



# SAINT FIACRE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Parish

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) ~ SUNDAY, 23 AUGUST 2020

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## Learn from Failures to Receive God's Grace

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure

did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable. – *Dianne Bergant, CSA*

## Gentle Reminder for All Parishioners

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

## 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 – 5.15 pm.
  - Every Sunday 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm (during the Adoration for Young Adults).
  - Other time, by appointment. Please contact the Parish Office.

## PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our priests and extraordinary ministers for Holy Communion bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to members who are unable to participate because of illness or aging.

For more information and to arrange receiving of the sacraments, please contact the Parish Office on (02) 9518 0650.

## MASS ON SUNDAY

### Entrance Antiphon *Ps 85:1-3*

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

### First reading *Is 22:19-23*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

**I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.**

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.

I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8*

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

### Second reading *Rom 11:33-36*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

**From him, through him, and in him are all things.**

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor?

Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation *Mt 16:18*

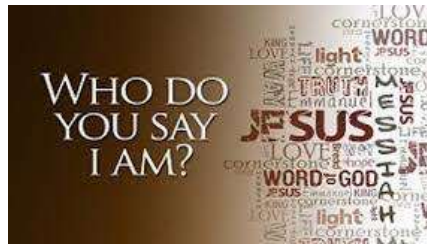
Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Matthew 16:13-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.



**You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

### Communion Antiphon *Ps 103:13-15*

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

#### THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

Sun 11.00am Ilardo Placido

#### We remember the death of:

Paola Toscano & Giuseppe Forlari

#### Anniversary: Alfio Stagnitta

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

Amen.

Prayer for the Sick: Lilian Goh

### 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)

### PSALM RESPONSES FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday 24 August:** Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.

**Tuesday 25 August:** The Lord comes to judge the earth.

**Wednesday 26 August:** Happy are those who fear the Lord.

**Thursday 27 August:** I will praise you name for ever, Lord.

**Friday 28 August:** The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

**Saturday 29 August:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jeremiah 20:7-9

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Rom 12:1-2

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-27

## Gospel Reflection

by Richard Leonard

The disciples, reflecting on their experiences with Jesus, offer various possibilities, but it is Peter who says that Jesus is the revelation of God for the world. This is the great profession of faith and the basis on which the Church comes into being.

And what was true then, is true now. At some point, if we want our faith to move from being a code of law, a concept, or some excellent ideas to something we can experience, we

must take the faith of the Church, which has nurtured us up to now, and make it our own. In doing so, when we encounter Christ, we contribute to the re-founding of the Church in our generation.

Just being part of the 'Catholic crowd' is hardly the challenge Jesus presents to the disciples in today's Gospel. We are commissioned like the disciples to bear witness to Christ's personal love in the workplace, with our friends and in our families.

It's always helpful to be reminded that we might be the only face of Catholicism, or even

Christianity, that another person may encounter. The way in which we bind them up or set them free might be the measure by which they judge if the Church is the face of Christ in today's world and whether they could find a home with us.

And it all hinges on that great question which is asked of each of us today: 'Who do you say that I am?' How we answer this question reveals so much, including whether Christ is an idea we like, or the object of our passion.

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## XXI DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

**Speranza in un nuovo mondo migliore**

*Dalla Costituzione pastorale «Gaudium et spes» del Concilio ecumenico Vaticano II sulla Chiesa e il mondo contemporaneo*



Ignoriamo il tempo in cui avranno fine la terra e l'umanità, e non sappiamo il modo con cui sarà trasformato l'universo. Passa certamente l'aspetto di questo mondo, deformato dal peccato. Sappiamo, però, dalla rivelazione che Dio prepara una nuova abitazione e una terra nuova, in cui abita la giustizia, e la cui felicità sazierà sovrabbondantemente tutti i desideri di pace che salgono nel cuore degli uomini. Allora, vinta la morte, i figli di Dio saranno risuscitati in Cristo, e ciò che fu seminato nella debolezza e nella corruzione rivestirà l'incorrusione: e restando la carità con i suoi frutti, saranno liberate dalla schiavitù del male tutte quelle creature, che Dio ha fatto appunto per l'uomo.

Certo, siamo avvertiti che non giova nulla all'uomo guadagnare il mondo intero, se poi perde se stesso. Tuttavia l'attesa di una terra nuova non deve indebolire, bensì piuttosto stimolare la sollecitudine nel lavoro relativo alla terra presente, dove cresce quel corpo dell'umanità nuova che già riesce a offrire una certa prefigurazione di quello che sarà il mondo nuovo. Pertanto, benché si debba accuratamente distinguere il progresso terreno dallo sviluppo del regno di Cristo, tuttavia, nella misura in cui può contribuire a meglio ordinare l'umana società, tale progresso è di grande importanza per il regno di Dio. E infatti, i beni, quali la dignità dell'uomo, la fraternità e la libertà, e cioè tutti i buoni frutti della natura e della nostra operosità, dopo che li avremo diffusi sulla terra nello Spirito del Signore e secondo il suo precetto, li ritroveremo poi di nuovo, ma purificati da ogni macchia, illuminati e trasfigurati, allorché il Cristo rimetterà al Padre il regno eterno e universale: «che è regno di verità e di vita, regno di santità e di grazia, regno di giustizia, di amore e di pace». Qui sulla terra il regno è già presente, in mistero; ma, con la venuta del Signore, giungerà a perfezione.

**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>

**CONGRATULATIONS ON THE WEDDING OF:**

**DEXTER & SOPHIE CABAL**

May the bond of your love be strengthened at all times.  
Keep the faith, love and trust with one another.

Congratulations on the Baptism of:

**Liliana Speranza**

This Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2020

**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.



*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