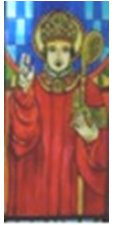




# St Finbar's Catholic Parish



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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

3rd December—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.



### Timely Living and the End of History

Our Lord portrays himself as the Master who goes away on a journey. It is certain that he will return, even if no-one in his household knows exactly when. That is our situation. What do we do in anticipation?

Our Lord, the Master, indicates we have a choice. We can close our eyes and enter into the world of dreams where we create our own fantasy futures, or we can stay awake and alert to do what Our Lord wants us to do: 'He left his servants in charge, giving to each his work.'

You and me – his servants – have a particular role or work in and for this phase of human history. A deep down intuition, prompted by the Holy Spirit, indicates what this is. We must be true to this assignment.

We could take a moment to pray that, when the Lord returns, we may hear: 'Come, good and faithful servant, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.'

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### Let us pray

*For peace in our World.*

### Recent death:

*Host Oelsner*

### Anniversary:

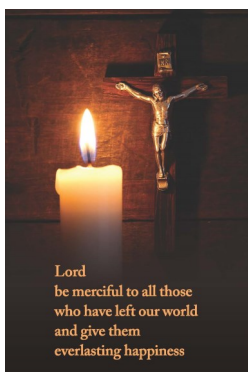
*Keith Rogers*

*June Flood*

*Joan Bloink*

*Nellie O'Connor*

*Heather O'Brien*



Lord  
be merciful to all those  
who have left our world  
and give them  
everlasting happiness



## Have you thought?

### Beginning Advent

The season of Advent begins this week and continues through the four Sundays of Advent and ends at Christmas Eve. The first week of Advent focuses on the return of the Lord and the following weeks focus more specifically on the anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Rather than simply commemorating an historical event, Advent is a time of preparing our hearts to 'receive' Jesus into the world each year. Advent is traditionally marked by the colour of violet – the same colour as used in Lent. In recent years, some parishes have moved to a more blue/mauve colour for Advent to try to distinguish it from the season of Lent.



## DECEMBER—Month of Divine Infancy

4th St John Damascene

5th St Dalmatius of Pavia

6th St Nicholas

7th St Ambrose

8th Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9th St Juan Diego

### Roster for Next Week

## St Finbar's Church Garden Pre-Christmas Tidy-Up

### Gardening Working Bee

Contact: Veronique 0408 360 444

Working With Childrens Check is essential. It is free for volunteers.

If you do not have one yet, go to this website : [Working with Children Check \(service.vic.gov.au\)](http://WorkingwithChildrenCheck(service.vic.gov.au)) otherwise

Veronique is happy to assist with your application.



2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent-Year B 10.12.23	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	Anna Conti	John Little	Michael Heffernan
Minister	Volunteer	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	volunteer	Teresa Myer

### Christmas Giving Tree for the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project.

Many of the tags have been taken and the hampers are starting to come in. Thank you!

Please bring your hampers in **THIS WEEKEND**. We will deliver them to BASP on **Monday (4th Dec)** ... which gives the Brigidines' volunteers time to distribute them before the end-of-year rush.

Your gifts are very much appreciated ... Thank you!

HELP WANTED: To help move hampers on delivery day ... call Philip 0423 109-506

### Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars.

Sadly, we've lost the habit of writing letters to people! **St Vincent de Paul Society** are selling Christmas cards & the Columban calendars after Masses this weekend & through December. Calendars \$10. Christmas cards: 5-packs \$5 and 10-packs \$10

### Advent Reflection 2023

Starting Thursday 7th Dec,  
10.00 am.

Where: Marian Room Material  
will be provided.

Come along and prepare for this  
wonderful time in welcoming the  
Birth of Our Lord Jesus.



### Ecumenical Advent Study

A look at the wonder of the Christmas Story in the gospels of Matthew and Luke.

- St Stephens Anglican Church 111 North Rd, Brighton. Enquiries: 0435 767 867
- Leader: David Noble
- No cost bible study
- 7pm Tuesdays: 5th, 12th & 19th December

### 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.