



# St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

18th June 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 Berlingeri

### 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

#### Sick

Pope Francis

Bruno Crivelli



#### Recent Deaths

Hunter Valley bus crash victims

#### Anniversary:

Rosemary Gleeson-West

Evelyn Pollard

### Guts in a Knot

When Jesus saw the crowds 'he felt sorry for them'. The Greek original actually says 'his guts were in a knot'. When Jesus saw a desperate need he found it stomach-churning stuff.

Our bodies often tell us what we should pray for. Another good signal is tears, not only of sadness but also of joy.

Body-felt impulse and prayer go together, whether celebrating good things or confronting bad things. This is what our Lord wants and, where possible, leading to effective action... labourers in the harvest.

So, when our body gives us the signal – stomach in a knot, or tremendous joy flooding into our lives – follow the body's signals. Pray for the person or the situation concerned. You can be sure that your prayer will be authentic.

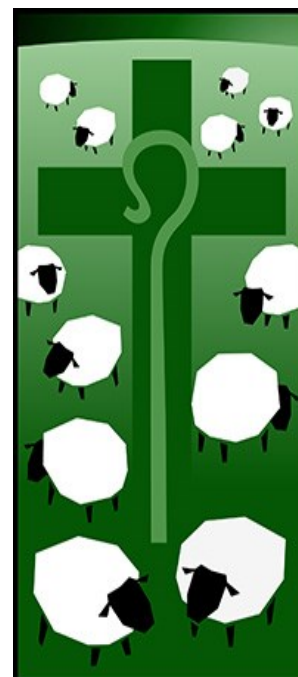
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## Have you thought?

### The labourers are few

This passage is often used as the basis for sermons, conversations or even marketing about vocations – vocations to religious life as well as lay vocations. The image of a rich harvest with not enough labourers to reap the harvest is a powerful one. In the Western world in particular today it is very true of priestly and religious vocations. However, it is equally true of lay vocations. Too few people are prepared to 'own' their faith and live the message of the gospel in their day to day work and interactions with others. In what way are you a labourer in the harvest?



## JUNE—Month of the Sacred Heart

18th St Gregory Barbarigo

19th St Romuald

20th St Lucan

21st St Aloysius Gonzaga

22nd St Thomas More

23rd St Joseph Cafasso

24th The Birthday of St John the Baptist



**Bless the work we do,  
the words we say,  
the love we share  
and the grace we show,  
on our daily walk  
through this beautiful  
and precious world.**

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12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord Time- Year A 25.6.23	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
<b>Lector</b>	Julie McInerney	Rod Watson	Richard Wakeham
<b>Minister</b>	Volunteer	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
<b>Audio Visual Operator</b>	Carmel/Benjamin	volunteer	Teresa Myer

**Thank you!** for your support of our **St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal** last weekend. Some \$2,800 has been banked to date ... which will give assistance to those in need in our local area. Thank you!

If you were away for the long weekend and wish to donate ... there are appeal envelopes in the foyer, or you can donate online at:

<https://my.fundraiseforvinniesvic.org.au/vinnies-winter-appeal-2023/brighton-east-conference>. Scan the QR code on the posters in the foyer. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Thank you also for the many donated blankets ... these are greatly appreciated ... and help people on a budget to minimise their home heating costs.

Further donations of **blankets, doonas, sleeping bags, etc.** ... and **non-perishable foods** can be placed in the box in the foyer.



"The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few."

Matthew 9:37

WE NEED EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEE CARMEL OR FR IAN AFTER MASS AND TELL THEM THAT YOU WISH TO BECOME A MINISTER.

THE CURRENT MINISTERS, READERS, A/V OPERATORS ARE IN NEED OF RELIEF OPTIONS. THIS IS WHERE YOU CAN HELP. THERE IS NO NEED FOR A SET COMMITMENT. EVEN JUST THE OCCASIONAL FILL IN WHEN ASKED WHERE POSSIBLE. YOUR HELP IS MUCH APPRECIATED.

## LIVING gospel

### Apostles, not disciples

There is a lovely distinction in this gospel passage between disciples and apostles. Jesus calls his twelve disciples, commissions them and sends them out to continue his work. From then on, they are referred to as 'apostles'. Disciples are followers, but apostles have been sent out. In our own lives we are called to accept the challenge of being apostles, not disciples. For we are not just followers, we have been sent out by Jesus to continue his work. To be a disciple is just the first step. Disciples follow a path; apostles take the initiative and forge their own path.

### 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.