

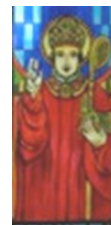


# St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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## The Ascension of the Lord- Year A

21st May 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.



### Where is the Body?

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now!

But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone.

But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills *all* creation' with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says '... the *Church which is* His Body'.

That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?'

The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do.

We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be 'The Church which *is* His Body.'

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### Let us pray

#### Baptism:

Orlando Velluto

#### Recent death:

Dorothy Davies

Jean Murphy

David Cosgriff

Fr Juliano Cavarzan

#### Anniversary:

Anne Sinclair

Matthew Villani

Pat Callea, Antonio Galtieri

Rosina Portelli, Em Underwood

Adriene O'Meara, Don Yates

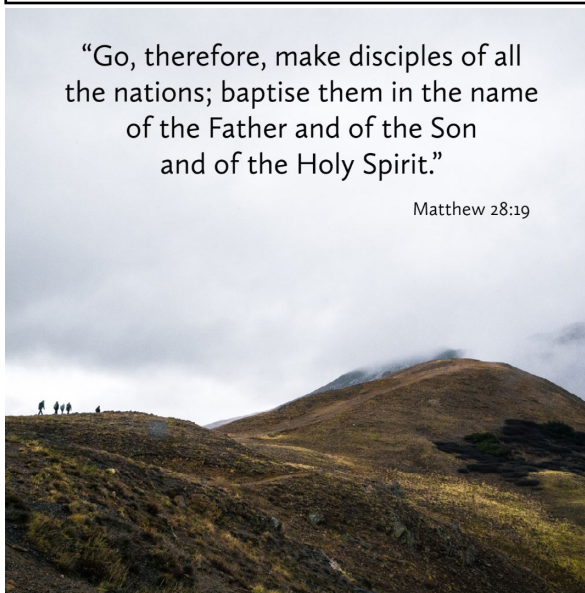
Valerie Tammesild,

Giuseppina Caia



"Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19



## MAY—Month of Mary

21st St Constantine

22nd St Rita of Cascia

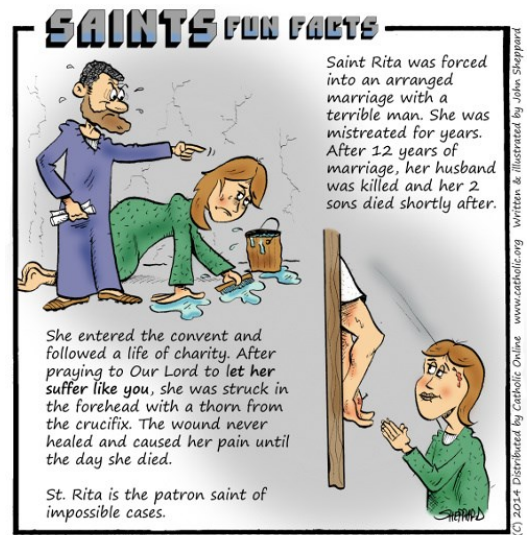
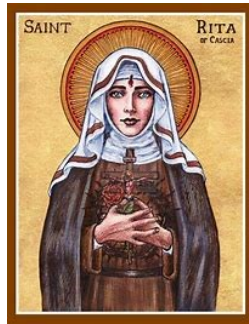
23rd Servant of God Girolamo Savonarola

24th St Amelia

25th St Bede the Venerable

26th St Philip Neri

27th St Augustine of Canterbury



Pentecost Sunday of Ord - Year A 28.5.23	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	Julie McInerney	Rod Watson	Richard Wakeham
Minister	Volunteer	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel/Benjamin	volunteer	Teresa Myer

Laughter  
is the sound  
of the soul  
DANCING

A priest, a Buddhist monk and a rabbi argue about who's the greater spiritual leader so they agree to test their abilities by attempting the impossible: who can convert a bear to their religion.

Two weeks pass, the monk and the rabbi get a call from the priest to show up at the local church. When they arrive, they see a bear sitting in the front pew, singing psalms.

"How'd you do it?" they ask.

Said the priest, "Simple. I met the bear in the woods, it roared, stood on its hind legs, but I made the sign of the cross, took out my psalm book and started to praise the Lord. He calmed down, took the book from my hand and started singing."

Two more weeks pass, and the priest and the rabbi get a call from their Buddhist friend. They show up at the temple to see a bear burning incense and meditating.

"How'd you do it?" they ask.

"Simple," said the Buddhist monk. "I met the bear in the woods, it roared, stood on its hind legs, but I lit some incense, sat down to meditate, and he calmed down and sat beside me."

Two more weeks pass, and the priest and the monk get a call from the hospital that their rabbi friend is on his deathbed. They show up, and to their horror find the poor man in horrible shape covered in bandages.

"What happened?!" they ask.

The rabbi whispers, "I should ... not ... have started ... with ... circumcision."

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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.