

St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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Mass times

Saturday 6pm Vigil
 Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm
 Weekdays 9.15am Mon-Sat
 Reconciliation After 9.15am Mass on Saturdays
 Baptisms Most Sundays following 11am Mass
 Please contact Parish Office
 Weddings & Sacramental enquiries (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation) Please contact Parish Office



Sunday 23rd February 2020

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time– Year A

At times it seems we have rewritten the ‘Golden Rule’ to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King. We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today’s reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

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PARISH NEWS - FEBRUARY, MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Feast Days – February

22nd Chair of St Peter
 23rd St Polycarp

ASH WEDNESDAY – 26TH FEBRUARY

9.15AM & 7.00 PM

ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT BOTH MASSES



Baptism – Harper Beggs, Lily Guthrie

Recently Deceased

Patricia Campbell, Irene Marion

Anniversaries

Janina Lisik, Maria Grazia Taranto,
 Bill Trehwella, William Crawford, Rosina Penso,
 Michael Senn, Bernard Marron, Mona Brasier,
 Peter Vyong Van Tran

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY – 23rd February



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed “Go Further Together”. Your generosity will assist some of the world’s most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we Go Further Together in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.



Sacramental Program

Children who don’t attend the parish primary school are invited to attend the parish Sacramental Program in 2020. Attending lessons after school they will be prepared for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation (usually year 3), First Eucharist (usually year 4) and Confirmation (usually year 6). Please contact the parish office on 9593 2122 or BrightonEast@cam.org.au to enrol. We are also seeking assistance with teaching the program so that the load can be shared. Curriculum and lesson plans are provided, please contact Fr Ian or Carmel to have a chat if you are interested.

IMPORTANT DATES 2020

Confirmation, 4th & 6th August, evening
First Holy Eucharist, 20th & 22nd October, evening
 Booking information to follow closer to the dates

Parish Roster 1 st Mar 1 st Sun Lent / Year A	6.00pm	9.00am	11.00am	5.00pm
Lectors	Paul Dungan	Volunteer	Helen Evans Richard Wakeham	John Reddie
Special Ministers	Clare Sabatino	Pauline Bourke	Jenny Reiche	Volunteers
Data Projector	Sabatino	Coopers	Leo	volunteer
Welcoming	P Rodis A Rudden	J Trehwella P Bourke		
Counters	P Dungan, A Fish, R Brodie			
Readings	<i>First Reading:</i> Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7 <i>Psalm:</i> PS 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R.v.3 <i>Second Reading:</i> Rom 5:12, 17-19 <i>Gospel:</i> Mt 4:1-11			

Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders,
 I will rejoice in you and be glad,
 And sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Living the Gospel

Love your enemy

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.

NEW CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Friday 28 February, 7pm | Caroline Chisholm Library,
 Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne
 Anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic literature is welcome to join our monthly meetings. This month we are discussing Strangers and Sojourners by Michael D. O'Brien.
 Further details and registrations: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or www.melbournecatholicbookclub.yolasite.com.

NEW THE LEGACY OF JEAN VANIER: A PERSONAL MEMOIR

Thursday 12 March, 5pm-6.30pm | The Oratory, Newman College,
 887 Swanston Street, Parkville
 Eileen Glass A.M. will deliver this free Helder Camara lecture which is the first of three public events with prominent Catholic speakers that the Newman College Helder Camara lecture Series will promote in 2020.

Parish Contacts

Please feel free to contact any of these people if you would like to become more involved in Parish Life Rosters for Lectors, Collectors and Special Ministers at Mass

Paul Dungan 9592 2463

New Volunteers NEEDED
All welcome – no experience required.
Age is no limit!
Call Carmel at Parish Office



Altar Serving
 Parish Office 9593 2122

Church Flowers
 Dianne Sheedy 9557 6214

Church Decoration
 Stasia & Phil Power 0400 038 535

Senior's Group
 Sue Sharry 9592 7229
 and Joan Hamilton 9592 2498

Music
 Joy Conheady 9596 2643

Choir
 Corinne 0414 624 253

Sacramental Enquiries (Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation)
 Parish Office 9593 2122

Neo-Catechumenal Community Tuesdays 8pm in Marian Room
 Adam & Giulia 0450 596 950

St Vincent de Paul Assistance Hotline:
 Freecall 1800 305 330
 (Mon to Fri 10am - 3pm)

Tennis Club www.stfinbarstenniscubclubbightoneast.com

Netball Club www.stfinbarsnetballclub.com

Basketball Club www.scalpers.com.au

