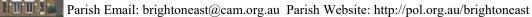


# St Finbar's Catholic Parish

86 Centre Rd, Brighton East, VIC, 3187

Presbytery/Office: 9593 2122 School: 9592 4479





# Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

23rd August - 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.



## Let us pray

Sick:

Patrica Brown

#### Anniversary:

Marie Hughes Assunta Liburti Peter Aloi Sebastiana Molino Concetta Perla James Cowling



#### What's in a Name?

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build my church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus). Notice that Jesus only makes promises about 'my church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of

Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter responding to our Risen Lord's command to St Francis of Assisi, 'Rebuild my church'.

Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.

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On many occasions in the Bible a character is given, or takes on, a new name when they take on a new role or move to a new level in their faith and relationship with God. Abram became Abraham; Sarai became Sarah; Jacob became Israel; and Saul became Paul. In all of these circumstances the person took on a new name to reflect their new relationship with God. This tradition has continued right to this day. Men and women entering religious life have traditionally taken on a new name to indicate the new life they are entering. When Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger became pope he took on the name Benedict to indicate the new role and the new life he was beginning.





## **AUGUST—Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

28th St Augustine

29th The Passion of St John the Baptism

31st St Abundius of Como

## **SEPTEMBER—Our Lady of Sorrows**

1st Sept St Giles

2nd Sept St Elpidius

# Thanksgiving envelopes



If you are away and not able to hand in your envelope, do not concern yourself about submitting the individual envelopes when you attend mass. You can dispose of the old envelopes and hand over the most recent one. Thank you for your generostity and patience.

22 <sup>nd</sup> Sun in Ord - Year A	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
3.9.23			
Lector	Paul Dungan	Rod Watson	Richard Wakeham
Minister	Clare Sabatino	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	John Sabatino	volunteer	Teresa Myer

# **IMPORTANT ST FINBAR'S PARISH CONSULTATIONS**

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has invited our parish to participate in a process of consultation and discernment regarding the future configuration of our region of the Archdiocese. A consultation session will be hosted in our parish hall (Father Lou Heriot Hall) on Thursday 31st August, from 7.00pm—9.00pm. Subsequent sessions may follow however you will be advised accordingly in the mass bulletin. Please consider attending this session so that the needs and hopes of our parishioners can be heard, and subsequently inform future decision making, not only at the local level, but also at the Archdiocesan level.

I hope as many parishioners as possible will participate in this consultation process, so I strongly encourage you to come along.

Please continue to pray for our parish of Brighton East.

Please book at www.trybooking.com/CKPNG or scan the QR code.

Fr Ian Ranson



Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga

Women's Retreat - 9th September

St Roch's Parish, Glen Iris, 9am—12.15pm,

198-200 Burke Rd, Glen Iris

Guest speaker: Sr Mary Sarah OP

Theme: The Pilgrim's Path: Finding Happiness through the

Beatitudes.

Morning tea provided.

Registration: www.trybooking.com/CJXPT OR

Contact cwlvicww@gmail.com

Senior Luncheon

Tuesday, 12th September, 12pm

Bentleigh RSL 538 Centre Road, Bentleigh

Everyone is welcome.

Joan Hamilton: 9592 2498 or 0432 449 122 Mary Holmes: 0419 592 045