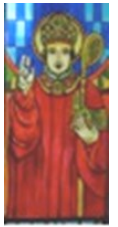




St Finbar's Catholic Parish



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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

5th November - 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.



Since Vatican II the responsibilities of leadership have been spread throughout the community. This has not happened simply because there are fewer priests and religious. It has occurred primarily because the Council itself insisted that by virtue of their baptism all Christians are called to discipleship, which includes active participation in the mission of the church. While those who are ordained continue in specialised forms of leadership, other people have stepped forward to assume their newly recognised responsibilities. Sometimes they have more influence in the church than do the ordained.

We derive the connection between pharisaical and hypocritical from Jesus' description of the Pharisees found in today's reading. His condemnation, along with the condemnation of the priests in the first reading, should be a warning to all who in any way exercise leadership. We must always be on our guard lest the trappings of leadership ensnare us and we fail in our responsibilities toward God and the community we serve.

There is a mode of leadership that reflects the very meaning of authority. This way of leadership authors life. It is characterised by the striking image of a nursing mother who both gives and sustains life. Those who exercise leadership in this way create a community where life is fostered, not stifled, where talents serve all of the members, and the talents of all of the members are invited to serve. Such a community not only nurtures its members, it is itself the author of life in the world.

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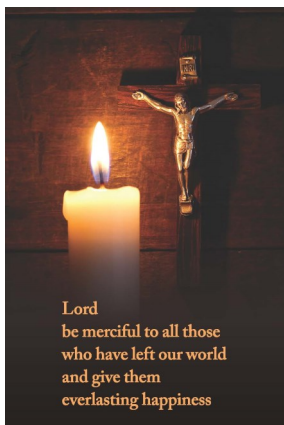
Let us pray

Sick:

Gail Northy
Mary Mc Manus
Patricia Brown

Anniversary:

Vincenzo Farinacci
Katherine Heriot
John Mulvany



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

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Christian Leadership

The Christian model of leadership often flies in the face of societal concepts of leadership. Many of the models of leadership we witness in society focus on exerting power over others. People are praised for showing 'strong' leadership when they manipulate situations, bully less powerful people and bulldoze their way through others' opinions. Whilst this model of leadership may have a certain effectiveness in the short term, there is certainly nothing 'Christian' about its operation and ultimately it forces a wedge between the leader and the led. Christian leadership focuses on empowering all parties and rather than power over others, it embraces power through and with others.





November is when we remember in our prayers those who have passed and offer masses for the repose of their souls.

NOVEMBER—Souls in Purgatory

6th St Leonard of Noblac

9th The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10th St Leo the Great

11th St Martin of Tours



SENIORS LUNCHEON—All welcome

Tuesday, 14th November, 12pm

Bentleigh RSL

538 Centre Road, Bentleigh

Joan Hamilton: 9592 2498 or 0432 449 122

Mary Holmes: 0419 592 045

Roster for Next Week

32 nd Sun of Ord - Year A 12.11.23	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	Anna Conti	John Little	Michael Heffernan
Minister	Volunteer	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	volunteer	Teresa Myer

Proclaim 2023

**16 – 18 November 2023
Catholic Leadership Centre
East Melbourne**

Over three days join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into your local community. Hear from inspiring local and international people including Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Fr Rob Galea, Kym Keady, Karen Doyle, Ron Huntley and more. Encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission!

Register: <https://proclaim.melbournecatholic.org>.

Bookings for Proclaim 2023 are via this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232>

Use the discount code: [parishmember](#) to access the special registration price for parishioners.

Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au.

Visit of His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher

Secretary for the Relations with States and International Organisations, Secretariat of State, Holy See

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne. Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy of the Archdiocese, will celebrate Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

**‘Will our Faith Have Children?’
Public lecture with Christopher White
Vatican Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter**

Join Christopher White, Vatican Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter, at the Helder Camara Public Lecture: ‘Will our Faith Have Children?’ Christopher will share reflections on the health and dynamism of global Catholicism after October 2023 Synod on Synodality.

Thursday 16 November 2023, 5.00pm–6.00pm,
Newman College, University of Melbourne, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville

Register:
<https://events.humanitix.com/melbourne-christopher-white-public-forum-will-our-faith-have-children>

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.