



St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

25th 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.



House-tops and Sparrows

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, *our* moment of death.

Now, that *would* be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?

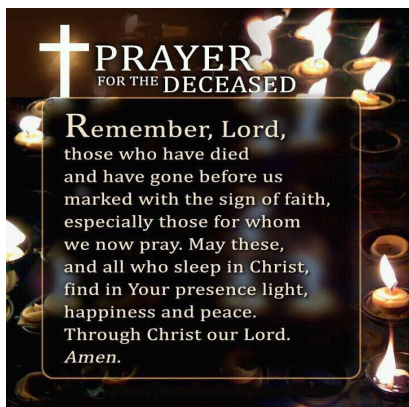
So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

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Let us pray

Anniversary:

Melanie Hunt
Marge Bevan
Giovanni Caiazza
Diane Mackay
Geraldine Parsonage
Judith Nowak
Fr Paul Dalton



LIVING gospel

From the house-tops

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief. No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops. They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.



JUNE—Month of the Sacred Heart

25th St Prosper of Reggio

26th St Vigilus

27th St Cyril of Alexandria

28th St Irenaeus of Lyons

29th St Peter the Apostle

29th St Paul the Apostle

30th The Martyrs of Rome under Nero



When people are serving, life is no longer meaningless.

John Gardmer



13 th Sun of Ord- Year A 2.7.23	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	Paul Dungan	Rod Watson	Richard Wakeham
Minister	Clare Sabatino	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	TBA	volunteer	Teresa Myer

Celebrity organ recital featuring Roger Sayer, St Patrick's Cathedral

Friday, July 14, 2023

6:00pm – 7:00pm

This exciting program includes works by Bach, Boëllmann and Jongen, plus Sayer's arrangement of the *Interstellar Suite* for organ.

Sayer is at the forefront of British choral and organ music, known also for his performance as organ soloist for Hans Zimmer's Oscar-nominated score for the motion picture *Interstellar*.

Tickets: \$30 full, \$25 concession, free for those aged 15 years and under.

Tickets can be purchased in advance, or simply pay by cash or card at the door.

For all enquiries, email music@cam.org.au 9926 5760

ACCOMODATION NEEDED

BOARDING AND LODGING ACCOMODATION NEEDED FOR 23 YEAR OLD JAPANESE STUDENT FOR 5 WEEKS COMMENCING 5TH AUGUST. PLEASE CONTACT 0413 984 460 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

For those parishioners who help assist in the Parish through various ministries whether it be reading, Eucharist, money collection, singing, cleaning, etc, please ensure your WWC card is up to date. If it has been renewed please advise the Parish Office of your new details.

[Working with Children Check | Victorian Government](https://www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check)
(www.vic.gov.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.