

Sunday 31st July 2022

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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Year C

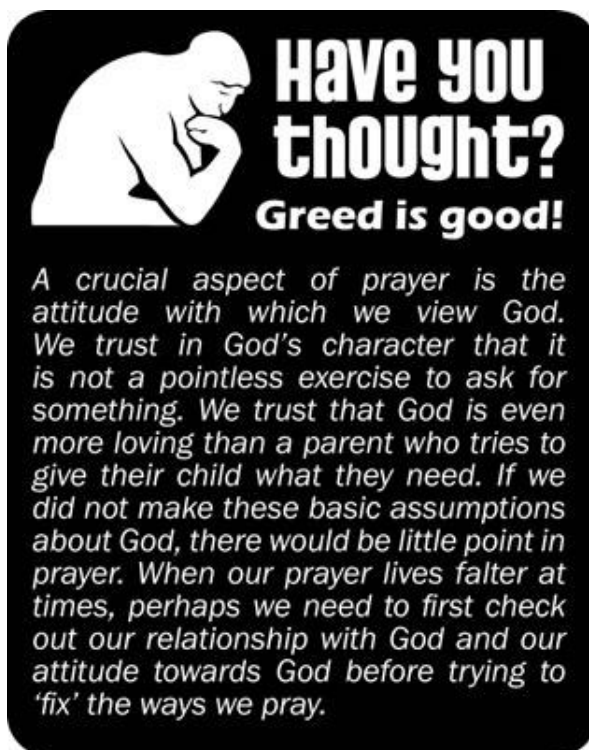
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary - Year C

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

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Dear Parishioners, as you are aware, COVID is on the increase in our community as well as the flu.

As a result there is strong encouragement from the Chief Medical Officer to instate the use of masks when indoors and especially in larger crowd settings.

Physical distancing is also strongly encouraged where possible.

This is a recommendation, not a mandate.



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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

6th Feast of The Transfiguration



Seniors Luncheon

The McKinnon Hotel

Tuesday, 9th August

12 midday

Joan Hamilton: 9592 2498 or 0432 449 122

Sue Sharry: 0458 086 602

Rosters for Next Week

7 th Aug 19 th Sun Ord- Year C	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	Paul Dungan	Rod Watson	Richard Wakeham
Minister	Volunteer	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	Leo Cuerden	Teresa Myer

St Finbar's News Flash

Next month, on 19th August, our parish of St Finbar's Church will mark an important milestone. It was on this date in 1872, 150 years ago that the original tower church section of the present church was blessed and opened by Bishop Gould. This church was dedicated to St Finbar and not as previously to St Patrick—as the new cathedral was to be dedicated to St Patrick. Those of us who were involved in the sesquicentenary celebrations in 1998 of the original timber church/school remember the wonderful contribution that Rosemary Gleeson/West made in the form of historical researching, writing and producing "Fair...Is our Inheritance". This was a three act religious drama staged over several nights in this extended church with parishioners, teachers and students participating. In the absence of such a talented inspirational writer for this milestone, each parishioner should perhaps piously remember this date showing respect for the pioneers who preserved in these early years of Melbourne to uphold the faith we all share.

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The Human Person Course

If you are a human person, this course is for you!

The course will explore the fundamental questions each of us has about who we are, the purpose of our lives and the way to grow in freedom and happiness.

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

1:00pm – 2:00pm, Monash University - Conference room, Religious Centre & University of Melbourne - JP11 House classroom

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics

One in four people will be affected by a mental health problem at some point in their lives, yet the stigma surrounding mental illness silences many and prevents faith communities from responding compassionately and effectively.

This eight-session course –designed for use in small groups– explores the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations about these topics. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians and psychologists. The course also includes a leader's guide, participant's guide and additional educational and spiritual resources.

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

2:00pm – 3:30pm, JP11 House, 169 Grattan Street, Carlton & Monash University - Conference room, Religious Centre

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.