



# SAINT FIACRE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Parish

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
(8.00 am - 13.00 pm)

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) ~ SUNDAY, 30 AUGUST 2020**

**IN THIS ISSUE**

Dear Parishioners,

Time flies very fast, and we have entered the end of August in 2020. This week, we will celebrate Saint Fiacre's Feast Day, the patron of our Parish. The inspiration of the missionary spirit and hard work of St Fiacre can be an inspiration to us. The same inspiration has made our Parish live and survive amid modernization & secularization.

Through the weekly ministry of the Capuchin Friars and some priests, our Parish has refreshed many souls who thirst for God. Through the ministering of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist, our Parish has brought many people into the Catholic Church. Also, many individuals have received forgiveness from God and inner healings through the ministry of the Sacrament of Confession and the Anointing of the Sick.

Furthermore, it is countless how many married couples have received the Sacrament of Marriage at St Fiacre's church. Besides, St Fiacre's church has also hosted several occasions for the reception of religious vows and diaconal ordinations. At the age of 133 (1887-2020), St Fiacre's church still stands strong and majestic.

We are truly grateful for this beautiful grace. Therefore, this Sunday, 30th August, we will celebrate our Parish Feast Day. I invite all teachers, parents, and students at St. Fiacre's

Primary School, as well as all parishioners, to be actively involved in this activity. Because we are in a COVID-19 pandemic situation, the celebration for this year is limited only to the Eucharistic Celebration. For the sake of our common good, there is no other celebration after Holy Mass.

Nevertheless, we still hold raffle tickets with fantastic prizes. If you wish to purchase raffle tickets, please contact the committee before or after Holy Mass. All donations received will be used to upgrade the microphone system for the choir members (and CCTV in the church, if we get it enough). All tickets will be drawn on Sunday afternoon, 30th August, after Holy Mass with Young Adults. The winners will be announced in the bulletin, social media (Facebook), and the Parish website, for two consecutive weeks. Thank you very much for your support to the Parish.

Finally, let us pray and support for one another in the love of Christ. May God protect, bless and give good health to you and your family. *Pax et Bonum.*

Fr Pionius Hendi, OFMCap.  
(Administrator)

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

## 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.

## MASS ON SUNDAY

### Entrance Antiphon *Ps 85:3-5*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

### First reading *Jer 20:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

**The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.**

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him,

I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v. 2*

(R.) **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

### Second reading *Rom 12:1-2*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

**May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.**

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behavior of the world around you, but let your behavior change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

### Gospel Acclamation *Eph 1:17-18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Matthew 16:21-27*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.



**Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.**

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

### Communion Antiphon *Ps 30:20*

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

#### THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

Sat 5.30pm	Franco Pelle
Sun 8.00am	Mick & Jim Quilty
Mon 7.00am	Beverley Jones
Tue 7.00am	Patricia Blackwood
Wed 7.00am	Juan Jose Suanes
Thu 7.00am	Jose Santamarta
Fri 7.00am	Arthur Vagias
Sat 7.00am	Jose Espina

#### We remember the death of:

Gerarda Chisari, Giuseppe Forlari,  
Paola Tedesco & Barbara.

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

Amen.

### SUPPORT OUR PARISH ONLINE

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 31 August:** Lord, I love your commands.

**Tuesday 1 September:** The Lord is just in all his ways.

**Wednesday 2 September:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Thursday 3 September:** To the Lord belongs the earth and all that fills it.

**Friday 4 September:** The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

**Saturday 5 September:** The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-9

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Rom 13:8-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

## Gospel Reflection

by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the first of three predictions of Jesus' death and resurrection in Matthew's gospel (see also Mark and Luke). Despite Peter's confession of faith that immediately precedes this passage (see last week's gospel), the disciples still do not have a very solid understanding of Jesus' purpose.

They may regard him as the Messiah, but still do not fully understand what that means. In this passage, Jesus is beginning to prepare them for the events of the passion – his death

and resurrection. He is trying to lead them to a greater understanding of his mission and message. But Peter abruptly 'rebukes' Jesus and tells him not to speak like that. One can almost hear Peter saying, 'Look, Jesus, you've got a good thing going here, don't spoil it by talking about dying!' However, Jesus responds to Peter very sharply, suggesting that his lack of understanding is inspired by evil and reflects human thought, not divine wisdom.

The passage then leads into a description of the challenge of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus means to 'deny' oneself, take up one's cross and follow Jesus. In the context of this passage, to 'deny' oneself means to not be concerned about 'I' but to be concerned

about 'You' – to put others before self. To be a follower of Jesus means to be selfless, not self-centred. In the ultimate example of this, Jesus tells his disciples that whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

To 'save' your life is to hold back from giving yourself fully to the message of Jesus – to be 'half-hearted' in your faith. But to 'lose' yourself in the message of Jesus is to fully give yourself over to living the reign of God and through 'losing' yourself in this way, Jesus tells us, is how to truly find life.

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# PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

## Father's Day Appeal 2020

**Remember our Retired Priest's this Father's Day**

The Priests' Retirement Foundation **Father's Day Appeal** will be held on  
**5 and 6 September 2020**

Your donation will help care for our sick and retired priests,  
so please consider a gift towards this appeal.

**Thank you.**

## XXII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

**Il Signore ha avuto misericordia di noi**

Dai «Discorsi» di sant'Agostino, vescovo



Siamo veramente beati se, quello che ascoltiamo, o cantiamo, lo mettiamo anche in pratica. Infatti il nostro ascoltare rappresenta la semina, mentre nell'opera abbiamo il

frutto del seme. Premesso ciò, vorrei esortarvi a non andare in chiesa e poi restare senza frutto, ascoltare cioè tante belle verità, senza poi muovervi ad agire.

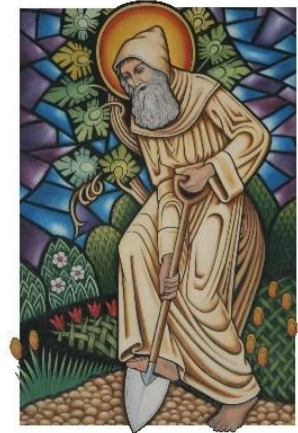
Tuttavia non dimentichiamo quanto ci dice l'Apostolo: «Per questa grazia siete salvi mediante la fede; e ciò non viene da voi, ma è dono di Dio, né viene dalle opere, perché nessuno possa vantarsene» (Ef 2, 8-9). Ribadisce: «Per grazia siete stati salvati» (Ef 2, 5).

In realtà non vi era in precedenza nella nostra vita nulla di buono, che Dio potesse apprezzare e amare, quasi avesse dovuto dire a se stesso: «Andiamo, soccorriamo questi uomini, perché la loro vita è buona». Non poteva piacerli la nostra vita col nostro modo di agire, però non poteva dispiacerli ciò che egli stesso aveva operato in noi. Pertanto condannerà il nostro operato, ma salverà ciò che egli stesso ha creato.

Dunque non eravamo davvero buoni. Ciò nonostante, Dio ebbe compassione di noi e mandò il suo Figlio, perché morisse, non già per i buoni, ma per i cattivi, non per i giusti, ma per gli empì. Proprio così: «Cristo morì per gli empì» (Rm 5, 6). E che cosa aggiunge? «Ora a stento si trova chi sia disposto a morire per un giusto», al massimo «ci può essere chi ha il coraggio di morire per una persona dabbene» (Rm 5, 7). Può darsi che qualcuno abbia la forza di morire per il giusto. Ma per l'ingiusto, l'empio, l'iniquo, chi accetterebbe di morire, se non Cristo soltanto, che è talmente giusto da poter giustificare anche gli ingiusti?

Come vedete, fratelli, non avevamo opere buone, ma tutte erano cattive. Tuttavia, pur essendo tali le opere degli uomini, la misericordia divina non li abbandonò. Anzi Dio mandò il suo Figlio a redimerci non con oro né con argento, ma a prezzo del suo sangue, che egli, quale Agnello immacolato condotto al sacrificio ha sparso per le pecore macchiate, se pure solo macchiate e non del tutto corrotte. Questa è la grazia che abbiamo ricevuto. Viviamo perciò in modo degno di essa, per non fare oltraggio a un dono sì grande. Ci è venuto incontro un medico tanto buono e valente da liberarci da tutti i nostri mali. Se vogliamo di nuovo ricadere nella malattia, non solo recheremo

danno a noi stessi, ma ci dimostreremo anche ingrati verso il nostro medico. Seguiamo perciò le vie che egli ci ha mostrato, specialmente la via dell'umiltà, quella per la quale si è incamminato lui stesso: Infatti ci ha tracciato la via dell'umiltà con il suo insegnamento e l'ha percorsa fino in fondo soffrendo per noi. Perché dunque colui che era immortale potesse morire per noi, «il Verbo si fece carne e venne ad abitare in mezzo a noi» (Gv 1, 14). L'immortale assunse la mortalità, per poter morire per noi e distruggere in tal modo con la sua morte la nostra morte. Questo ha compiuto il Signore, in questo ci ha preceduto. Lui che è grande si è umiliato, umiliato fu ucciso, ucciso risuscitò e fu esaltato per non lasciare noi nell'inferno, ma per esaltare in sé, nella risurrezione dai morti, coloro che in questa terra aveva esaltati soltanto nella fede e nella confessione dei giusti. Dunque ci ha chiesto di seguire la via dell'umiltà: se lo faremo daremo gloria al Signore e a ragione potremo cantare: «Noi ti rendiamo grazie, o Dio, ti rendiamo grazie, invocando il tuo nome»



St. Fiacre Patron of Gardeners

**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:****Sofia Ginardi**This Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2020


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

**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