

Sunday 20th February 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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

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Let us pray



Baptism:

Mila Munoz

Anniversary:

Michael Senn,

Bernard Marron,

Rosina Penso,

Peter Vuong-Tran,

Mona Brasier

Different View

Turn the other cheek

Presenting your other cheek when someone has already struck you is usually seen as a pacifist action. However, a completely different interpretation can be made. If a man were to strike an inferior, it would be as a backhand strike – only equals fought with fists or open hands. Having been struck on one cheek with a backhand, offering the other cheek makes it impossible to again be struck with a backhand. The only option for the striker would be with an open hand – as equals fight. So, turning the other cheek can be interpreted as claiming your status as an equal.

Historical Context

In the midst of oppression

What a powerful message Jesus delivered to people who were subjugated and oppressed by an invading army. It would have been easy, and somehow 'natural', for the people of Palestine to hate the Roman occupiers and to seek revenge upon them. How confronting then for Jesus to say, 'love your enemies'! He tells the people that the way to live God's way in this situation was to be compassionate towards the oppressors; that when they rob you of your cloak to present them with your shirt as well. To do otherwise is to become like the oppressors themselves. Meeting hatred with hatred never ended hatred.



©Liturgy Help

Please refer to the following Archdiocesan guidelines and resources for the COVID-19 pandemic:

<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

FEBRUARY:
Month of the Holy Family

- 20th St Eleutherius
- 21st St Peter Damian, The Chair of St Peter
- 22nd St Margaret of Cortona
- 23rd St Polycarp
- 24th Blessed Constantius of Fabriano
- 25th St Walburga
- 26th St Nestor of Magydos



St Finbar's Parish needs Projector Operators and Lectors.

Call Carmel on 9593 2122 during office hours or

email: brightoneast@cam.org.au

All very welcome.

Rosters for Next Week

27th Feb	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
6th Sun Ord - Year C			
Lector	Volunteer	Leo Cuerden	Richard Wakeham
Eucharist Minister	Volunteer	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	Leo Cuerden	Teresa Myer

St Finbar's needs COUNTERS! - CAN YOU HELP



Fr Ian would like to recommence the weekly Sunday morning collection counting teams. Former volunteer counters are asked to contact Kevin Reed on 0419 565 520 by the end of February to confirm their availability to resume counting duties. New volunteers are also required to replace team members who are no longer available, and should also contact Kevin on the above mobile number. All counters must have or apply for a Working with Children Check (WWC) in order to volunteer/work on Church property.

Seniors luncheon



Tuesday, 8th March, Brighton Beach Hotel, 12pm

Please contact to book: Joan Hamilton: 9592 2498 or 0432 449 122

Sue Sharry: 0458 086 602



Parishioners of St James are invited by the members of the St Vincent de Paul Conference, St James to join in celebrating the 120th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Conference in a Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 6 March at St Joan of Arc Church, 11.00 am. coffee, tea and cake afterwards



Healing Mass, Tuesday, 12th April 11 am, St Finbar's Church

followed by lunch in the Marian Room

Celebrity Organ Recital by Christopher Cook

St Patrick's Cathedral is once again hosting a series of Friday night concerts, with the first concert featuring celebrated organist Christopher (Chris) Cook. Come and enjoy the beauty of St Patrick's Cathedral along with some classical music! Tickets are \$25 and can be booked online or at the door. Children under 15 are free.

Friday, March 4, 2022, 6:00pm – 7:00pm, Book tickets: 9926 5677

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.