



SAINT FIACRE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Parish

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) ~ SUNDAY, 5 JULY 2020

IN THIS ISSUE

DIRECTIVES FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

by Fr Pionius Hendi, OFM Cap.

Good news come from the Archdiocese of Sydney! As from 1 July 2020, churches in the Archdiocese are reopened, and Sunday Masses resumed. Therefore, I invite all parishioners to come and celebrate together the Holy Mass in our churches. Nevertheless, we must not be complacent because reality shows that COVID-19 is still spreading everywhere. Therefore, we will strictly follow the regulations set by the NSW government and the Archdiocese of Sydney:

- ➔ If you feel fever, dry cough, and shortness of breath, please do not come to church. Please stay at home, call your doctor, and look for the necessary medical actions. This is even more important if you are over 70 years old.
- ➔ Considering the "four square meters" rule and the area we have in the church, so the maximum number of people allowed in St Fiacre's church at one time is **100 people**. This applies to all activities carried out inside the church, including Masses, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Eucharistic Adoration, etc. Everyone must keep their spatial distancing by sitting only on a bench marked with "SIT HERE" sign. The designated delegate will supervise this.
- ➔ All people who enter the church must use a hand sanitizer, measure their body temperature, and are required to fill in a registration book on the left and right side of the church entrance. Please write down your full name, email address, phone number, and if possible, domicile address. Our parish will keep all these details and will use it as a preventive measure for COVID-19, and at the same time will record it into parish database for future communication.
- ➔ Holy Communion is received in the hand under the form of the Body of Christ only. Besides, congregational singing is still suspended. The choir will sing from a separate place, and the slide projector will not be displayed.
- ➔ For people who cannot attend Holy Mass at church, please pray at home, read the Scriptures of the day, and watch Mass on television or online. When the situation has begun to improve, please come to church. *Benvenuto!*

Finally, let us intensify our prayers that this pandemic will soon pass. *Hail Mary... (3 x)*

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*)

DO YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN PARISH ACTIVITIES?

A parish will be vibrant if the parishioners are united and willing to be actively involved. At present, our parish is looking for more volunteers to clean the church, arrange flowers, musicians, singers, altar servers, and good readers during the Holy Mass. Let us not only be spectators but be **actively involved**. God will surely bless everyone who wants to give his/her time, talent, and energy for Him. Please contact Fr Pionius for more information.

MASS ON SUNDAY

First reading

Zec 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1)

R: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second reading

Romans 8:9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:25

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 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

PSALM RESPONSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 6 July: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Tuesday 7 July: The house of Israel trusts in the Lord.

Wednesday 8 July: Seek always the face of the Lord.

Thursday 9 July: Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.

Friday 10 July: My mouth will declare your praise.

Saturday 11 July: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

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

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR;

Sun 9:30am..... † **Lionel Ferdinandes**

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

Amen.

Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer.

To learn more about becoming a carer, we are offering individual online information sessions at a time that suits you.

To book a one on one appointment call

CCareline 13 18 19

connect@familyspirit.org

8am – 6pm, Monday – Friday

Reflection

(by Dianne Bergant CSA)

The readings for today engage us in a reflection on the nature of the Trinity, as well as the ways that we are enriched by each of the divine Persons. The gospel acknowledges the sovereignty of God. This is followed immediately by mention of the handing over of all things to Jesus, making him a kind of vice-regent of God. Paul speaks of the Spirit, clearly a divine reality, but different from Jesus and the one called God. According to Paul, this Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of God, implying that somehow both Jesus and God claim the Spirit. It is this

Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and it is this same Spirit who dwells in Christians.

The grace of this Triune God touches our lives in some ways that are tangible and other ways that demand faith. The most tangible manifestation of God is Jesus himself. God has been revealed to us through this Jesus. While Jesus was a tangible person, our accepting of him as the manifestation of God requires faith, and this faith is no easier today than it was at the time of Jesus himself.

The overriding disposition of these readings is humility. Jesus, the human

manifestation of the divine, is meek and humble, and the true disciple is called to be humble. A second disposition is placed before us – grateful praise. In the psalm we praise and bless God; we extol God's holy name. In Jesus we have known the tender touch of God, and we are grateful.

TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

Who needs my help to carry their burdens?

Lord Jesus, give me rest from my daily struggles and problems.

From the Archdiocese

Support our seafarers through the National Sea Sunday Appeal

Next week (12 July) is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work at sea. There will be a national Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations will provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers in these challenging times of COVID-19. Please give generously at bit.ly/seaundayaustralia

Palms Australia is currently seeking office volunteers

Palms Australia is a registered Catholic charity that has been working to reduce poverty through long-term, skilled volunteering for 59 years.

Here's a great opportunity to assist in the following part-time volunteer roles.

The Connector: Help promote Palms placements and programs through church and community networks.

Events Support: Collate stories and images from Palms' history to prepare for our 2020-2021 Diamond Jubilee.

Donor Support: Work with our Fundraising Co-ordinator to organise support for overseas placements.

To find out more about these opportunities, call the Palms team on 02 9560 5333.

Open Our Churches national petition

While it is pleasing to see progress made on the easing of restrictions on churches in NSW, our fellow Catholics in some other states and territories are still struggling to practice their faith under unfair restrictions at this time. You can voice your concerns directly with all the premiers and chief ministers by signing the Open Our Churches petition at this address:

www.openourchurches.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>

XIV DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

Uno spirito contrito e' sacrificio a Dio.

Dai «Discorsi» di sant'Agostino, vescovo

Davide ha confessato: «Riconosco la mia colpa» (Sal 50, 5). Se io riconosco, tu dunque perdona. Non presumiamo affatto di essere perfetti e che la



nostra vita sia senza peccato. Si adatta alla condotta quella lode che non dimentichi la necessità del perdono. Gli uomini

privi di speranza, quanto meno badano ai propri peccati, tanto più si occupano di quelli altrui. Infatti cercano non che cosa correggere, ma che cosa biasimare. E siccome non possono scusare se stessi, sono pronti ad accusare gli altri. Non è questa la maniera di pregare e di implorare perdono da Dio, insegnataci dal salmista, quando ha esclamato: «Riconosco la mia colpa, il mio peccato mi sta sempre dinanzi» (Sal 50, 5). Egli non stava a badare ai peccati altrui. Citava se stesso, non dimostrava tenerezza con se stesso, ma scavava e penetrava sempre più profondamente in se stesso. Non indulgeva verso se stesso, e quindi pregava sì che gli si perdonasse, ma senza presunzione.

Vuoi riconciliarti con Dio? Comprendi ciò che fai con te stesso, perché Dio si riconcili con te. Poni attenzione a quello che si legge nello stesso salmo: «Non gradisci il sacrificio e, se offro olocausti, non li accetti» (Sal 50, 18). Dunque resterai senza sacrificio? Non avrai nulla da offrire? Con nessuna offerta potrai placare Dio? Che cosa hai detto? «Non gradisci il sacrificio e, se offro olocausti, non li accetti» (Sal 50, 18). Prosegui, ascolta e prega: «Uno spirito contrito è sacrificio a Dio, un cuore affranto e umiliato, Dio, tu non disprezzi» (Sal 50, 19). Dopo aver rigettato ciò che offrivi, hai trovato che cosa offrire. Infatti presso gli antichi offrivi vittime del gregge e venivano denominate sacrifici. «Non gradisci il sacrificio»: non accetti più quei sacrifici passati, però cerchi un sacrificio.

Dice il salmista: «Se offro olocausti, non li accetti». Perciò dal momento che non gradisci gli olocausti, rimarrai senza sacrificio? Non sia mai. «Uno spirito contrito è sacrificio a Dio, un cuore affranto e umiliato, Dio, tu non disprezzi» (Sal 50, 19). Hai la materia per sacrificare. Non andare in cerca del gregge, non preparare imbarcazioni per recarti nelle più lontane regioni da dove portare profumi. Cerca nel tuo cuore ciò che è gradito a Dio. Bisogna spezzare minutamente il cuore. Temi che perisca perché frantumato? Sulla bocca del salmista tu trovi questa espressione: «Crea in me, o Dio, un cuore puro» (Sal 50, 12). Quindi deve essere distrutto il cuore impuro, perché sia creato quello puro.

Quando pecciamo dobbiamo provare dispiacere di noi stessi, perché i peccati dispiacciono a Dio. E poiché constatiamo che non siamo senza peccato, almeno in questo cerchiamo di essere simili a Dio: nel dispiacerci di ciò che dispiace a Dio. In certo qual modo sei unito alla volontà di Dio, poiché dispiace a te ciò che il tuo Creatore odia.

<https://www.maranatha.it>



ARE YOU STRUGGLING IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS?

Depression. Anxiety. Loneliness. Conflict. Stress.

CCareline 13 18 19 is a free and confidential helpline for counselling, relationships, parenting, ageing, disabilities, addictions and mental health.

CatholicCare Marriage Preparations

Marriage Education Goes Virtual:

CatholicCare has quickly adapted to social distancing laws, providing marriage education virtually from mid March. If you are engaged and are planning on getting married soon, CatholicCare is still able to provide you with your marriage education course during this time. We expect demand to surge when social distancing rules are relaxed further, so don't miss out. Book now! Call 13 18 19. "Considering we were attending remotely, [the educator] still made the experience feel collaborative and a safe space in which to share.

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.

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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