



# SAINT FIACRE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Parish

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) ~ SUNDAY, 9 AUGUST 2020

IN THIS ISSUE

## Let us go on a mission!

Dear all parishioners! Welcome to St Fiacre's Parish. The Capuchins Friars in Leichhardt would like to serve you as best as we can amid a difficult situation at the moment. Let us create a peaceful and healthy community, while following the guidelines set by the NWS government and the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Last month, on 20 July 2020, the Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy released a new document/instruction entitled: *The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelizing mission of the Church*. The core of this document is to invite and encourage all Church members - both ordained and lay people - to be actively involved in missionary works wherever they are. Everyone is called to serve each other.

In line with this instruction, I invite all of us to start (or re-start) our missionary journey, here and now. The Word of God and the Eucharistic joy that we receive in the church should be preached to many people outside the church: to our family members and neighbors, by words and deeds. - Fr Pionius Hendi, OFMCap.

## Keep Rowing!

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures: 'Do not be afraid.'. - Fr Michael Tate

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## 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!

PLEASE WIPE YOUR SEAT BEFORE LEAVING THE CHURCH

## MASS ON SUNDAY

### Entrance Antiphon *Ps 73:20,19,22,23*

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

### First reading *1 Kgs 19:9.11-13*

A reading from the first book of the Kings

**Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.**

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8*

(R.) **Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

### Second reading *Rom 9:15*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

***I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.***

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Matthew 14:22-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.



***Command me to come to you over the water.***

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

### Communion Antiphon *Ps 147:12-14*

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
Who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

## PSALM RESPONSES FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday 10 August:** Happy the merciful who give to those in need.

**Tuesday 11 August:** How sweet to my taste is your promise!

**Wednesday 12 August:** The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.

**Thursday 13 August:** Do not forget the works of the Lord!

**Friday 14 August:** You have turned from your anger to comfort me.

**Saturday 15 August:** The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 56:1.6-7

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

**Gospel:** Matthew 15:21-28

## 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 Fr Greg Sunter

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can

perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be disciplined to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

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## XIX DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

**Dio, abisso di carità.**

Dal «Dialogo della Divina Provvidenza» di santa Caterina da Siena, vergine



Signore mio, volgi l'occhio della tua misericordia sopra il popolo tuo e sopra il corpo mistico della

santa Chiesa. Tu sarai glorificato assai più perdonando e dando la luce dell'intelletto a molti, che non ricevendo l'omaggio da una sola creatura miserabile, quale sono io, che tanto t'ho offeso e sono stata causa e strumento di tanti mali.

Che avrebbe di me se vedessi me viva, e morto il tuo popolo? Che avrebbe se, per i miei peccati e quelli delle altre creature, dovessi vedere nelle tenebre la Chiesa, tua Sposa diletta, che è nata per essere luce?

Ti chiedo, dunque, misericordia per il tuo popolo in nome della carità increata che mosse te medesimo a creare l'uomo a tua immagine e somiglianza.

Quale fu la ragione che tu ponessi l'uomo in tanta dignità? Certo l'amore inestimabile col quale hai guardato in te medesimo la tua creatura e ti sei innamorato di lei. Ma poi per il peccato commesso perdetteste quella sublimità alla quale l'avevi elevata.

Tu, mosso da quel medesimo fuoco col quale ci hai creati, hai voluto offrire al genere umano il mezzo per riconciliarsi con te. Per questo ci hai dato il Verbo, tuo unico Figlio. Egli fu il mediatore tra te e noi. Egli fu nostra giustizia, che punì sopra di sé le nostre ingiustizie. Ubbidì al comando che tu, Eterno Padre, gli desti quando lo rivestisti della nostra umanità. O abisso di carità! Qual cuore non si sentirà gonfio di commozione al vedere tanta altezza discesa a tanta bassezza, cioè alla condizione della nostra umanità?

Noi siamo immagine tua, e tu immagine nostra per l'unione che hai stabilito fra te e l'uomo, velando la divinità eterna con la povera nube dell'umanità corrotta di Adamo. Quale il motivo? Certo l'amore. Per questo amore ineffabile ti prego e ti sollecito a usare misericordia alle tue creature.

<https://www.maranatha.it>

**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.

**The Catholic Weekly has gone Digital!**

With The Catholic Weekly returning to print, some of you might prefer to read it electronically on your desktop, tablet or mobile. Subscribe to The Catholic Weekly Digital Edition at <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/product/the-catholic-weekly-digital-edition/> and be the first to receive the latest catholic news and opinion.

**CatholicCare Marriage Preparations Marriage****Education Goes Virtual:**

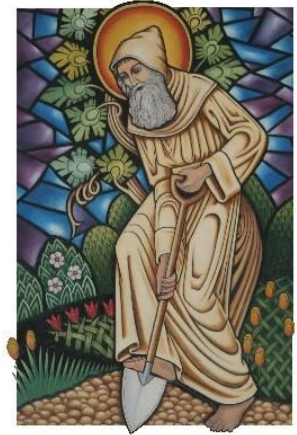
CatholicCare has quickly adapted to social distancing laws, providing marriage education virtually from mid-March. If you are engaged and are planning on getting married soon, CatholicCare is still able to provide you with your marriage education course during this time. We expect demand to surge when social distancing rules are relaxed further, so don't miss out. Book now! Call **13 18 19**.

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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.



*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