



SAINT FIACRE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Parish

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WELCOME TO SAINT FIACRE'S PARISH

God Feeds His People

Jesus nourishes us. In a world that is fraught with meaninglessness, he offers purpose; to a world that is stumbling in darkness and confusion, he provides direction. He satisfies the hungry heart; he enlivens the drooping spirit. Those who follow Jesus will never be left to languish in the desert. If we but open our eyes, we will be amazed at the bountifulness of the nourishment that is provided for us. We will discover that God is magnanimous, even prodigal in giving, that God's generosity exceeds all of our expectations and also our understanding.

Furthermore, we are nourished by God through the ministry of each other, through the simple things of life, (distributing bread and gathering up the fragments): visiting the sick and consoling the grieving; caring for a child and giving aid to an elder; bagging groceries and directing a choir. If we but open our eyes, we will be astounded at how ordinary actions can satisfy our hunger and the hunger of others.

Most amazing of all is that this nourishment is given freely; there was no thought of requiring payment. God simply invites: Come! All we have to do is reach out our hands to receive and we will never be sent away to find

nourishment for ourselves. We will discover that a bond is established that endures. Jesus is filled with compassion, a compassion that is not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring attitude. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. – *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Thanks for Your Cooperation

Thank you very much for your prayers, cooperation, and supports for our Parish. The world we live in is indeed facing a COVID-19 pandemic. However, I believe that if we take care and help each other, we will be able to get through these difficult times together with full of faith, hope, and love.

Together with Saint Paul, we could say: "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." (Rom 8:35, 37).

Let us follow all the procedures so that we can avoid this pandemic: stay at home if you feel sick, use hand sanitizer and personal mask, measure your body temperature (be aware: above 38 degrees), maintain your physical distancing (4 square metres), and avoid to sing in the pew. – *Fr Pionius*

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

Many thanks to benefactors who have given their supports to the Parish. We have also received anti-bacterial wipes, hand sanitizers, and some equipment for church cleaning. However, the Parish still need your supports. If you want to join, please drop the items at the sacristy after our Daily Masses, or at the Parish Office during office hours. Many thanks for your supports. God bless you!

MASS ON SUNDAY

Entrance Antiphon *Ps 69:2,6*

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First reading *Is 55:1-3*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favors promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) **The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.**

Second reading *Rom 8:35. 37-39*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.



They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Communion Antiphon *Wis 16:20*

You have given us, O Lord,

bread from heaven,

endowed with all delights and

sweetness in every taste.

PSALM RESPONSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 3 August: Teach me your laws, O Lord.

Tuesday 4 August: The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.

Wednesday 5 August: The Lord will guard us, like a shepherd guarding his flock.

Thursday 6 August: The Lord is King, the Most High over all the earth.

Friday 7 August: It is I who deal with death and give life.

Saturday 8 August: My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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@capuchinfrriors.org.au

Gospel Reflection

by Fr Michael Tate

Note the disciples' reaction to the plight of the hungry crowd: 'Send the people away so that they can buy.' The disciples have gone for the fix which puts no responsibility on them. They are willing to entrust the hungry crowd to market forces. Those with money can eat: those without, can't. For the disciples, money and commerce are the answers to hunger.

Jesus rejects that solution. 'There is no need for them to go; give them something to eat

yourselves.' The solution to the hunger of that crowd was to give generously what little the disciples had. What they could have kept for themselves was to become gift. Once the disciples were in Jesus' frame of mind, the hunger of the crowd was satisfied. How did this come about? The answer lay in human cooperation with the impulse of Divine generosity which knows no limits. The story simply says that Jesus blessed and broke the loaves 'and handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowd.' Jesus depended on the disciples to obey him: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'.

Jesus still looks with gut-wrenching compassion on those who are hungry in our

own society and throughout the world. If we answer that market forces will suffice, Jesus will reject our answer as decisively as he rejected the answer of his earliest disciples. We have to take responsibility to share what we have, to be generous with what we have. After all, Jesus, Our Lord and Master, commands us: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'. Note how Jesus blessed those loaves and broke them before they were distributed, which reminds us of the words of Pedro Arrupe, former General of the Jesuits, 'Eucharist will never be complete so long as people still go hungry in the world.'

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From the Archdiocese

LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK: WWW.STMARYSCATHEDRAL.ORG.AU
OR [YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#)

Catholic Weekly available again in parishes

With all churches reopened for Mass across the Archdiocese of Sydney, the hard copy edition of the Catholic Weekly is available again in parishes this weekend for \$2.00 In this week's edition:

- [New Ambassador to the Vatican](#)
- [Bishop drought ends in Wagga Wagga](#)
- [Bethlehem College Ashfield students design jerseys for Bulldogs' Indigenous Round](#)

Collect your Catholic Weekly as you leave Mass today and support our Archdiocesan newspaper.

Jesuit Refugee Service appeal

During COVID-19 many refugees and people seeking asylum living in Sydney need help to prevent them from becoming homeless or destitute. For many of these men women and children the Jesuit Refugee Service is their only safety net. To donate to the Jesuit Refugee Service Emergency Cash Appeal please call (02) 9356 3888 or email jrsreception@jrs.org.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>

XVIII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

**La speranza della vita
è il principio e il termine della nostra fede.**

Dalla «Lettera», detta di Barnaba



Salute a voi nella pace, figli e figlie, nel nome del Signore che ci ha amato. Grandi e copiosi sono i favori che Dio vi ha concesso. Per questo molto mi rallegro sapendo quanto le vostre anime siano belle e liete per la grazia e i doni spirituali che hanno ricevuto. Ma ancora maggiore è la mia gioia sentendo nascere in me una viva speranza di salvezza nel vedere con quanta generosità la sorgente divina abbia effuso su di voi il suo Spirito. Davvero splendido lo spettacolo che avete offerto alla mia vista! Persuaso di essermi avvantaggiato, molto nella via santa del Signore parlando con voi, mi sento spinto ad amarvi più della mia stessa vita, anche perché vedo in voi grande fede e carità per la speranza della vita divina. Per l'amore che vi porto voglio mettervi a parte di quanto ho avuto, sicuro di ricevere beneficio dal servizio che vi rendo. Vi scrivo dunque alcune cose perché la vostra fede arrivi ad essere conoscenza perfetta. Tre sono le grandi realtà rivelate dal Signore: la speranza della vita, inizio e fine della nostra fede; la salvezza, inizio e fine del piano di Dio; il suo desiderio di farci felici, pegno e promessa di tutti i suoi interventi salvifici.

Il Signore ci ha fatto capire, per mezzo dei profeti, le cose passate e presenti, e ci ha messo in grado di gustare le primizie delle cose future. E poiché vediamo ciascuna di esse realizzarsi proprio come ha detto, dobbiamo procedere sempre più sulla via del santo timore di Dio. Per parte mia vi voglio indicare alcune cose che giovino al vostro bene già al presente. Vi parlo però non come maestro, ma come fratello. I tempi sono cattivi e spadroneggia il Maligno con la sua attività diabolica. Badiamo perciò a noi stessi e ricerchiamo accuratamente i voleri del Signore. Timore e pazienza devono essere il sostegno della nostra fede, longanimità e continenza le nostre alleate nella lotta. Se praticheremo queste virtù e ci comporteremo come si conviene dinanzi al Signore, avremo la sapienza, l'intelletto, la scienza e la conoscenza. Queste sono le cose che Dio vuole da noi. Il Signore infatti ci ha insegnato per mezzo di tutti i profeti che egli non ha bisogno di sacrifici, né di olocausti, né di offerte. Che m'importa, dice, dei vostri sacrifici senza numero? Sono sazio degli olocausti di montoni e del grasso di giovenchi; il sangue di tori e di agnelli e di capri io non lo gradisco. Non presentatevi nemmeno davanti a me per essere visti. Infatti chi ha mai richiesto tali cose dalle vostre mani? Non osate più calpestare i miei atri. Se mi offrirete fior di farina, sarà vano; l'incenso è un abominio per me. I vostri noviluni e i vostri sabati non li posso sopportare (cfr. Is 1, 11-13). <https://www.maranatha.it>

THIS WEEK WE PRAY

Sun 8.00am Ruth Maher

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.

CONGRATULATION TO BAPTISM

Congratulation to

MADDISON LLOYD

who has received the Baptism last
Sunday at St Fiacre's Church.

May God bless you!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS
ARE POSTPONED

After evaluating the development of the situation lately, the Parish decides to postpone the Sacramental Programs this year. We understand how difficult it is for all of us to deal with this uncertain condition. Nevertheless, the Parish will provide an update when the situation gets better in the future.

Let's BE COVIDSAFE together
Download the App

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app>

**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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