



St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

10th September - 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.



Let us pray

**Congratulations all the
St Finbar's Parish**

First Eucharist students:

Bonnie Bray, Caterina Bertacchi,

Charlotte Melder-McLeish,

Landon Rigoni, Harper Theos

Recent death:

Joseph Monaghan

Anniversary:

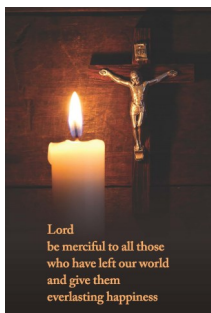
Sydney Newnes

Louise Thomas

Mick Hall

Donald Bird

Guiseppa De Losa



Boundaries and Juries

Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Who is to decide who is within or outside those boundaries?

In today's Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision.

We all know of marriages which are fractured and where one partner has found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage.

Pope Francis has not suggested that the second marriage be regarded as valid. But he has suggested a process of discernment to allow a divorced person to receive 'the Eucharist . . . a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'

Could a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people help make that discerning judgement, and then advise the Bishop as to the next step?

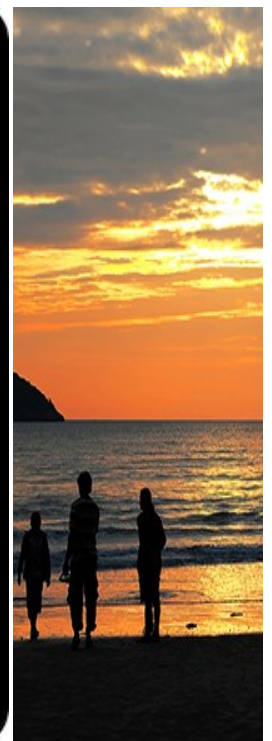
We could pause for a moment to ponder the promise: 'Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.'

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LIVING the gospel

Facing the issue

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.



SEPTEMBER—Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

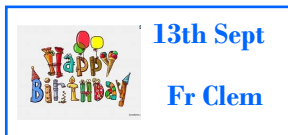
12th The Holy Name of Mary

13th St John Chrysostom

14th Exaltation of the Cross

15th Our Lady of Sorrows

16th Sts Cornelius Pope and Cyprian Bishop



Tuesday, 12th September, 12pm

Bentleigh RSL

538 Centre Road, Bentleigh

Everyone is welcome.

Joan Hamilton: 9592 2498 or 0432 449 122

Mary Holmes: 0419 592 045

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

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

The Parish of St Finbar's Brighton East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023



Sport

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." - Winston Churchill

In the world of sports, and in the larger game of life, it's not the scoreboard that ultimately defines us but the character we display. Whether sprinting towards the finish line or navigating the maze of daily responsibilities, the essence lies in participating wholeheartedly and treating others fairly. These principles not only elevate the sport but also ennoble our very lives.

Community plays a central role in this landscape, a mirror reflecting back the values we cultivate. The very act of coming together to cheer, compete, and volunteer, fosters a collective spirit that transcends individual glory. As we uplift each other in pursuit of shared goals, we find a deeper meaning in our actions, creating a cycle of goodwill that ripples outwards.

"Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters," reads Colossians 3:23 (NRSV). These words remind us that our most substantial accomplishments aren't medals or trophies, but the enduring values of respect, integrity, and mutual support.



Heavenly Father,

We ask for Your blessings upon everyone who contributes to the world of sports, especially within our local communities. May they continue to be sources of inspiration, unity, and fair play. Grant them the strength to pursue their passions and the wisdom to uplift others along the way.

In Your name, we pray.

Amen.



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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.