



St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

23rd 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.



Let us pray

Anniversary:

Simon Raines



Have you thought? Leaven

The parable of the woman placing leaven in three measures of flour is an intriguing one. In some translations, the text reads, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." Whilst you might initially hide yeast in some dough, it doesn't take very long for the yeast to become apparent as it makes the dough rise. Such a large quantity of flour suggests the bread is being prepared for a festival – perhaps Passover when only unleavened bread was used? That would put a different spin on the woman's action!

When words fail

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come.

We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

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St Vincent de Paul Society - Winter Appeal - Thank You!

Our Brighton East Conference of the Society say 'Thank you' for your wonderful support of our Winter Appeal conducted in mid-June. We have banked around \$5,800. This allows us to provide Woolworths vouchers to the people that we assist ... enabling them to buy fresh fruit and vegetables, etc ... in addition to the parcel of non-perishable food that we can supply from our pantry.

And - as you well know - it's cold at the moment. Thanks to your great generosity we have a good supply of blankets, doonas, etc - all of which are very much appreciated ... and is a great help to people trying to minimise their home-heating costs.

Thank you!

Philip McNerney

Acting President, Brighton East Conference



JULY—Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

23rd St Bridget of Sweden

24th St Christina of Bolsena

25th St James the Greater & St Christopher

26th St Anne & St Joachim

27th St Pantaleon

28th St Nazarius & St Celsus

29th St Martha



17 th Sun of Ord - Year A 30.7.23	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	school	John Little	Richard Wakeham
Minister	school	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	school	volunteer	Teresa Myer

CELEBRATION OF OUR GRANDPARENTS

On 26th July the Church celebrates the parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anne. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ.

St Finbar's Parish will be recognising this special event in gratifying our most treasured people in our lives who do so much for us, our Grandparents. Fr Ian Ranson will be blessing all Grandparents attending masses over the weekend of 29th/30th July in celebration of the Feast of St Anne and St Joachim, grandparents of Jesus which is celebrated on 26th July.



Online deposits can be made directly into the Church or Presbytery account however you must email Carmel at the office with the details as we now have a new CRM program at the Archdiocese of Melbourne and financial reporting needs to be kept updated for auditing and accounting purposes. We appreciate your cooperation.

Account Name: **St Finbar's Church No 2**
Church Account: **BSB: 083 347 Acct no. 67433 4517**
Account Name: **St Finbar's Presbytery**
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