myer

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Following on from last weekend's announcement from Archbishop Peter Commensoli regarding the future parochial configuration of the Bayside area, the Archdiocese would like to advise everyone that no date has yet been set as to when the changes will be implemented. The process of the amalgamation can be complex and therefore requires the appropriate measures to be taken as directed by His Grace and team. We pray that the Holy Spirit guide everyone to assist in the process. Fr Ian Ranson**

**ST FINBARS ASSIST 7+ STUDENTS**

*Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe –  
H G Wells*

St Finbar's St Vincent de Paul Conference wishes to record their appreciation of the ever-generous parishioners who supported the Assist A Student appeal last Sunday. Apart from donations sent directly to the Society via envelope or online QR code, the leaving collection raised \$730.50 – sufficient to allow seven students (recommended by Conferences in our neighbouring countries) to extend their time in school and so help their families' escape poverty. **THANK YOU.**

**'Four Male Characters in John:**

**A Journey into Relationship with the Divine Other' presented by Dr Paul Creevey FMS**

In contrast to the other canonical Gospels, John provides insights into various significant characters through a series of encounters. These encounters show a range of reactions to Jesus. This talk looks at Nicodemus, Thomas, Peter, and John, the Beloved Disciple, as they are portrayed in John's Gospel and their significance for models of faith today.

*Engaging Your Faith* is a series of short, online, presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from [Catholic Theological College](#) present on a variety of topics such as philosophy, spirituality, biblical studies, Christian meditation, theology, interfaith relations and issues in science and religion.

**Cost:** \$25 per session | \$40 per session (with accreditation). **Bookings close:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct, 5pm.

**Wednesday, November 1, 2023 VENUE** Online 7:30pm – 9:00pm

[www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1118680](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1118680)

**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.*