



SAINT FIACRE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Parish

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The Feast Day of St Padre Pio



Last Sunday, our Parish had celebrated the Feast of the Stigmata of Saint Padre Pio in a simple yet meaningful celebration. The first-grade relic of Saint Padre Pio (a piece of his blood-stained glove) was also on display.

Thank you very much to all who had donated money, arranged the flowers, and prepared for the liturgy.

The main celebration took place on Wednesday, 23rd September, which is the official date for the feast day of Saint Padre Pio. On this event, Fr. John Cooper, OFM Cap. had also celebrated the Rite of Admission into Secular Franciscan Order (SFO). This liturgy was held in the context of the official acceptance of two diocesan priests to become followers of the Third Order of Saint Francis. Congratulations! May the spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi and the example of holiness from Saint Padre Pio inspire you both in carrying out your sacred duties in the church!

The Solemnity of St Francis

Next week is even more exceptional! Next weekend, our Parish will celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Francis of Assisi. On Saturday afternoon, 3rd October, at 6.30 PM (straight away after the Vigil Mass), our Parish will observe the Transitus of our Seraphic

Father. This year we will commemorate the 794 years of his death. And this year's celebration is extraordinary because it coincides with the signing of Pope Francis' newest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* (All Brothers), which will take place at the tomb of Saint Francis, in Assisi (Italy).

Then, on Sunday 4th October we will dedicate all the Holy Mass in our Parish to celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Francis of Assisi. On this occasion, the statue and relic of Saint Francis of Assisi will be kept in St Fiacre's church. For the health and safety reason, I ask you not to touch the statue or the relic. Also, if the situation allows, there will be a blessing of pets outside the church after Holy Mass. However, please do not bring your pet inside the church.



Finally, let us increase our devotion to Our Blessed Mother. October is the month of the Rosary. Saint Padre Pio once said, "The Rosary is the weapon for these times." Facing the world situation at the moment, we can use these words as our guidance and encouragement. Let us pray the Holy Rosary every day!

PAX ET BONUM,

Fr. Pionius Hendi, OFM Cap.

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.

Enquiring to become a Catholic?
Contact the Parish Office.

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MASS ON SUNDAY

Entrance Antiphon

Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First reading

Ez 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Second reading

Phil 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.



He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

Sun 8.00am

Gloria Fernandez

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

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You can now donate easily and instantly! Click the "Make A Donation" button on the Parish website to make a secure, one off donation to our Parish via BPoint.

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- 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

PSALM RESPONSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 28 September: Lord, bend your ear and hear my prayer.

Tuesday 29 September: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Wednesday 30 September: Let my prayer come before you, Lord.

Thursday 1 October: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Friday 2 October: Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.

Saturday 3 October: Lord, let your face shine on me.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Gospel Reflection

by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage is one of many within Matthew's gospel that show Jesus at odds with the religious authorities of his day. The picture of the religious leaders that comes through Matthew's gospel is one of hypocrisy. Jesus is frequently portrayed as criticising the leaders for holding too strongly to the letter of the law and ignoring the spirit of the law and the call to compassion. This week's passage has Jesus seeking the opinion

of the chief priests and elders on a hypothetical situation (a common style of debating a point of law in the Jewish tradition). He describes two sons, each asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. The first says 'No' but later does his father's bidding. The second says 'Yes' but doesn't follow through on his commitment.

Jesus is criticising the religious leaders of his time who, with their words, said 'Yes' to God but by their actions said 'No'. He most certainly would have upset the leaders by telling them that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. Whilst these tax collectors and

prostitutes were regarded by the religious authorities as 'sinners' beyond redemption, Jesus holds them up in the image of the first son of the story. Although they may have said 'No' to God through their poor choices, ultimately they are saying 'Yes' to God in their acceptance of Jesus and the message of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the leaders have said 'Yes' to God publicly through abiding by all the religious laws and maintaining a 'religious profile' but in their hearts and actions they have not truly said 'Yes!'








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DO YOU HAVE A FRANCISCAN CALLING?

If you would like to know more about Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Padre Pio, please join one of the three Franciscan groups in our Parish:

- ✓ If you are a young adult/young professional (18-35 years old), our Parish provides a proper place for the early formation of Franciscan spirituality. Our Parish has a group of young adults/professionals called the *Capuchin Young Adults* (CYA). They were formed by the Capuchin Friars in Leichhardt to become "a little Francis" in the society where they live and work. If you are interested, please contact Ivan Salazar or Dara Liu at: capuchinyoungadults@gmail.com.
- ✓ If you are married or have a family, the Parish also provides a place for advanced formation to deepening the Franciscan spirituality. This group is called the *Secular Franciscan Order* (SFO). The members are lay men and women, but also some diocesan priests. If you are interested, please contact them at: national@ofsaustralia.org.au.
- ✓ However, if you want to become a Capuchin Friar (priest or brother), followers of the First Order of Saint Francis of Assisi, please contact us directly – the Capuchin Friars in Leichhardt. We are ready to welcome and assist you in your discernment process.

ACTIVITIES AROUND OUR PARISH

<p>TRANSITUS OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI</p>  <p>Our Parish will commemorate the death of St. Francis of Assisi, our Seraphic Father. Let join the Capuchin Friars, the Secular Franciscan Order, and all parishioners in this special celebration.</p> <p>Time: Saturday, 3rd October, from 6.30 PM – 7.30 PM.</p> <p>Place: St Fiacre's church, Leichhardt.</p>	<p>CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE</p>  <p><i>This is a good opportunity to deepen your faith in Jesus Christ and get to know the teachings of the Catholic Church.</i></p> <p>Time: Monday and Thursday, 7:30 PM</p> <p>Place: St Fiacre's Parish Hall, Leichhardt.</p> <p>Contact:</p> <p>~ David Piccolo (0418 245 159)</p> <p>~ Fiona Piccolo (0412 481 377).</p>	<p>CANS AND PLASTIC BOTTLES COLLECTION</p>  <p>The Friar' Van, our ministry to the homeless, needs any containers that have 10c recycling written on it. The containers can be dropped in the recycling bins at St Fiacre's church. Every container counts!</p>
<p>CLEANING DONATIONS</p> <p>Our parish needs donations in the form of cleaning supplies, such as disinfectant sprays (<i>Glen 20</i>), antibacterial wipes, and tissues. If you can help, please drop them at the sacristy before or after Holy Mass. Many thanks.</p> 	<p>PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP</p>  <p>The Padre Pio Prayer Group invite you and your family to participate to a Mass in memory of Family Torresan & Papa.</p> <p>Time: Wednesday, 7 October 2020, at 7:00 PM</p> <p>Place: St Fiacre's church, Leichhardt.</p>	<p>COMMUNION AT HOME</p>  <p>If you know of any of our parishioners who cannot go to church because of illness or old age, but they are eager to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office. We will arrange for a priest to visit them.</p>
		<p>CAPUCHIN YOUNG ADULTS</p> <p>Formation for CYA will resume this Sunday, 27th September, at 7:00 PM, with a theme "A Catholic Guide to Modern Dating." Presented by: Albert & Monica.</p> 

XXVI DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO – Foste salvati gratuitamente- Dalla «Lettera ai Filippesi» di san Policarpo, vescovo e martire



Policarpo e i presbiteri, che sono con lui, alla chiesa di Dio che risiede come pellegrina in Filippi: la misericordia e la pace di Dio onnipotente e di Gesù Cristo nostro salvatore siano in abbondanza su di voi. Prendo parte vivamente alla vostra gioia nel Signore nostro Gesù Cristo perché avete praticato la parola della carità più autentica. Infatti avete aiutato nel loro cammino i santi avvinti da catene, catene che sono veri monili e gioielli per coloro che furono scelti da Dio e dal Signore nostro. Gioisco perché la salda radice della vostra fede, che vi fu annunciata fin dal principio, sussiste fino al presente e porta frutti in Gesù Cristo nostro Signore. Egli per i nostri peccati accettò di giungere fino alla morte, ma «Dio lo ha risuscitato sciogliendolo dalle angosce della morte» (At 2, 24), e in lui, senza vederlo, credete con una gioia indicibile e gloriosa(cfr. 1 Pt 1, 8), alla quale molti vorrebbero partecipare; e sapete bene che siete stati salvati per grazia, non per le vostre opere, ma per la volontà di Dio mediante Gesù Cristo (cfr. Ef 2, 8-9). «Perciò dopo aver preparato la vostra mente all'azione» (1 Pt 1, 13), «servite Dio con timore»

(Sal 2, 11) e nella verità, lasciando da parte le chiacchiere inutili e gli errori grossolani e «credendo in colui che ha risuscitato nostro Signore Gesù Cristo dai morti e gli ha dato gloria» (1 Pt 1, 21), facendolo sedere alla propria destra. A lui sono sottomesse tutte le cose nei cieli e sulla terra, a lui obbedisce ogni vivente. Egli verrà a giudicare i vivi e i morti e Dio chiederà conto del suo sangue a quanti rifiutano di credergli. Colui che lo ha risuscitato dai morti, risusciterà anche noi, se compiremo la sua volontà, se cammineremo secondo i suoi comandi e ameremo ciò che egli amò, astenendoci da ogni specie di ingiustizia, inganno, avarizia, calunnia, falsa testimonianza, «non rendendo mala per male, né ingiuria per ingiuria» (1 Pt 3, 9), colpo per colpo, maledizione per maledizione, memori dell'insegnamento del Signore che disse: Non giudicate per non esser giudicati; perdonate e vi sarà perdonato; siate misericordiosi per ricevere misericordia; con la misura con cui misurate, sarà misurato a voi (cfr. Mt 7, 1); Lc 6, 36-38) e: Beati i poveri e i perseguitati per causa della giustizia, perché di essi è il regno dei cieli (cfr. Mt 5, 3. 10).



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<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app>

ROSARY PILGRIMAGE AT ST FIACRE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

The official Pilgrim Statue of **Our Lady Help of Christians** Will be visiting our Parish on: **11 OCTOBER 2020**

Our Parish Family Rosary will commence at: **4.00pm**

Please feel free to bring flowers as a gift to Our Lady during her visit to our Parish

Research study on worship practices during COVID19 pandemic Monash University is inviting practicing Catholics aged over 18 across Australia to participate in a research study on religious practice before and after COVID-19 lockdowns. The anonymous study is exploring possible relationships between religious orientation, worship choices and post-pandemic spiritual wellbeing. If you'd like to participate in the study, you'll find more information here: https://monash.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_43f3xmKU1xaoS1

World Mission Day - Sunday 18th of October Mission Sunday, reminds Catholics about their commitment and support for the missionary work of the Church through prayer and sacrifice. On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, Pope Francis released his message for this year's celebration and said that the Covid-19 pandemic is an opportunity for mission and service to others.

Holy Father's Appeal next weekend
Our parish will hold the Holy Father's Appeal next weekend for which we ask your support. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.

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We acknowledge that this land area traditionally belonged to the Gadigal and Wangal peoples of the Eora nation. We pay our respects to their elders past, present, and emerging.