



SAINT FIACRE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Parish

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) – SUNDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2020

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Welcome to St Fiacre's Parish. We welcome you with great joy!

Last Sunday, we had celebrated the Feast of Saint Fiacre, the patron of our Parish, in a simple but meaningful celebration. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we can still gather together to observe this special occasion for three consecutive days (*Triduum*). Although there are no other activities besides Holy Mass, we are so grateful as we have consecrated our Parish one more time to Jesus Christ, our Lord, and put it under the protection of the Immaculate Conception of Mother Mary. We perpetually pray that St Fiacre's Parish will continue to progress and develop in the future, both in its quality and quantity.

On this occasion, I would like to thank the organising committee, benefactors, religious associations, and all parishioners who have participated in the celebration. I can see your amazing supports to the Parish. May our Lord reward you in abundance! Besides, I want to congratulate the winners of this year's raffle tickets. You can find the information on page 3 in this bulletin, as well as, through the Parish website and Facebook. If you have not been lucky this year, no worries, there is still a chance for you next year.

This Sunday, 6th September 2020, we also celebrate Father's Day. I want to thank all fathers who have been educating their children and grandchildren in the Catholic faith. I know your challenges, yet at the same time, I believe that through your good examples and strong faith, you have shown your children and grandchildren the right path leading to God. Since this is a special day, I will give a special blessing to all fathers and father's figures.

Finally, I invite you all to strengthen prayer's life in your family. In the Gospel today, Jesus says: "If two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them" (Matt. 18:19-20). Pray together as one family is so essential. Quoting the words of Fr. Patrick Peyton (1909-1992), I want to re-emphasise that ***a family that prays together, stays together!***

With pray and love,

Fr Pionius Hendi, OFM Cap.
(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 118:137, 124*

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First reading *Ez 33:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) **O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

Second reading *Rom 13:8-10*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbor as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbor; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation *2 Cor 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 18:15-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.'

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Communion Antiphon *Ps 41:2-3*

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

Sun 8.00am Arturo & Esperanza Redondo
Mon 7.00am Nata Ferraro & Maria R. Duarte
Tue 7.00am Manuel & Maria Portela
Wed 7.00am Dorothy Griffin
Thu 7.00am Manuel Hernandez
Fri 7.00am Giovanna Morrone
Sat 7.00am Winifred Minnie Phyland

We remember the death of:

Carmela Ponzio, Maria Catalano & Caterina Cinone.

**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**
- ➔ 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@capuchinfrs.org.au

PSALM RESPONSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 7 September: Lead me in your justice, Lord.

Tuesday 8 September: With delight I rejoice in the Lord.

Wednesday 9 September: Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.

Thursday 10 September: Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.

Friday 11 September: How lovely is your dwelling-place, Lord, mighty God!.

Saturday 12 September: To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading: Eccl 27:33-28:9

2nd Reading: Rom 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Gospel Reflection

by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' – community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last

thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, then there would be no 'drama' to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships! Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other

members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment






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St Fiacre's & the Immaculate Conception Parish

2020 Feast Day Celebration

Bringing communities together

Raffle Draw Results

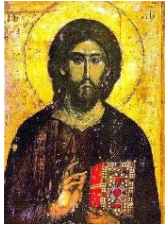
	1st Prize - Expressi Coffee Machine Winner: Ticket No. Purple F 96
	2nd Prize - Gift Basket Winner: Ticket No. Red B 19
	3rd Prize - Food Processor Winner: Ticket No. Blue C 86
	4th Prize - Euroespresso Gift Basket Winner: Ticket No. Orange A 45
	5th Prize - Sri Lankan Cooking Spices Gift Box Winner: Ticket No. Purple C 45

The raffle was drawn on Sunday, 30 August 2020 at 6pm at St Fiacre's Parish Church, 98 Catherine Street, Leichhardt.

To collect your prize, please contact Felice on 0418 614 519.

XXIII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO – LA SAPIENZA CRISTIANA - Dal «Discorso sulle beatitudini» di san Leone Magno, papa

Il Signore dice: «Beati quelli che hanno fame e sete della giustizia, perché saranno saziati» (Mt 5, 6). Questa fame non ha nulla a che vedere con la fama corporale e questa sete non chiede una bevanda terrena, ma desidera di avere la sua soddisfazione nel bene della giustizia. Vuole essere introdotta nel segreto di tutti i beni occulti e brama di riempirsi dello stesso Signore. Beata l'anima che aspira a questo cibo e arde di desiderio per questa bevanda. Non lo ambirebbe certo se non ne avesse già per nulla assaporato la dolcezza. Ha udito il Signore che diceva: «Gustate e vedete quanto è buono il Signore» (Sal 33, 9). Ha ricevuto una parcella della dolcezza celeste. Si è sentita bruciata dell'amore della castissima voluttà, tanto che, disprezzando tutte le cose temporali, si è accesa interamente del desiderio di mangiare e bere la giustizia. Ha imparato la verità di quel primo comandamento che dice: «Amerai il Signore tuo Dio con tutto il cuore, con tutta l'anima e con tutte le forze» (Dt 6, 5; cfr. Mt 22, 37; Mc 12, 30; Lc 10, 27). Infatti amare Dio non è altro che amare la giustizia. Ma come all'amore di Dio si associa la sollecitudine per il prossimo, così al desiderio della giustizia si unisce la virtù della misericordia. Perciò il



Signore dice: «Beati i misericordiosi perché troveranno misericordia» (Mt 5, 7). Riconosci, o cristiano, la sublimità della tua sapienza e comprendi con quali dottrine e metodi vi arrivi e a quali ricompense sei chiamato! Colui che è misericordia vuole che tu sia misericordioso, e colui che è giustizia vuole che tu sia giusto, perché il Creatore brilli nella sua creatura e l'immagine di Dio risplenda, come riflessa nello specchio del cuore umano, modellato secondo la forma del modello. La fede di chi veramente la pratica non teme pericoli. Se così farai, i tuoi desideri si adempiranno e possiederai per sempre quei beni che ami. E poiché tutto diverrà per te puro, grazie all'elemosina, giungerai anche a quella beatitudine che viene promessa subito dopo dal Signore con queste parole: «Beati i puri di cuore, perché vedranno Dio» (Mt 5, 8). Grande, fratelli, è la felicità di colui per il quale è preparato un premio così straordinario. Che significa dunque avere il cuore puro, se non attendere al conseguimento di quelle virtù sopra accennate? Quale mente potrebbe afferrare, quale lingua potrebbe esprimere l'immensa felicità di vedere Dio? E tuttavia a questa meta giungerà la nostra natura umana, quando sarà trasformata: vedrà, cioè, la divinità in se stessa, non più «come in uno specchio, né in maniera confusa, ma a faccia a faccia» (1 Cor 13, 12), così come nessun uomo ha mai potuto vedere. Conseguirà nella gioia ineffabile dell'eterna contemplazione «quelle cose che occhio non vide, né orecchio udì, né mai entrarono in cuore d'uomo» (1 Cor 2, 9).

HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY

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

This Saturday 5th of September
Congratulations on
the Baptism of:
Florence Andrea Aranjó

the Wedding of
Daniel & Josephine Costa

the 50th Wedding Anniversary of
Santo & Eleonora Mancuso

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

Capuchin Young Adults

The Capuchin Young Adults (CYA) is a group of young Catholics inspired by the life of St Francis of Assisi and supported by the Capuchin Friars. Through our three pillar of Fraternity, Formation and Ministry, we look to get closer to Christ following the footsteps of St Francis. We invite all young adults and professionals to our weekly "Sundays at the Friary" events, which currently include 4:00 pm Adoration and 5:00 pm Mass.

For more information, visit <http://capuchinyoungadults.com/> or contact us at capuchinyoungadults@gmail.com Make sure to like our Facebook page "Sundays at the Friary".

Proclaim the NSW Modern Slavery Act 2018 (by Archbishop Anthony Fisher, DD)

Friends, I encourage you to join me in signing an open petition to the NSW parliament calling on the state government to proclaim a model anti-trafficking law for our times, the Modern Slavery Act 2018.

The law calls on all entities with an annual turnover of over \$50 million to release Modern Slavery Statements, explaining what action they have taken to slavery proof their supply chains.

Despite this law having passed parliament over two years ago, it still hasn't been brought into law, thanks to stalling tactics which have failed some of our state's most vulnerable citizens. As Christians, we are obliged to speak out against this injustice. If 20,000 or more people sign the petition, a debate will be activated in the Legislative Assembly. You'll find a link to the petition here: <https://bit.ly/31rqmSl>

Father's Day Appeal 2020

Remember our Retired Priest's this Father's Day

This weekend marks the start of the Priests' Retirement Foundation Father's Day Appeal – set up with the aim of looking after our sick and retired priests, it provides them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support – to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement.

As a way of expressing your gratitude for our priests who've nurtured your Catholic faith and provided guidance, friendship and mercy through the years, we hope that you'll consider giving back and donate to the Priests' Retirement Foundation.
Thank you.