

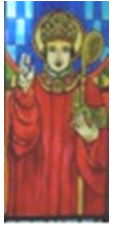


# St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

22nd October - 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.



The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

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### Let us pray

#### Sick:

Gail Northy  
Mary Mc Manus  
Valerie & Tony Tehan



#### Anniversary:

John Lawson  
Anne Stuart  
Carmel Mulvany  
John Mulvany

1<sup>st</sup> Nov All Saints Day

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov All Souls Day

**MASSES ON THESE DAYS WILL BE**

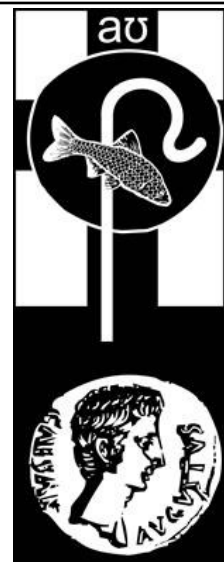
**AT**

**9.30AM & 7.00 PM**

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

### What's in a face?

The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition – grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai – forbade the use of 'graven' or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.



**DONATION EFTPOS IN OPERATION IN FOYER.  
JUST TAP SCREEN TO USE.**

**Welcome Year 2 and their families  
to our Saturday vigil mass.**

**OCTOBER—Month of the Rosary**

22nd St Mary Salome  
23rd St John of Capistrano  
24th St Anthony Mary Claret  
25th St Crispin  
26th St Evaristus  
27th St Frumentius  
28th St Simon & St Jude

**2023 World Mission Mission Day Appeal**

**22nd October**

Please take an envelope in the front foyer of the Church  
and support the missionary work of the Church  
reaching out to those in need.

**Roster for Next Week**

30 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Ord - Year A	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
29.10.23			
Lector	St Finbar's school class	John Little	Richard Wakeham
Minister	St Finbar's school class	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	St Finbar's school class	volunteer	Teresa Myer

**“LOVE ONE ANOTHER”**

**“Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them and they bless you, the giver.” Barbara De Angelis**

In a world often divided, let's unite through the power of love. Embrace one another with compassion, empathy and understanding. Love transcends boundaries, heals wounds and uplifts souls. It's a beacon of hope that can light up even the darkest of times. Together, we can create a brighter, more harmonious future. Let love be our guiding principle, for in loving one another, we discover the true essence of humanity. With open hearts and outstretched hands, let's build a world where love knows no bounds and the beauty of our shared humanity shines through, inspiring us all to be better.

**Dear God, help us to love and be kind to everyone. Let us understand and care for others, even when we are at odds with one another.**

**May our actions show our love and bring people together in peace. Amen.**

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The **ACU Centre for Liturgy** is shortly hosting two online public lectures: On **Monday 6 November 2023**, 10am AEDT via Zoom, with the topic of: “Liturgy’s Imagined Futures: Beyond Vatican II’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.” by renowned liturgical scholar **Professor Teresa Berger** (Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School) AND on **Sunday 3 December** at 5pm via TEAMS (and IN PERSON in Melbourne) with the topic of “A Liturgical Reform in Peril? Sacrosanctum Concilium sixty years on” by acclaimed liturgical historian and theologian **Rev Professor John F. Baldovin SJ** (Boston College). For more information go to [www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfl](http://www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfl) or email [CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au](mailto:CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au).

**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.