

The Barbra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
20th & 21st June 2020

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Ps 68; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33; Eucharist Prayer 2.

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
Monday 22nd June <i>Sts John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	9.00am Mass
Tuesday 23rd June	9.00am Mass 10.30am Anne Smith Funeral Service
Wednesday 24th June <i>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i>	9.00am Mass 9.30am Playgroup
Thursday 25th June	9.00am Mass
Friday 26th June	9.00am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Saturday 27th June	9.00am Mass 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 28th June <i>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism

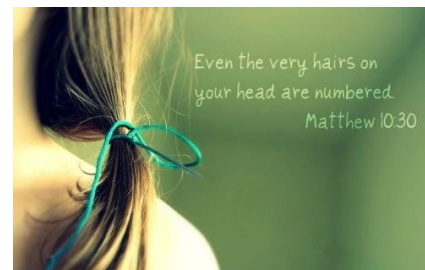
REMINDER.

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 call Jesus gave to his disciples saying “What I say to you in dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops” (Matthew 10:27), was addressed to all of us. We are called to help Jesus to proclaim the Gospel by word and deed, so our ministry brings God’s love to people. This love needs expression. Havelock Ellis said “When love is suppressed hate takes its place. We all need emotional expressions of love. Through love hatred is removed, forgiveness is brought. Faith and trust are established and doubt disappears. Hope becomes alive in the hearts and we rejoice with the Lord. But in our Christian ministry we should be prepared to face sufferings, hardships, sacrifices and rejection. Jeremiah is perhaps one of the best examples of a disciple and worker of God who had to face such trials “All those who used to be my friends watched for my down-fall” he cried out (Jeremiah 20:10). Jesus himself had to face great sufferings in his ministry. But he did not avoid them. Thus it will be for us too when we minister. Why should we suffer when we are called to be helpers of Christ in proclaiming the Gospel? The answer to such a question is very simple; there is sin in the world. As long as there is sin and evil in the world, all our efforts to proclaim the Word of God will be faced with resistance; Sin will resist Justice and Love, Light, Hope and real Joy. Sin will try to resist giving glory to God. Sin will resist obedience. It will resist holiness and grace. If we accept the call to be helpers of God we will suffer. But Jesus tells us not to be afraid, because he is with us and would not allow us to suffer beyond our strength, or to suffer in vain. “Do not be afraid, every hair of your head has been counted and you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows” (Matthew 10:31-32). Do we value ourselves as God values us? In the field of Psycho-spirituality it is observed that we become what we believe. It is our belief-system that gives direction to our energies and potentialities. If we believe in our worth and identity as true children of God, then our lives are enhanced. We are the living images of God. All of us have immense life-resources when we perceive ourselves as true images of God, then we can utilize them for proclaiming the Word of God. Thus you and I could be the true helpers of God though we may face great difficulties.



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

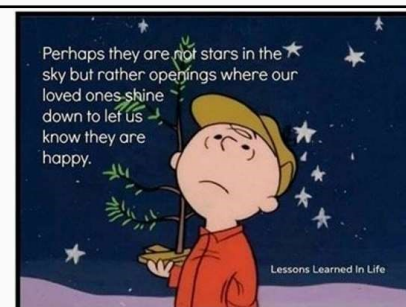
Reflection on the Gospel

'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week's reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'. The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus. It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

PIETY STALL

Please contact Noreen Taylor if you need to buy anything from the Piety Stall. Noreen's number is 47398882. thank you



LITURGY FORMATION WORKSHOPS:

The Office for Worship will be conducting 2 workshops on Liturgical Ministry in October at St Finbar's, Glenbrook. This will include Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Communion to the Sick & Dying. This is for those interested in serving in these ministries, whether new or to refresh and update. Registration forms will be available soon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anne Smith, Eugene Daley "Mick and Margaret Rivas friend", 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 and Maureen Purcell.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Michael Taylor, Angela Dengate (Jim Pope's daughter), Adam Carlyon (Theresa Luczak's Son in Law), Maria Macri, 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:

Julia Redler, Neville Fogarty, Ellen Gillian, James Smith, Margaret Burley, Leonard Rowan, Nancy Cassidy, Emma Gleeson, Betty Pain, Mario Carboni, Edward Cornish, Therese Dupressoir, Roger Chambers, Patricia Goldhawk, Arthur Plevey, Mazelle Montgomery and Mary Robb.

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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 are available this weekend. 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.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Positions Vacant:

- Human Resources Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta
- Family Services and Administration Manager – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited – **Applications close 26 June**
- Service Establishment Manager – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited – **Applications close 26 June**

CYP Keeping Young People Safe Online: 23 June

Youth Leaders, parents and interested adults are invited to join a free bespoke webinar for the Diocese of Parramatta with the eSafety Commissioners Office of the Australian Government. The webinar will be held on Tuesday 23 June, 7-8:30pm. They will explore strategies to ensure safe online activity with Zoom and other social media platforms. Register at <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp-keeping-our-young-people-safe/>

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.

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.rocawska@ifm.org.au.



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ROSTER FOR 27TH & 28TH JUNE 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Warden	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
1 st Reading	Volunteer Please	Mary Creenaune	Patricia Murnane
2 nd Reading	Eileen Jones	Margaret Dickson	Greg Rowe
Intercession	Volunteer Please	Kevin Flynn	Elizabeth Rowe
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Terry Keogh	Joseph Marceau
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Erika McNay, Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee.		

SATURDAY SESSIONS

GROW & SHARE FAITH

Watch the presentation
Join in the online discussion from 11.00am

WELCOME THE STRANGER
PATRICE MORIARTY, SOCIAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR
WITH HAVA, SABEEN, MIRIAM & GEORGIA FROM SYDNEY ALLIANCE
AND HOUSE OF WELCOME



Dear Friends in Faith,

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/tJltd-mrqTwsG9MCcqUO4Akm5Tp3HEjdKeu0>

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

20th June 2020

“Welcome the Stranger”

Refugee Week 2020

Patrice Moriarty, Social Justice Coordinator with Hava, Sabeen, Miriam and Georgia from Sydney Alliance and House of Welcome

Hear first-hand the experience and stories of refugees and people seeking asylum in our diocese. Look into why welcome is so important in the practice of our faith and how COVID-19 and its economic impact have affected asylum seekers and refugees and what we can do to welcome and help out.

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.

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