



SAINT FIACRE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Parish

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) ~ SUNDAY, 19 JULY 2020

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BE A GOOD SEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

Warm Greetings

Hi everyone, welcome to St Fiacre's Parish! We hope that our parish could become your "second home," a place where you can feel joy, peace, and love. Together with my Capuchin brothers (Fr John Cooper, Fr Gerard O'Dempsey, Fr Gregory Rowles, and Fr Benjamin Johnson), we are glad to serve you. We strive to give our best amid today's complex and changing situations. Therefore, if you need spiritual directions in this challenging time, please contact us.

Today's Gospel invites us all to sow good seeds in our community. Let us become good wheat, not a poisonous weed (darnel). One of the most effective ways to do that is to bring joy wherever we are. No matter what happens, as good Catholics, we are called to be proclaimers of joy and an extension of God's hands to those in most need. We can apply the message of the Gospel today in the form of service as a volunteer in the church. Besides, we can offer our assistance to homeless people and those who are marginalised in our society.

Directives for Parishioners

We are glad as our parish has opened its doors wider for all people. Thus, there is excitement in being together again and reconnecting

with more parish friends. Nevertheless, we cannot be complacent because this pandemic is still far from over. Complying with the NSW Government Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, our churches have been adhering to the four-square-meters rule. As a result, St Fiacre's church can accommodate a maximum of **100** worshippers, and St Francis church can accommodate a maximum of **25** worshippers.

If you feel fever, cough, and shortness of breath, please stay home, and contact your doctor. However, if you are at low risk of infection and able to attend Holy Mass, then you are urged to take all reasonable steps to join other parishioners in the church. When you enter the church, please use a hand sanitiser, measure your body temperature, fill in the registration form on the left and right side of the church entrance, and maintain physical distancing from each other by sitting only on a bench written: "SIT HERE." **If you have a personal mask, please use it while in the church.** You do not need to feel awkward or embarrassed; we are living in an extraordinary situation, COVID-19 pandemic.

Finally, let us sincerely pray that the situation in the world will improve from day to day, so that we can celebrate our lives again with peaceful hearts. – **Fr Pionius Hendi, OFMCap.**

MASS TIME AND CONFESSION

- ❖ **DAILY MASS:** Monday-Saturday, 7.00 am
- ❖ **SUNDAY MASS:**
 - Vigil Mass (Saturday afternoon), 5.30 pm
 - English Mass, 8.00 am (*at St Francis' church, Lilyfield*)
 - English Mass, 9.30 am
 - Italian Mass, 11.00 am
 - Adoration & Mass for Young Adults, 4.00 pm
- ❖ **CONFESSION:** Every Saturday, 4.45 pm
(*or by appointment. Please contact parish office.*)

CLEANING DONATIONS

If you are able to donate any cleaning supplies to help us sanitise our church, (especially **anti-bacterial wipes**) please drop them at the sacristy after our daily Masses, or at the Parish Office during office hours. Many thanks for your donations.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our parish needs two volunteers to help with pastoral care for parishioners who unable to attend the Mass at church on Sunday because of age or illness. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Parish Office.

MASS ON SUNDAY

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First reading

Wis 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second reading

Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables

and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Communion Antiphon *Ps 110:4-5*

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH ONLINE

Saint Fiacre's Parish and the Capuchin Friars extend their gratitude to all parishioners and friends who are helping during these difficult times! Donations can be made by EFT to:

➤ Account Name: **St Fiacre's Catholic Church**

➤ BSB: **062 784**

➤ Account No: **0457 5001**

❖ If you require a **30% tax deduction**, please write your **Envelope Number** in the reference box.

❖ Tax deduction is only available to those givers who are enrolled to the Second Collection at St Fiacre's.

❖ If you wish to join the program, please contact the Parish office at **02 9518 0650** or fiacre@capuchinfriars.org.au

PSALM RESPONSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 20 July: To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

Tuesday 21 July: Lord, show us your mercy and love.

Wednesday 22 July: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thursday 23 July: You are the source of life, O Lord.

Friday 24 July: The Lord will guard us, like a shepherd guarding his flock.

Saturday 25 July: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading: 1Kings 3:5, 7-12

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44:52

Gospel Reflection

Scriptural context - Matthew's explanation

In the gospel passage, following the presentation of the three parables, Jesus explains the parable of the wheat and darnel to his disciples. It is explained in terms of a final judgment. (Compare it with Matthew 25: 31-46.) The parable of the weeds, or darnel, and its explanation only appear in the gospel of Matthew – although the parable does occur in the non-canonical gospel of Thomas. The interpretation belongs to Matthew more than it belongs to Jesus. It is an unapologetic direction to his community that living a righteous life in the midst of wickedness will be rewarded.

Have you thought? - Leaven

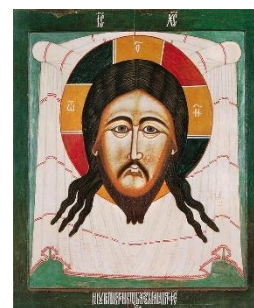
The parable of the woman placing leaven in three measures of flour is an intriguing one. In some translations, the text reads, 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.' Whilst you might initially hide yeast in some dough, it doesn't take very long for the yeast to become apparent as it makes the dough rise. Such a large quantity of flour suggests the bread is being prepared for a festival – perhaps Passover when only unleavened bread was used? That would put a different spin on the woman's action!

Living the Gospel: Agents of Change

We often hear that to fully live out the kingdom message of Jesus is to be counter-cultural. These parables are a perfect example of that call. Jesus himself acted in contrast to

his cultural context and often used examples in his teaching that flew in the face of cultural expectation. What does it mean to be counter-cultural today? Our world is driven by an emphasis on the individual; an emphasis on acquisition; an emphasis on consuming. The kingdom parables of today's gospel call us to be the agents of change that 'irritate' in our own small way to make a difference in the world. – *Fr Greg Sunter*.

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From the Archdiocese

'Pastor Bonus' Dinner with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP A series of evenings for young men, 18-35 years, to discuss topics of Faith, Youth and Vocation Discernment. The evening promises to be an excellent opportunity of sharing and inspiration with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

Date: **Tuesday, 4 August 2020** Where: **Cathedral House** Registration: **FREE *Registration is essential**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeA-2QohstFRPBUiyP1L4dY3X-3KZjWoq-L2wBLl7oTavZqjw/viewform>

ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program is flexible, allowing you to participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world.

Cost: FREE **Registration:** Available from Monday 29th June **Go to:** www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney. Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Safeguarding Induction Training.

Volunteers and staff who wish to complete the **Online Induction Training** will need to register by following this link

<https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>

For **Youth Ministry** follow this link <https://goo.gl/forms/fJXk6yIsLZQzDdYu2>

XVI DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

**Non basta essere chiamati cristiani,
ma bisogna esserlo davvero.**

Dalla «Lettera ai cristiani di Magnesia» di sant'Ignazio di Antiochia

-Ignazio, detto anche Teoforo, alla chiesa benedetta dalla grazia di Dio Padre, in Cristo Gesù nostro Salvatore: in lui saluto questa chiesa che è a Magnesia sul Meandro e le auguro di godere ogni bene in Dio Padre e in Gesù Cristo.

Ho appreso che la vostra carità è perfettamente ordinata secondo Dio. Ne ho provato grande gioia e ho deciso di rivolgere a voi la parola nella fede di Gesù Cristo. Insignito di un'altissima onorificenza, cioè delle catene che porto ovunque con me, canto le lodi delle chiese e auguro loro l'unione con la carne e lo spirito di Gesù Cristo, nostra vita eterna, nella fede e nella carità, più desiderabile e preziosa d'ogni bene. Auspicio per loro soprattutto l'unione con Gesù e il Padre. In lui resisteremo a ogni assalto del principe di questo mondo, sfuggiremo dalle sue mani e giungeremo a Dio.

Ho avuto la grazia di vedervi nella persona del vostro vescovo Damas, uomo veramente degno di Dio, dei santi presbiteri Basso e Apollonio e del diacono Sozione, mio compagno nel servizio del Signore. Possa io trarre profitto dalla presenza di Sozione, perché è sottomesso al vescovo come alla grazia di Dio e al collegio dei presbiteri come alla legge di Gesù Cristo.

Non dovete approfittare della giovane età del vescovo, ma avere per lui ogni rispetto, considerando l'autorità che gli è stata conferita da Dio Padre. So che fanno così anche i venerandi presbiteri, che non abusano della sua evidente età giovanile, ma, da uomini prudenti in Dio, gli stanno soggetti vedendo in lui non la sua persona, ma il Padre di Gesù Cristo, vescovo di tutti. Ad onore di colui che ci ama conviene ubbidire senza ombra di finzione perché altrimenti non si inganna questo vescovo visibile, ma si cerca di ingannare quello invisibile. Qui non si tratta di cose che riguardano la carne, ma Dio, che conosce i segreti dei cuori.

Non basta essere chiamati cristiani, ma bisogna esserlo davvero. Ci sono alcuni che hanno sì il nome del vescovo sulle labbra, ma poi fanno tutto senza di lui. Mi pare che costoro non agiscano con retta coscienza, perché le loro riunioni non sono legittime, secondo il comando del Signore.

Tutte le cose hanno fine, e due termini ci stanno davanti la vita e la morte. Ciascuno andrà al posto che gli spetta. Vi sono, per così dire, due monete, quella di Dio e quella del mondo, e ciascuna porta impresso il proprio contrassegno. I non credenti hanno l'impronta di questo mondo, ma i fedeli che sono nella carità portano impressa l'immagine di Dio Padre per mezzo di Gesù Cristo. Se noi, con la grazia sua, non siamo pronti a morire per partecipare alla sua passione, la sua vita non è in noi.

<https://www.maranatha.it>

**Friar's Van Winter Appeal:**

The Friar's Van needs blanket and raincoat donations. During these colder months, living rough on the streets is harder than ever, especially trying to keep warm and dry. The items need to be light and easy to carry. For example, the rolled fleece blankets you see at supermarkets or discount stores like Target/K-mart/Big W/Dollar King etc are perfect. The raincoats could also be rain ponchos or the ones that roll up to a small pouch. As always, you can donate the individually wrapped chocolates to the Friar's Van. (Note: Mars Bars, Snickers and Bountys are the most popular!!!) You can leave your donations at the Parish office or in the tubs at the back of the Church.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY

**For all the souls of our Parishioners
who have passed away.**

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.

Amen.

Second Collection Envelopes

Dear donors, many thanks for
your kind and generous
donations.

To help our counters and to
ensure that mistakes are not
made, please write the
amount of your donation at
the front of your envelopes.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

AN INVITATION TO JOIN OUR
PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

*"Give, and it will be given to you.
Good measure, pressed down,
shaken together, running over,
will be put into your lap. For with
the measure you use it will be
measured back to you." Luke 6:38*

We thank most sincerely all Parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving Program. Your ongoing commitment and contribution assists the responsible budgeting for the operating expenses of the Parish (*wages, rates, electricity, building maintenance*) as well as pastoral planning for Parish growth (*faith education, sacramental preparation, resources*).

At the same time we invite those who are not part of our Planned Giving Program to consider supporting your Parish in this way.

**TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR**

2020-21 IS 30%

If you, or someone you know, would like to join the Planned Giving Programme please contact the Parish Office to register your interest and receive a set of envelopes.

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