



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST- Year A

13th & 14th June 2020

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16; Ps 147; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58; Eucharist Prayer 2.

Sunday 14th June <i>The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass
Monday 15th June	9.00am Mass
Tuesday 16th June	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 17th June	9.00am Mass 9.30am Playgroup
Thursday 18th June	9.00am Mass
Friday 19th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.00am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Saturday 20th June <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00am Mass 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 21st June <i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C

REMINDER.

Please remember to ring or email Parish Office on 47398928 or secretary@stfinbars.org.au to book your spot for next weekend Masses before Thursday.

WELCOME all visitors to our church today. We extend our greetings to you. If you wish to join St Finbar's Parish, please make yourself known to one of our Wardens so we can give you our Parish Welcome Pack. Our Parish lies within the Traditional Country of the Darug people- The Aboriginal Custodians of our area.

FATHER JOLLY'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

"The Eucharist is the Silence of God, the weakness of God," says Carlo Carretto. God has to veil his presence make use of various disguises, and hide behind secondary causes, lest the intensity of divine love force the soul out of the body. The Eucharist is God's love and that total love for us is his weakness. St. Augustine comments that the Eucharist is the milk that God has provided in this life because of our spiritual weakness. Our loving God for the sake of Spiritual consolation is gradually purified and transformed into agape, unconditional love. The unconditional love leads us to be part of the other. Thus Eucharist is the greatest mystery and the highest experience of mysticism when it is received with proper understanding. When we receive the Eucharist, we enter into the depths of the Holy Trinity. In this generosity of God's love and humility, God transforms the bread and wine and becomes part of our body. St. Augustine again says "we are consumed by the divine energy and transformed into God". What a privilege? what a great example of God's self-giving?"



Christ becomes part of us forever and we recognise his presence and we become intimate with him more and more in every reception of the Holy Communion. We become united with his mystical body. Pope Francis describes this experience and says "The Eucharist is the spiritual life blood of the Christian because in receiving it we consume the glorified body of the Risen Lord, whose life then transforms us, elevates us and empowers us to become like him". The Eucharist grants us a share in the Divine and Human Saviour of the world, whose gift of himself imparts eternal life to those who love him. That is why Jesus says, "If anyone eats my flesh, he will live forever". Today we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi. As we reflect on today's readings and the Eucharist, the greatest gift of God to us, as Pope Francis tells us, may the Eucharist transform us to form a single body because we share this one loaf, and empower us to become like him. May the Eucharist enable us to suffer and to live with him. May we be sanctified and live a reconciled life with everyone. May we allow God to penetrate and restore our dignity as children of God. May we create true communities of love by becoming part of the one loaf that we share. May it empower us to participate in forming and building up of a just society based on the principles of self-giving and sharing. May the true love that we receive in the Eucharist enable us to make love as the vocation and motto of our lives.

Don't forget to write your name and phone number as you enter the church please.

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

GIVING ENVELOPES

It is now nearing the end of the financial year. It would be appreciated if all parishioners could have their envelopes up to date by 29th June so that the Parish can properly assess its financial situation.

New envelopes will be available on the weekend 28/29 June. Please take your envelopes home with you (a small number of parishioners will have a new number for the coming financial year as it was necessary to rationalise how many sets of envelopes we were paying for).

If any parishioner would like a set of envelopes, please contact the Parish office and this will be arranged for you. Alternatively any Parishioner can opt for the automatic payment of their weekly contributions, either from their bank account or from their credit card. The office can also arrange this for you.

SATURDAY SESSIONS

GROW & SHARE FAITH

Watch the presentation
Join in the online conversation from 11.00am
COVID-19
IS COVID-19 ALLOWING US
TO TAKE A FRESH LOOK
AT OUR SPIRITUALITY?
13 JUNE 2020
REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL TO ACCESS LINKS

Please join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions.

Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith before Saturday 11am and then join an online group discussion via Zoom between 11am – 12pm.

Register in advance for this meeting to receive the links for the presentation and meeting:

<https://dioceseofparramatta.zoom.us/join/register/tJwkcOihqTotE93udc-mgNQpw1pDi1VP6PpU>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about the presentation for this week and a link to join the meeting.

13th June 2020 - Dr Peter Mudge

Is COVID-19 allowing us to take a fresh look at our spirituality? (approx. 30 mins)

Peter invites us to sit quietly in a room with God, finding Christ in the centre and 're-souling on the sabbath'.

Listen to Peter's words and engage in the meditations that Peter offers. Dr Peter Mudge is Senior Lecturer in Religious Education and Spirituality, and Honorary Research Associate at the Sydney College of Divinity. He is the author of the popular books: Living Spirituality – Series 1 (released Sept 2019) and Series 2 (due August 2020), and their accompanying website resources. His materials focus on the Quadrivial Spirituality model which incorporates spiritual traditions, narratives, disciplines and virtues. He has published a number of individual texts, co-authored editions of Living Religion, and published over 50 journal articles and various academic book chapters. He has worked throughout his career as a teacher, adult faith educator, secondary R.E. consultant, Head of Mission, and lecturer in theology, RE and spirituality. Please contact Lisa Bright on lisa.bright@parracatholic.org if you cannot access the presentation to watch before Saturday 11am, or for further details or questions.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Greg Quilty, John Jennings, Judy Lee (Robyn Clarke's Mother), Yvonne Holt (Judy Burrett's Sister), Betty Burge-Lopez (Julie-Ann McLoughlin's Grandmother), Elise Doyle (Jacqui Visser's Sister), Patrick Hanson, Patricia De Mattia, Ken Moore, Maureen Purcell and Merle Catlin (Margaret Richard's Mother).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Angela Dengate (Jim Pope's daughter), Adam Carlyon (Theresa Luczak's Son in Law), Maria Macri, Eugene Daley (Margaret Rivas' Friend), Ryder Lopez, Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Joan Paine, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Pam Clyne, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Sophie Hollies, Colleen Nolan, Michelle Anthony and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Mary Druhan, Peter McKervey, Richard Whitmore, Mary O'Donnell, Angela Dempster, Gloria Saunders, Stanley Harris, Baby Valentina Twyford, Michael Anderson, Edward Helm, Mona Browning, Louis Dupressoir, Kathleen O'Donnell, Shirley Davison, Lawrence Lutton, William Connell, Baby John Castor, Brian Walsh and Leo Wathen.

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Reflection on the Gospel

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*, celebrates and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Although the liturgy on Holy Thursday remembers the celebration of the Last Supper, its focus tends to be more aligned with the events of the Passion rather than on the institution of the Eucharist. In the 13th Century, Pope Urban IV established the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) and it was St Thomas Aquinas who composed the official prayers of the Church for the feast day. In 1970 the feast was changed to the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In some countries it is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday and in others on the following Sunday.

The gospel passage comes from the 6th chapter of the gospel of John in which the gospel writer has Jesus deliver an extended discourse on the image of himself as the Bread of Life. This passage comes from the end of that discourse and, in this relatively short passage, Jesus repeatedly demands that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is through these actions that his followers will share in eternal life. Jesus says that whoever does this will live in him and he will live in them. That is one of the fundamental beliefs about the Eucharist. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist we become what we receive – we become Christ's body in the world. When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to be like himself. He reissues that call to be like him every time we receive his body and blood in Eucharist.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Positions Vacant:

Human Resources Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Catholic Youth Parramatta engaging young people in new ways

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

Life, Marriage and Family Office Pre-Marriage Weekends

The Life, Marriage and Family Office will recommence their pre-marriage education courses from the weekend of 24th and 26th July 2020. Social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place, with other arrangements to be made if government requirements change. To view course dates for the remainder of 2020 and to book and pay for your preferred pre-marriage course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

Project Compassion update

Due to COVID-19, Project Compassion has been extended and parishioners can bring their boxes or envelopes to parishes, or if they are unable, can contact 1800 024 413 or go to lent.caritas.org.au. A video message from Caritas Australia on how they are helping around the world can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk7AvhdL0IM>. For any further support, please contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org

Alpha Online Prayer Ministry

Be part of prayer ministry for the team and participants of Alpha Online beginning 1 June. Alpha invites participants to explore the Christian faith in a friendly and comfortable environment. Alpha Prayer Ministers are invited to pray daily individually or as part of a weekly online prayer group. Visit <https://www.parracatholic.org/alphaonline/> or call Lisa on 0448 652 720 to register or find out more.

Institute for Mission – Formation opportunity for adults

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program (Word and Mission) is going ahead starting from 18 August. In keeping with COVID-19 restrictions, the IFM will operate under the relevant health authority guidelines. Part Two is being offered for free as a response to COVID-19 with limited spots available. For details and registration, visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or contact Sr Grace on grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au.



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Baptisms: By Appointment
Weddings: By Appointment

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ROSTER FOR 20TH & 21ST JUNE 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Stuart Sheary
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji & Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Volunteer Please	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Andrew Teece	Susan Dowling
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie & Jessica Doherty		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Michael Lloyd and John Killeen		

REFUGEE WEEK 14TH – 20TH OF JUNE.

The diocesan journey for people seeking asylum and protection have created the fact sheet displayed on the church noticeboard which outlines succinctly the emergency situation that many asylum seekers and refugees in our diocese are currently in with COVID-19. Many are out of work and not eligible for JobKeeper, JobSeeker or Medicare and are facing destitution and homelessness.

The fact sheet outlines the emergency and offers ways parishioners can help.

The ACBC's Social Justice Office also points to great resources which might be helpful as well.

https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/event/refugee-week/2020-06-14/?fbclid=IwAR3vGUnt6Oo8_D45WysNqJEUABnujihqkxgRJBHkd5sFmPW-ExpYfbGJpNk

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CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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