



# SAINT FIACRE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Parish

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) ~ SUNDAY, 16 AUGUST 2020

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## Welcome to St Fiacre's Parish!

Hello everyone!

If this is the first time for you attending Holy Mass here, you are most welcome! And if you have joined our community for a while now, welcome back and nice to see you! As I often highlight, our Parish is open to all people of all nationalities, cultures, and languages. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, clearly emphasises about this in the Gospel today that everyone has the right to salvation, regardless of their background. God calls *all people* to salvation in Jesus Christ, His Son.

Furthermore, I would like to announce good news for you: we will celebrate our Parish's Feast Day on **Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020**. Our celebration this year will be a little bit different from last year. This year, we will focus only on celebrating the Holy Mass for three consecutive days, starting from 28<sup>th</sup> August (please find more information about this at the back of this bulletin). Since we are dealing with COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no other activities after the Mass.

However, like previous years, we will hold **raffle tickets with fantastic prizes**. All the donations we will receive this year will be dedicated to upgrading the microphone system for the choir members. And if we get it enough, we will also use it for the

installation of some cameras in the church. Therefore, I would like to invite you and your community/organisation to join us in this special celebration, and support the Parish.

And just for a gentle reminder, I invite all of you to comply with health regulations as established by the NSW Government and the Archdiocese of Sydney:

- ➔ If you have a fever, dry cough and shortness of breath, please stay at home and do not come to church.
- ➔ If your body temperature is above 38 degrees, please refrain from entering the church/hall, and do your health test as soon as possible.
- ➔ It is strongly recommended that you wear your mask while you are in the church/hall.
- ➔ You must fill out the attendance form, located on the right and left side of the church entrance.
- ➔ Please sit only in a chair marked with "SIT HERE" sign.
- ➔ Do not mingle before, during, and after the Mass.

Finally, I pray that you and your family remain in good health and lack nothing. I am sure, by the grace of God, we will be able to go through these difficult times together. Let us pray for and support each other. Yours in Christ – 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*).

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

The parish would like to thank the benefactors who have supported Friars' Van, the ministry for homeless. All donations will be distributed to the homeless every Friday night. Thank you and may God bless you all!

## MASS ON SUNDAY

### Entrance Antiphon *Ps 83:10-11*

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

### First reading *Is 56:1.6-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

**I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.**

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4*

(R.) **O God, let all the nations praise you!**

### Second reading *Rom 11:13-15. 29-32*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

**The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.**

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

### Gospel Acclamation *Mt 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Matthew 15:21-28*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.



**Woman, you have great faith.**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

### Communion Antiphon *Ps 129:7*

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

#### THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

**Sun 9.30am** Giuseppina Liberatore  
Silvio Di Pasquantonio

**Sun 11.00am** Pietro Mazzo

#### We remember the death of:

Anna Ricciadonna,  
Giovanna Lo Surdo, Lorna Redolfi

#### Anniversary: Rosa Bagnato

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

**Amen.**

**Prayer for the Sick: Lilian Goh**

### PSALM RESPONSES FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday 17 August:** You have forgotten God, who gave you birth.

**Tuesday 18 August:** It is I who deal death and give life.

**Wednesday 19 August:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Thursday 20 August:** I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.

**Friday 21 August:** Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

**Saturday 22 August:** The glory of the Lord will dwell in our land.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 22:19-23

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Rom 11:33-36

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20

### 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](mailto:fiacre@capuchinfriars.org.au)

## Gospel Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving

the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

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## XX DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

## Sole della terra e luce del mondo

Dalle «Omellerie sul vangelo di Matteo» di san Giovanni Crisostomo, vescovo



«Voi siete il sale della terra» (Mt 5, 13). Vi viene affidato il ministero della parola, dice il Cristo, non per voi, ma per il mondo intero. Non vi mando a due, o dieci, o venti città o a un popolo in particolare, come al tempo dei profeti, ma vi invio alla terra, al mare, al mondo intero, a questo mondo così corrotto. Dicendo infatti: «Voi siete il sale della terra», fa capire che l'uomo è snaturato e corrotto dai peccati. Per questo esige dai suoi quelle virtù che sono maggiormente necessarie e utili per salvare gli altri. Un uomo mite, umile, misericordioso e giusto non tiene nascoste in sé simili virtù, ma fa sì che queste ottime sorgenti scaturiscano a vantaggio degli altri. E chi ha un cuore puro, amante della pace e soffre per la verità, dedica la sua vita per il bene di tutti. Non crediate, sembra dire, di essere chiamati a piccole lotte e a compiere imprese da poco. No. Voi siete «il sale della terra». A che cosa li portò questa prerogativa? Forse a risanare ciò che era diventato marcio? No, certo. Il sale non salva ciò che è putrefatto. Gli apostoli non hanno fatto questo. Ma prima Dio rinnovava i cuori e li liberava dalla corruzione, poi li affidava agli apostoli, allora essi diventavano veramente «il sale della terra» mantenendo e conservando gli uomini nella nuova vita ricevuta dal Signore. E' opera di Cristo liberare gli uomini dalla corruzione del peccato, ma impedire di ricadere nel precedente stato di miseria spetta alla sollecitudine e agli sforzi degli apostoli.

Vedete poi come egli mostra che essi sono migliori dei profeti. Non dice che sono maestri della sola Palestina, ma di tutto il mondo. Non stupitevi, quindi, sembra continuare Gesù, se la mia attenzione si fissa di preferenza su di voi e se vi chiamo ad affrontare difficoltà così gravi. Considerate quali e quante sono le città, i popoli e le genti a cui sto per inviarvi. Perciò voglio che non vi limitiate a essere santi per voi stessi, ma che facciate gli altri simili a voi. Senza di ciò non basterete neppure a voi stessi.

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## COVID-19 Update

The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

Let's BE COVIDSAFE together  
Download the App  
<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app>

## 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.

## 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.

Congratulations on the Baptism of:

Leonardo Raymond Jack Torcaso

This Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2020



St. Fiacre Patron of Gardeners

## 2020 St Fiacre's Parish Feast

## Bringing communities together

- Friday 28 August 2020 (Day 1)

9.00am - Holy Mass for St Fiacre's Catholic Primary School.

10.00am - Children Liturgy for St Fiacre's Catholic Primary School (kindy students)

- Saturday 29 August 2020 (Day 2)

7.00am - St Fiacre's Parish community Mass.

5.30pm - St Fiacre's Parish community Mass.

6.30pm - Neocatechumenal community Mass.

8.00pm - Neocatechumenal community Mass.

- Sunday 30 August 2020 (Day 3)

8.00am - St Francis Church community Mass.

9.30am - St Fiacre's English community Mass.

11.00am - St Fiacre's Italian community Mass

4.00pm - Capuchin Young Adults' Adoration, Confession, and Holy Mass.

**RAFFLE TICKETS - \$5.00 for 2 tickets**

1st Prize - Espresso coffee machine

2nd Prize - Gift basket

3rd Prize - Food processor

4th Prize - Euroespresso gift basket

5th Prize - Sri Lankan herb and spice gift box

The raffle will be drawn on Sunday, 30 August 2020