



SAINT FIACRE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Parish

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OFFICE HOUR:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
(8.00 am - 13.00 pm)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) ~ SUNDAY, 26 JULY 2020

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WELCOME TO SAINT FIACRE'S PARISH

Let us serve the Lord!

Hi everyone! I believe that you and your family are in good health and filled with joy. We should be grateful because in the midst of the uncertainty of the world today, there is still one thing that is certain: that God will never leave His people to walk alone. He is the Emmanuel – God is with us – both in the history of the Israelites during the Old Testament, now amid the pandemic situation, and he will be with us forever. He is the hidden treasure in a field or the most beautiful pearl in our lives. Therefore, let us serve him as best as we can while we are living in this world.

Protocols and Guidelines

Because we are currently dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, I have never been reluctant to remind you of how important it is for our Parish to follow all protocols and guidelines set by the NSW government (Ministry of Health) and the Archdiocese of Sydney:

- ➔ If you feel fever, dry cough, and shortness of breath, please stay at home.
- ➔ When you enter the church, please use a hand sanitiser that has been provided.
- ➔ Measure your body temperature: anyone with a temperature above 38 degrees,

please consider leaving the church and seek medical testing immediately. Please be nice to our staff as they are only doing their job.

- ➔ If you have your personal mask (the new one), I encourage you to wear it while in the church.
- ➔ Fill in the registration form on the left and right side of the church entrance.
- ➔ Maintain the physical distancing from each other by sitting only on a bench written: "SIT HERE." Therefore, the maximum capacity for St Fiacre's and St Francis' church, respectively, are 100 and 25 worshippers at a time. These numbers apply to all activities in the church.
- ➔ During Mass, congregational singing is not permitted. However, small cantor groups are allowed provided they stay well apart and many metres away from the congregation, and at least 1.5m apart from each other. They will sing on the left side of the altar (next to keyboard or the Ambo). No PowerPoint/projector will be provided for the songs.
- ➔ Please try not to mingle before, during or after the Mass. Please mind your safety and others. - **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.

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.

MASS ON SUNDAY

Entrance Antiphon *Ps 67:6-7,36*

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First reading *1 Kgs 3:5-7-12*

A reading from the book of Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

Second reading *Romans 8:28-30*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.



He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Communion Antiphon *Ps 102:2*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

PSALM RESPONSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 27 July: You have forgotten God, who gave you birth.

Tuesday 28 July: For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.

Wednesday 29 July: God is my refuge on the day of distress.

Thursday 30 July Blest are they whose help is the God of Jacob.

Friday 31 July: Lord, in your great love answer me.

Saturday 1 August: Lord, in your great love answer me.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading: Is 55:1-3

2nd Reading: Romans 8:35. 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 4:4

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@capuchinfrs.org.au

Gospel Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this

period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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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>

Vinnies is proud to announce the launch of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6, who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/MVFPinfo>

This is the link to the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools July 2020 Newsletter**:

<https://bit.ly/VinniesMetroSchoolsNewsletter2020Term3>

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>

Do you need some parenting help?

Parenting can be stressful at times. Parent Line counsellors can help with strategies to manage these concerns. Call us 7 days a week on **1300 1300 52**.

Call Parent Line to find out more

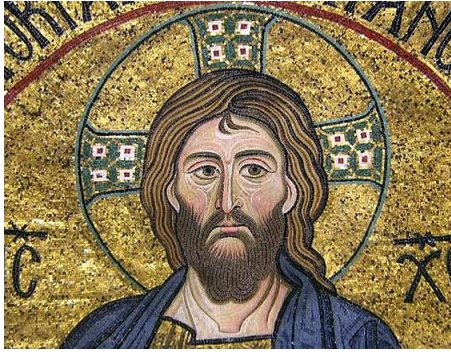
Parent Line NSW
1300 1300 52
Parentline.org.au

✉ info@parentline.org.au

🕒 9am – 9am weekdays
4pm – 9pm weekends

XVII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO**Li conoscerete dai loro frutti.**

Dai «Discorsi» di san Giovanni Damasceno, vescovo



Poiché doveva avvenire che la Vergine Madre di Dio nascesse da Anna, la natura non osò precedere il germe della grazia; ma rimase senza il proprio frutto perché la grazia producesse il suo. Doveva nascere infatti quella primogenita dalla quale sarebbe nato il primogenito di ogni creatura «nel quale tutte le cose sussistono» (Col 1, 17). O felice coppia, Gioacchino ed Anna! A voi è debitrice ogni creatura, perché per voi la creatura ha offerto al Creatore il dono più gradito, ossia quella casta madre, che sola era degna del creatore.

Rallégrati Anna, «sterile che non hai partorito, prorompi in grida di giubilo e di gioia, tu che non hai provato i dolori» (Is 54, 1). Esulta, o Gioacchino, poiché dalla tua figlia è nato per noi un bimbo, ci è stato dato un figlio, e il suo nome sarà Angelo di grande consiglio, di salvezza per tutto il mondo, Dio forte (cfr. Is 9, 6). Questo bambino è Dio.

O Gioacchino ed Anna, coppia beata, veramente senza macchia! Dal frutto del vostro seno voi siete conosciuti, come una volta disse il Signore: «Li conoscerete dai loro frutti» (Mt 7, 16). Voi informaste la condotta della vostra vita in modo gradito a Dio e degno di colei che da voi nacque. Infatti nella vostra casta e santa convivenza avete dato la vita a quella perla di verginità che fu vergine prima del parto, nel parto e dopo il parto. Quella, dico, che sola doveva conservare sempre la verginità e della mente e dell'anima e del corpo. O Gioacchino ed Anna, coppia castissima! Voi, conservando la castità prescritta dalla legge naturale, avete conseguito, per divina virtù, ciò che supera la natura: avete donato al mondo la madre di Dio che non conobbe uomo. Voi, conducendo una vita pia e santa nella condizione umana, avete dato alla luce una figlia più grande degli angeli ed ora regina degli angeli stessi.

O vergine bellissima e dolcissima! O figlia di Adamo e Madre di Dio. Beato il seno, che ti ha dato la vita! Beate le braccia che ti strinsero e le labbra che ti impressero casti baci, quelle dei tuoi soli genitori, cosicché tu conservassi in tutto la verginità! «Acclami al Signore tutta le terra, gridate, esultate con canti di gioia» (Sal 97, 4). Alzate la vostra voce, gridate, non temete. alla legge di Gesù Cristo. <https://www.maranatha.it>

THIS WEEK WE PRAY

Sun 8.00amJoseph, Anthony
& Therese Fernando

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

Amen.

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.

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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