



# St Finbar's Catholic Parish



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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

30th July 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

School Principal: Mr Patrick Berlinger

### 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 Language of Heaven

A burning rubbish tip in Jerusalem (Gehenna) provided Jesus with one image of Hell. Here is John Henry Newman's image.

Have you travelled to a foreign country and can't speak the language? There is lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What if you were born with a good ear for languages, but had deliberately never learnt the language of that other place? You would only have yourself to blame. It would be a living hell.

That is what happens at death. The soul is suddenly transported to a different dimension of existence, and it can be either heavenly or hellish depending on the choices and actions of a lifetime.

So, our lifetime project is to 'learn the language of heaven'. We can mainly do this by following the story of Jesus, the Word of God, the perfect conversation between humanity and God.

We could pause for a moment to move from incommunicado to communion by learning and practising the language of Heaven.

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### Let us pray

**Fr Clem Cafarella**

**65 years of service to the priesthood**



### Recent death

**Joe Losurdo**

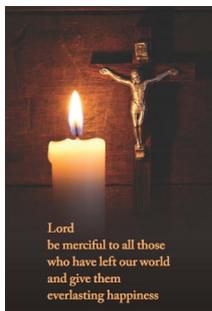
### Anniversary:

**Theresa Loke**

**Annette Dempster**

**Christoforo De Losa**

**Ray O'Connell**



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



## Have you thought?

### Interpretation

In today's passage the gospel writer appears to describe himself: "every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old." It is a fantastic description of what it means to be an interpreter of the gospel. To interpret scripture, one must draw on what is old; applying understandings of the text in its original context and its original audience. But one must also draw on what is new; making connections between that original setting and the context in which it is being read today.





**JULY—Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus**

30th Sts Abdon & Sennen

31st St Ignatius of Loyola

**AUGUST—Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

1st St Alphonsus de' Liguori

2nd' St Stephen I

3rd' St Nicodemus

4th St John Vianney

5th Dedication of the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore

**Seniors Luncheon**

**Tuesday, 8th August, 12pm**

Hotel Newbay—329 New St, Brighton

**ALL WELCOME**

**RSVP**

Joan Hamilton 9592 2498, 0432 449 122

Mary Holmes 0419 592 045

<b>Transfiguration of Our Lord - Year A 6.8.23</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Paul Dungan	Rod Watson	Richard Wakeham
<b>Minister</b>	Clare Sabatino	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
<b>Audio Visual Operator</b>	John Sabatino	volunteer	Teresa Myer



**God Bless All Our Grandparents**

*Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them!*

Pope Francis



Today, Sunday **July 30 is International Day of Friendship** and is a timely reminder that if you are struggling, there are things you can do to find new friends.

Look for groups or clubs that gather around an interest or similar hobby. You may find these groups online, or they may be listed in the newspaper or on community bulletin boards. There are also many websites that help you connect with new friends in your neighbourhood or city.

Offer your time or talents at a hospital, parish, museum, community centre, charitable group or other organisation. You can form strong connections when you work with people who have mutual interests.

Invite a friend to join you for coffee or lunch. When you're invited to a social gathering, say yes. Contact someone who recently invited you to an activity and return the favour.

Take a university or community education course to meet people who have similar interests. Join a class at a local gym, senior centre or community fitness facility.

Grab your children or pet and head into the great outdoors. Chat with neighbours who are also out and about or head to a local park and strike up conversations with strangers.

Above all, stay positive.



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**SUPPORTING OUR PARISH**

Account Name:	<b>St Finbar's Church No 2</b>	Church Account:	<b>BSB: 083 347</b>	<b>Acct no. 67433 4517</b>
Account Name:	<b>St Finbar's Presbytery</b>	Presbytery:	<b>BSB: 083 347</b>	<b>Acct no. 67395 5581</b>

*We appreciate your generosity.*

**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.*