



# SAINT FIACRE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Parish

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) ~ SUNDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2020

IN THIS ISSUE

## Thank you for your cooperation

I would like to thank all parishioners for adhering to all health protocols in the church. The NSW government, the Archdiocese of Sydney, and our Parish have been working very hard to make you all safe. We should be grateful that the number of infection in NSW is currently very low (for more information, see here: [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)). That is why parishioners are returning to attend Holy Mass in the church. Offices have also started to reopen.

However, let us not be complacent but still adhere to health procedures carefully, such as: wearing masks (including in the church), maintaining a safe distance from other people (four-square-meters rule), and using a hand sanitiser.

Also, please bring the current situation of the world in your continuous prayers. Padre Pio once said, "Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips but with your heart."

If doctors are using medical tools to combat Covid-19, then it is our duty, believers, to use the power of Jesus' Blood to fight this pandemic. The Bible affirms this as it says, "The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." (James 5:16 NRSV).

## Parish website

The project for our parish website has yielded good fruit. Many thanks to Monica, who has helped me a lot in this project. Through the Parish website, you can get the latest information about activities in our Parish.

If you are new to this Parish, or you want to become a volunteer (reader, musician, choir, altar server, cleaner, florist, etc.), you can register yourself via a link that has been provided.

Besides, you can make a donation using the information listed there. And soon, you will be able to make digital transactions via Bpoint through the website (in progress). This option will be useful for those who do not use cash or want convenience in the donation process.

Also, new bulletin - as you are reading right now - can be accessed digitally on the parish website. If you like something handy, paperless, or safe from other people's hands, then a digital bulletin is the right choice for you. I hope that you can use this facility as much as possible. Our website address is [www.stfiacreparish.com](http://www.stfiacreparish.com).

Finally, I want to thank you very much for all the prayers and supports to the Parish. I pray that God may grant you his abundant blessings. – 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 – 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.

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN AND BRING IT HOME WITH YOU

## MASS ON SUNDAY

### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will  
hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### First reading

Is 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

**My thoughts are not your thoughts.**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take  
pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;

for my thoughts are not your thoughts,

my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who  
speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth

as my ways are above your ways,

my thoughts above your thoughts.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) **The Lord is near to all who call him.**

### Second reading

Phil 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Philippians

**For me to live is Christ.**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by  
my life or by my death. Life to me, of course,  
is Christ, but then death would bring me  
something more; but then again, if living in  
this body means doing work which is having  
good results – I do not know what I should  
choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to  
be gone and be with Christ, which would be  
very much the better, but for me to stay alive  
in this body is a more urgent need for your  
sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that  
would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

See Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the  
words of your Son.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew.



**Why are you jealous because I am generous?**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of  
heaven is like a landowner going out at  
daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He  
made an agreement with the workers for one  
denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard.  
Going out at about the third hour he saw  
others standing idle in the market place and  
said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and  
I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At  
about the sixth hour and again at about the  
ninth hour, he went out and did the same.  
Then at about the eleventh hour he went out  
and found more men standing round, and he  
said to them, "Why have you been standing  
here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired  
us" they answered. He said to them, "You go  
into my vineyard too." In the evening, the  
owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call  
the workers and pay them their wages,  
starting with the last arrivals and ending with  
the first." So those who were hired at about  
the eleventh hour came forward and received  
one denarius each. When the first came, they  
expected to get more, but they too received  
one denarius each. They took it, but  
grumbled at the landowner. "The men who  
came last" they said "have done only one  
hour, and you have treated them the same as  
us, though we have done a heavy day's work  
in all the heat." He answered one of them and  
said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you;  
did we not agree on one denarius? Take your  
earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-  
comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to  
do what I like with my own? Why be envious  
because I am generous?" Thus the last will be  
first, and the first, last.'

### Communion Antiphon

Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be  
carefully kept; may my ways be firm in  
keeping your statutes.

#### THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

Sun 8.00am	John Smirniotis
Sun 11.00am	Pasquale & Maria Mittiga
Mon 7.00am	Vivien Olive York
Tue 7.00am	Maria Ilda Quintal

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

#### 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**
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#### PSALM RESPONSES FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday 21 September:** Their  
message goes out through all the  
earth.

**Tuesday 22 September:** Guide me,  
Lord, in the way of your commands.

**Wednesday 23 September:** Your  
word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.

**Thursday 24 September:** In every  
age, O Lord, you have been our  
refuge.

**Friday 25 September:** Blessed be  
the Lord, my Rock!

**Saturday 26 September:** In every  
age, O Lord, you have been our  
refuge.

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ezekiel 18:25-28

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:28-32

## Gospel Reflection

by Fr Michael Tate

This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius.

This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah. And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.

Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of their idea that God's grace could not be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us 'the Bread of Life', given for the salvation of all the world.

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### CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE - ST FIACRE'S PARISH HALL

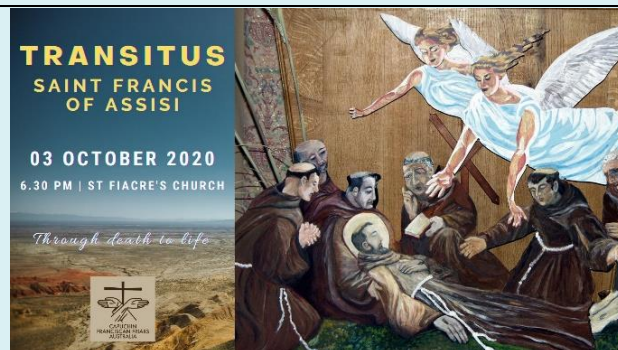
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### TRANSITUS OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI THIS YEAR

St Fiacre's Church, at 6.30 PM – 7.30 PM

Coinciding with the signing of the new encyclical from Pope Francis, our Parish will celebrate the Transitus this year on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October. This celebration will be a momentous event for all members of the Franciscan Order as we will commemorate the death of St. Francis of Assisi, our Seraphic Father. Therefore, let join the Capuchin Friars, members of the Secular Franciscan Order, and other parishioners to attend this meaningful celebration.




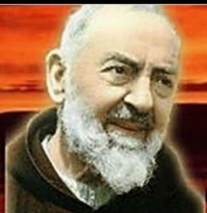
One of the real expressions of the spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi is a willingness to serve the poor and the marginalized. In this regard, the Capuchin Friars in Leichhardt – together with volunteers from young adults (18 - 35 years old) – dedicate themselves to serving homeless people in Sydney. They provide hot drinks to the homeless every Friday evening, from 7.30 PM to 9.00 PM, at the corner of Cathedral Street & Riley Street, Woolloomooloo. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, please contact: [friarsvan@gmail.com](mailto:friarsvan@gmail.com).



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**XXV DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO – I cristiani deboli - Inizio del «Discorso sui pastori» di sant'Agostino, vescovo**

Dice il Signore: «Non avete reso la forza alle pecore deboli, non avete curato le inferme» (Ez 34, 4). Parla ai cattivi pastori, ai falsi pastori, ai pastori che cercano i loro interessi, non quelli di Gesù Cristo, che sono molto solleciti dei proventi del loro ufficio, ma che non hanno affatto cura del gregge, e non rinfrancano chi è malato. Poiché si parla di malati e di infermi, anche se sembra trattarsi della stessa cosa, una differenza si potrebbe ammettere. Infatti, a considerare bene le parole in se stesse, malato è propriamente chi è già tocco dal male, mentre infermo è colui che non è fermo e quindi solo debole.

Per chi è debole bisogna temere che la tentazione lo assalga e lo abbatta, Il malato invece è già affetto da qualche passione, e questa gli impedisce di entrare nella via di Dio, di sottomettersi al giogo di Cristo. Alcuni uomini, che vogliono vivere bene e hanno fatto già il proposito di vivere virtuosamente, hanno minore capacità di sopportare il male, che disponibilità a fare il bene. Ora invece è proprio della virtù cristiana non solo operare il bene, ma anche saper sopportare i mali. Coloro dunque che sembrano fervorosi nel fare il bene, ma non vogliono o non sanno sopportare le sofferenze che incalzano, sono infermi ossia deboli. Ma chi ama il mondo per qualche insana voglia e si distoglie anche dalla stesse opere buone, è già vinto dal male ed è malato. La malattia lo rende come privo di forze e incapace di fare qualcosa di buono. Tale era nell'anima quel paralitico che non poté essere introdotto davanti al Signore. Allora coloro che lo trasportavano scoprirono il tetto e di lì lo calarono giù. Anche tu devi comportarti come se volessi fare la stessa cosa nel mondo interiore dell'uomo: scoperciare il suo tetto e deporre davanti al Signore l'anima stessa paralitica, fiaccata in tutte le membra ed incapace di fare opere buone, oppressa dai suoi peccati e sofferente per la malattia della sua cupidigia. Il medico c'è, è nascosto e sta dentro il cuore. Questo è il vero senso occhio della Scrittura da spiegare. Se dunque ti trovi davanti a un malato rattrappito nelle membra e colpito da paralisi interiore, per farlo giungere al medico, apri il tetto e fa' calar giù il paralitico, cioè fallo entrare in se stesso e svelagli ciò che sta nascosto nelle pieghe del suo cuore. Mostragli il suo male e il medico che deve curarlo. A chi trascura di fare ciò, avete udito quale rimprovero viene rivolto? Questo: «Non avete reso la forza alle pecore deboli, non avete curato le inferme, non avete fasciato quelle ferite» (Ez 34, 4). Il ferito di cui si parla qui è come abbiamo già detto, colui che si trova come terrorizzato dalle tentazioni. La medicina da offrire in tal caso è contenuta in queste consolanti parole: «Dio è fedele e non permetterà che siate tentati oltre le vostre forze, ma con la tentazione ci darà anche la vita d'uscita e la forza per sopportarla»



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**VOCATION AS A CAPUCHIN FRIAR**

Are you interested in becoming a priest or a religious brother? Then, let join the Capuchin Friars. Maybe, you think that you are not ready yet. However, the reality of life shows that we will never be 100% ready in all aspects of life. Readiness will only emerge if there is the courage to say **YES**, here and now. So, if you are interested, you can contact one of the Capuchin Friars serving in this Parish, or you can contact the Vocation Director, Fr John Nguyen, OFM Cap. You can reach him at: [vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au)

**St Fiacre's Parish**

Wednesday 7 October 2020 - 7:00pm

The Padre Pio Prayer Group  
invite you and your family to  
participate to a  
Mass in memory of

Fam. Torresan & Papa

**Pray for Life – Holy Hour 26 September**

Parishes are invited to hold a 'Pray for Life' Holy Hour on the 26th of September to remember the 1st Anniversary of the passing of the NSW Abortion Bill in both houses of our state Parliament. Please find attached A4 sized graphics that you might like to use to advertise this time of prayer locally. For more information, please contact Steven Buhagiar at the Life Family and Marriage team on 0415600290.

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NSW Abortion Bill - 1st Anniversary

26 September 2020

**PRAY FOR LIFE  
Holy Hour**

- For unborn children lost to abortion
- For parents grieving the loss of their children
- For politicians to uphold the dignity of every human person

**BECOMING A FOSTER CARER** - Children and young people in our communities need support now more than ever from everyday families who can provide a safe and stable home.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a foster carer, you are invited to and online information on Thursday, 24th September 2020 at 12.30pm. Click here to register <https://bit.ly/2ESeRL4>, call 13 18 19 or email [connect@familyspirit.org](mailto:connect@familyspirit.org)

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**A call to attend Holy Mass.** On the 3rd September, Pope Francis has approved a letter written by Cardinal Robert Sarah, the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. This letter is entitled "Let us return to the Eucharist with joy!" and addressed to the Presidents of Episcopal Conferences. Cardinal Sarah requested that Catholics around the world should return to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in churches, as soon as the situation improves and local bishops allow it. Cardinal Sarah noted the dangers of a virtual Mass. He emphasised that a virtual Mass or live streaming via television cannot replace Holy Mass in churches, where God's people are physically present at the liturgy. The church is the only suitable place for the formation and development of a real community of believers. Besides, he also emphasised that the "physical contact with the Lord is vital, indispensable, irreplaceable." Therefore, he urged all faithful to return to the normal state of the Christian life, as soon as possible, where circumstances permit and safe. You can read his letter here: [www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com).