

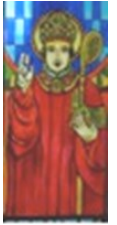


St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

8th 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

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.



The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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Let us pray

Recent death:

Rosaria Vinnacia, Nina Patane

Sick:

Mary Mc Manus, Valerie & Tony Tehan

Anniversary:

Vincenzo Graffeo

Peter Mulvany

Marcello Penso

Sydney Newnes

Carolina Fichera

Salvatore Manna

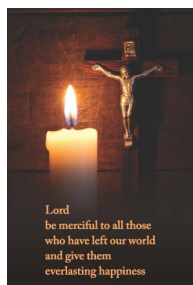
Kevin Holland

Francis Holland

Melville D'Rozario

Rosario Calia

Mark Pirola



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

Love your neighbour

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind". This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

These profound words, spoken by Jesus, encapsulate the essence of our faith and the very core of our humanity.

When we love God with all our being, we recognise the divine spark within each of us, regardless of our abilities or disabilities. It's in this sacred love that we find the strength and compassion to fulfill the second commandment, to love our neighbours as ourselves.

In the journeys of individuals with disabilities, we witness a powerful testament to this love. Their unwavering faith, resilience, and the beauty of their unique perspectives inspire us to live out these commandments daily. They teach us the true meaning of empathy and inclusion, challenging us to build a world where everyone, regardless of their abilities, is embraced and valued.

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OCTOBER—Month of the Rosary

9th St Denis & companions, St John Leonardi

10th St Leo the Great

11th St Martin of Tours

12th St Josaphat Kuncewicz, St Livinius

13th St Diego of Alcalá

14th St Callistus

Roster for Next Week

28 th Sun in Ord - Year A	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
15.10.23			
Lector	Benjamin	John Little	Helen Evans
Minister	Clare Sabatino	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	volunteer	Teresa Myer



Tuesday, 10th October, 12pm

Bentleigh RSL

538 Centre Road, Bentleigh

Everyone is welcome.

Joan Hamilton: 9592 2498 or 0432 449 122

Mary Holmes: 0419 592 045

92 years of dedication & more



Fr. Clement Cafarella

FATHER CLEMENT CAFARELLA came to St. Kevin's from St. Bernard's in 1948 to complete Matriculation. He was in the same class as Fr. Woodcock, Fr. Nippard, Fr. Smith and Fr. Briglia, who were ordained in 1956, and Fr. Coakley, who was ordained in 1957. After matriculating at St. Kevin's, Fr. Cafarella went to the Melbourne Technical College (1949), then to the Melbourne University (1950-1951), and entered Corpus Christi in 1952. On Friday, August 1st, Father King, assisted by Fathers Kehoe and Cafarella, celebrated Mass for the boys at St. Peter's Church, Toorak. The priests were welcomed back to the College, and gave their blessing to the students.

Assist-a-Student Program

There will be a **leaving collection** after Oct 14/15 masses in support of the St Vincent de Paul Society's **Assist-a-Student Program** (AAS). Donations support the education of children and young adults in our overseas partner countries. Our \$100 bursaries can make all the difference between a child being able to remain at school/vocational college, acquiring skills to earn a living and break the cycle of poverty. The Society's volunteer members in recipient countries manage the program, keeping administrative costs negligible.

The AAS brochure facilitates donation by credit card and has a QR code to access the online donations webpage. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Thank you for considering this worthy cause.

The **ACU Centre for Liturgy** is shortly hosting two online public lectures: On Monday **6 November 2023**, 10am AEDT via Zoom, with the topic of: "Liturgy's Imagined Futures: Beyond Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy." by renowned liturgical scholar **Professor Teresa Berger** (Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School) AND on **Sunday 3 December** at 5pm via TEAMS (and IN PERSON in Melbourne) with the topic of "A Liturgical Reform in Peril? Sacrosanctum Concilium sixty years on" by acclaimed liturgical historian and theologian **Rev Professor John F. Baldovin SJ** (Boston College). For more information go to www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfl or email CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au.

COMMUNICATION FEEDBACK FROM THE VICAR GENERAL'S OFFICE

RE: RECONFIGURATION OF BAYSIDE CATHOLIC MISSION/PARISH CONSULTATIONS

Please take a copy of the report on the consultation sessions located in the front foyer of the Church.

Should you want to view online: bit.ly/46rLYgk

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.