



SAINT FIACRE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Parish

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) ~ SUNDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2020

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Special Mass for HSC Students

Dear parishioners, I noticed that completing a senior high school level studies is quite stressful and challenging, both for students and for their parents. Therefore, support from various people - including from the church - is needed. It is for this reason that on this **Sunday 18th October, at 5:00 PM**, our Parish community will have a special Mass dedicated for all students who are sitting their Higher School Certificate (HSC) this year. I invite the students and their families to join this special celebration. There will be a blessing after the Holy Communion.

Parish Catechists

As I had mentioned last week, our Parish is opening the opportunities for parishioners who are interested to become catechists. Becoming a catechist is a vital vocation in supporting the growth of your local Parish, and I can see the urgent needs of our Parish today to have a group of dedicated people who are willing to volunteer and invest their time and energy to proclaim Jesus Christ to others, both for school students and our parishioners in general. If you feel the call, please let me know, or you can contact the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions on November

We will dedicate the entire month of November to pray for our deceased family, friends, relatives, and all souls in Purgatory.

For this purpose, our Parish will provide special November Mass envelopes at the foyer of the church entrance. I invite you to take it and write down the names of your family members who have died, and who want to be prayed for during Holy Mass. Please put your envelope in a special box that has been provided in front of the altar.

I will put all registered names in the Book of Remembrance, which will be put on the altar at each Mass. Please note that no other intention will be prayed for during November if the intention is related to someone's death. I encourage you and family to attend Mass, and therefore, pray with other parishioners for the same intention: may their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Planned Giving Registration

Our Parish is grateful for your continued support. With adequate financial assistance, our Parish can do many things for maximizing our Parish ministries in the future. At the moment, our Parish opens the opportunities for all parishioners to take part in the *Planned Giving Programme*. Please take the registration form next to the donation box in the foyer of the Church. Thank you very much for your support.

Finally, have a good weekend everyone. Stay safe, and may God bless you! – *Fr Pio*.

LITURGY & DEVOTIONAL TIMETABLE

- ❖ **DAILY MASS:** Monday-Saturday, 7:00 AM, followed by the Holy Rosary after Mass
- ❖ **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/Professionals, 4:00 PM
- ❖ **CONFESSION:**
 - Every Saturday 4:45 PM – 5:15 PM
 - Every Sunday 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM (during the Adoration for Young Adults/Professionals).
 - Other time, by appointment. Please contact the Parish Office.
- ❖ **BAPTISMS:** Please contact the Parish at least three months before the baptism.
- ❖ **WEDDINGS:** Please contact the Parish at least six months before the wedding.
- ❖ **FUNERALS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** by appointment.



READINGS ON SUNDAY

Entrance Antiphon Ps 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First reading Is 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7
(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alle luia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.



Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then.

Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'

But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

2nd Reading: 1 Thess 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS:

"It is not enough to accept the invitation to follow the Lord; one must be open to a journey of conversion, which changes the heart. The garment of mercy, which God offers us unceasingly, is the free gift of his love; it is grace."

WEEKLY PSALM RESPONSES

Monday 19 October: The Lord made us, we belong to him.

Tuesday 20 October: The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

Wednesday 21 October: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Thursday 22 October (St John Paul II, Pope): The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Friday 23 October: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Saturday 24 October: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

HOW TO DONATE?

Scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera, or visit our Parish website www.stfiacreparish.com, then click on the button **MAKE A DONATION**. Please choose **Planned Giving** if you want to join Regular Donors Group at our Parish.



If you are a new parishioner to St Fiacre's or an existing one, and you would like to participate in our *Planned Giving Programme*, forms are available for completion in the foyer of the Church. Please complete your details, and return it via the collection box at Mass, or to the Parish Office, or by email.

If you prefer EFT, here are our details:

- Name: **St Fiacre's Catholic Church**
 - BSB: **062-784**
 - Account No: **0457 5001**
- N.B: Please write your **Envelope Number** in the reference box. Many thanks!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection (support the Friars): \$ 445
2nd Collection (support our Parish):
~ Loose \$ 315
~ Envelopes \$ 465
~ Direct Debit & Credit Card \$ 37

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING. OUR PARISH IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. THANK YOU!

Gospel Reflection for young people

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The Pharisees and the Herodians try to trip Jesus up, but he won't fall for their setup. They ask him to choose between the worldly and the holy, between the political and the religious. Jesus simply says that we need to give to each what is due to each.

Do you ever experience a conflict between what your faith says and what your country says? If something is legal, is it always moral? And if something is moral, is it always legal? What is an example of such a conflict?

Do you ever experience a conflict between what your civil community says and what your faith community says? If something is an acceptable practice in your school or in your circle of friends, does that mean it's always right to do? And is the right thing always acceptable in your social situation? What is an example of such a conflict? Some people try to live entirely in one arena, and they are totally against the other.

Do you know anyone who completely rejects all religion and talk of God and only clings to









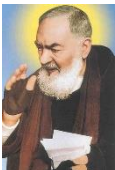
the physical, modern world? What is that attitude like?

Do you know anyone who completely rejects all earthly things and clings only to the religious and spiritual? What is that attitude like?

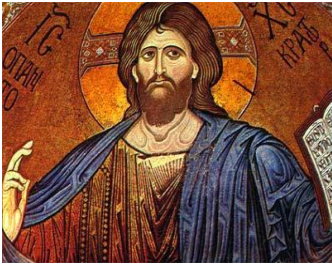
Do you know anyone who lives a good balance of both the spiritual and the earthly? What is that attitude like?

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ACTIVITIES AROUND OUR PARISH

<p>FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM</p>  <p>Our Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for all registered students this year. The preparation class will resume on Monday, 19th October. The celebration will be at St Fiacre's church on Monday, 9th November, at 6:30 PM.</p>	<p>CAPUCHIN YOUNG ADULTS (CYA)</p>  <p>We are a group of young Catholics inspired by the life of St Francis of Assisi. Our schedules for this Sunday, 18th October are as follows:</p> <p>4 PM Vespers & Adoration (<i>and confession</i>). 5 PM Holy Mass 6 PM Dinner & Discussion on the new encyclical from Pope Francis, <i>Fratelli Tutti</i>.</p>	<p>CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE</p>  <p>This is a good opportunity to deepen your faith in Jesus Christ and get to know the teachings of the Catholic Church.</p> <p>Time: Monday and Thursday, 7:30 PM Place: St Fiacre's Parish Hall, Leichhardt. Contact: ~ David Piccolo (0418 245 159). ~ Fiona Piccolo (0412 481 377).</p>
<p>REMEMBRANCE MASS</p>  <p>St Fiacre's Parish Community invites you to a Remembrance Mass to honor and pray for your deceased family members and friends.</p> <p>Time: Monday, 2nd November, 7:00 PM Place: St Fiacre's church, Leichhardt</p>	<p>PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP</p>  <p>The Padre Pio Prayer Group invite you and your family to participate to our monthly Mass.</p> <p>Next Mass for Padre Pio Prayer Group will be on Wednesday, 4th November, at 7:00 PM.</p> <p>Fam. Mastellone & Squadrito Place: St Fiacre's church, Leichhardt.</p>	<p>RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS</p>  <p>Enquiring to become a Catholic? Our Parish will start the RCIA Program in Mid-November. The RCIA is dedicated for anyone who is not Catholic but is interested to know more about the Catholic faith, with the possibility of becoming a Catholic. If you know someone who would like to join the program, please contact the Parish Office: (02) 9518 0650 or email us at fiacre@capuchinfriars.org.au</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>BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING</p>  <p>Parents wishing to have their child baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation Evening is on Thursday, 29th October, 7.00 PM at the Parish Hall.</p>	<p>VOCATION AS A CAPUCHIN FRIAR</p>  <p>Are you interested in becoming a priest or a religious brother? Then, let join the Capuchin Friars. 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</p>

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingemquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



Quando preghiamo non dobbiamo mai perderci in tante considerazioni, cercando di sapere che cosa dobbiamo chiedere e temendo di non riuscire a pregare come si conviene. Perché non diciamo piuttosto col salmista: «Una cosa ho chiesto al Signore, questa sola io cerco: abitare nella casa del Signore tutti i giorni della mia vita, per gustare la dolcezza del Signore e ammirare il suo, santuario»? (Sal 26, 4). Ivi infatti non c'è successione di giorni come se ogni giorno dovesse arrivare e poi passare. L'inizio dell'uno non segna la fine dell'altro, perché vi si trovano presenti tutti contemporaneamente. La vita, alla quale quei giorni appartengono, non conosce tramonto.

Per conseguire questa vita beata, la stessa vera Vita in persona ci ha insegnato a pregare, non con molte parole, come se fossimo tanto più facilmente esauditi, quanto più siamo prolissi. Nella preghiera infatti ci rivolgiamo a colui che, come dice il Signore medesimo, già sa quello che ci è necessario, prima ancora che glielo chiediamo. Potrebbe sembrare strano che Dio ci comandi di fargli delle richieste quando egli conosce, prima ancora che glielo domandiamo, quello che ci è necessario. Dobbiamo però riflettere che a lui non importa tanto la manifestazione del nostro desiderio, cosa che egli conosce molto

bene, ma piuttosto che questo desiderio si ravvivi in noi mediante la domanda perché possiamo ottenere ciò che egli è già disposto a concederci. Questo dono, infatti, è assai grande, mentre noi siamo tanto piccoli e limitati per accoglierlo. Perciò ci vien detto: «Aprite anche voi il vostro cuore! Non lasciatevi legare al giogo estraneo degli infedeli» (2 Cor 6, 13-14). Il dono è davvero grande, tanto che né occhio mai vide, perché non è colore; né orecchio mai udì, perché non è suono; né mai è entrato in cuore d'uomo (cfr. 1 Cor 2, 9), perché è là che il cuore dell'uomo deve entrare. Lo riceviamo con tanta maggiore capacità, quanto più salda sarà la nostra fede, più ferma la nostra speranza, più ardente il nostro desiderio.

Noi dunque preghiamo sempre in questa stessa fede, speranza e carità, con desiderio ininterrotto. Ma in certe ore e in determinate circostanze, ci rivolgiamo a Dio anche con le parole, perché, mediante questi segni, possiamo stimolare noi stessi e insieme renderci conto di quanto abbiamo progredito nelle sante aspirazioni, spronandoci con maggiore ardore a intensificarle. Quanto più vivo, infatti, sarà il desiderio, tanto più ricco sarà l'effetto. E perciò, che altro vogliono dire le parole dell'Apostolo: «Pregate incessantemente» (1 Ts 5, 17) se non questo: Desiderate, senza stancarvi, da colui che solo può concederla quella vita beata, che niente varrebbe se non fosse eterna?

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sun 09:30 AM

Dicicco Maria Teresa – RIP

Arciero Anna – RIP

Sun 11:00 AM

Pasquale & Maria Mittiga - RIP

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

TAP & GO MACHINE



The Tap & Go machine is now available at the church entrance, and is set for \$10. If you wish to donate more, simply tap your credit card as many times you like.

It also accepts Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Pay Wave. All contributions go to the maintenance and development of the Parish, as does the Second Collection at weekend Masses. Many thanks!

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6 Week Masculinity Course: Unleashing the Warrior Within - Join Simon Carrington from Fire Up Ministries once a week for 6 weeks to delve into the Masculine Mission. This course can be taken online via Zoom, or in person, in which case there is a 20 person limit. **Cost:** \$149 (or \$49 if you are a member of the Fire Up Family) **Registration:** simon@fireupministries.com **Query:** chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org

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.

Healing after Abortion - Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Weekend Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. **The next healing retreat will be held 4-6 December 2020.** Join in an **Online Reflection - Called to Life** - a confidential **free** online individually guided reflection at a time to suit you. Please enquire about these programs at Rachel's Vineyard Ministries on their confidential number (voice mail): 0400 092 555 – more info at www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

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.