


# The Barra

**Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook**  
**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**  
**27th & 28th June 2020**

**2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Ps 88; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42; Eucharist Prayer 2.**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>28th June</b> <i>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Baptism</b>	<b>FATHER JOLLY'S WEEKLY REFLECTION</b> "You may call God love, you may call God goodness, but the best name for God is compassion." The story of Jesus is a story of compassion says Meister Eckhart.	
<b>Monday</b> <b>29th June</b> <i>Sts Peter &amp; Paul</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	The good news of Jesus is that God is compassionate and there is no limit to God's compassion. His compassionate love and forgiveness are unlimited and unconditional and all-embracing. Hence the great call for the disciples of Jesus is to be compassionate in life.	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>30th June</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>7.30pm Netball Executive Meeting P/C</b>	Compassion is an attitude of welcoming. The word "Compassion" comes from two Latin words, 'Cum and Patire', which means to suffer with. In other words compassion means to enter into the suffering of the other and to be with him/her in his/her suffering.	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>1st July</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Playgroup</b>	It is to suffer with the other and to be kind and gentle to him/her in his/her pain. Compassion means to be one with the vulnerable. To be compassionate one has to be willing to renounce what seems to be selfish and self-oriented. Jesus tells us if anyone would be my follower, he or she should renounce anything that is selfish or self-centred, parents, children, family, then take up his cross and follow Him.	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>2nd July</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	Self-renouncing is a painful process. It means to be weak with the weak, to be powerless with the powerless and to be vulnerable with the vulnerable.	
<b>Friday</b> <b>3rd July</b> <i>St. Thomas</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>1.00pm Bowlers</b> <b>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</b>	It is entering into the painful situation and experience of the other and remaining with him/her in a sense of solidarity and oneness. It is to remain immersed in the conditions of fellow human beings in their brokenness. Let compassion be the name of God, reflected through each one of us.	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>4th July</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice</b> <b>4.45pm Confession</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	May we welcome God by welcoming others. "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me". (Matthew 10:40).	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>5th July</b> <i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>5.00pm The Epiphany Pilgrimage P/C</b> <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> <b>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</b>	"If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward". Jesus calls us to have compassionate love and service as our motto in life.	
<b>Don't forget to write your name and phone number as you enter the church please.</b>		It is always life-giving. It calls us to be sensitive to the suffering and feelings of others. Yes most of us desire and wish to be compassionate and life-giving but in reality, we tend to avoid it. It is our nature to avoid pain and suffering and to enter into the pain of others is not our natural response. Only those who have experienced pain and have discovered by the power of faith and love, higher values beyond pain and suffering enter into the pain of others. The Cross of Jesus is the example of such higher value discovery. May we join our own crosses to the cross of Jesus. May we be able to take our own crosses and follow Him in our service to our fellow men and women. May Jesus grant us a compassionate heart to do so.	

**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.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY BAPTISMS:**  
 The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Harry Riley Mousley who is going to be Baptised on Saturday and Matilda Leticia Herps who is going to be Baptised on Sunday and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.



## Reflection on the Gospel

The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole.

Today's passage appears at the conclusion of Chapter 10 in the Gospel of Matthew. The entire chapter deals with the commissioning and sending out of the disciples to 'proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.' (Mt 10:8) The previous chapter concludes with the words, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' (Mt 9:37-38) Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to 'work the harvest' through proclamation, healing and exorcism.

At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming the disciple will be rewarded.

It's also important to understand that the Jewish audience of the Gospel of Matthew found themselves under increasing persecution and there was often division within families between those holding to orthodox Jewish beliefs and those following the new Christian way. For some early Christians, there was the very real choice to be made between following their faith and remaining loyal to family. The Gospel of Matthew repeatedly affirms Jesus as the promised Jewish messiah; as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy. For early followers of the Christian way, this difficult message about being a follower was in the context of an affirmation that the message of Jesus was deeply grounded in their Jewish faith.

*Reflection by Greg Sunter*

### **SUSTAINING FAITH AT HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY WITH THANKS TO YOU**

As faithful supporters of our Holy Spirit Seminary and the men who have answered God's call to the priesthood, Parramatta Catholic Foundation would like to share with us the impact of your generosity.

Please visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/newsletter](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/newsletter). We hope you enjoy reading about our recently ordained priests – Fr Chris, Fr Galbert and Fr Jack – and getting to know our new seminarians – Blake, Luke, Macky and Paul. Thank you for your prayerful support and accompaniment.

*We are eternally grateful for your support and accompaniment which helps fulfill the Lord's call to help others.*

### **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:**

Adrian Willigers (Yvonne Etherington's Brother), 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 and Patricia De Mattia.

### **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:**

Valma Davenport, Christopher Robinson, Grace Farrell, Bernard Wilson, Michael Kelly, Dr. Charles Kerry, Joyce Adamson, Jessie Clayton, Helen Sheehan, Michael Wilburg, Rita O'Malley, Ron Chapman and Charley Allen.

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## GIVING ENVELOPES

It is now the end of the financial year. It would be appreciated if all parishioners could get their 2019/2020 envelopes up to date 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.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

Please note that due to Covid-19, the Parish had to cancel the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion. The Bishop has given the Parish Priest the authority to do the Sacrament of Confirmation, depending on the numbers. Please ring the Parish office on 47398928 if you like to register your child. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sunday the 20th of September at 6pm and the Confirmation Preparation Meetings will start on Saturday the 15th of August at 4.15pm in the Parish Hall.

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### Positions Vacant:

Human Resources Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta. More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### 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](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.

### 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](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au).

### Divine Retreat Centre One Day Malayalam Retreat: 4 July

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a one-day Malayalam Retreat on Saturday 4 July from 10am to 2.30pm. The retreat is a day of fasting, and will include praise and worship, confessions, adoration and Mass. Please call 0468 486 782 or email [drcsydney@gmail.com](mailto:drcsydney@gmail.com) to confirm attendance. Visit [www.divineretreatcentre.org.au](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org.au) for more information.

### Divine Retreat Centre Family Growth Retreat: 10 – 12 July

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a live-in family growth retreat from 6pm Friday 10 July to 4pm Sunday 12 July. Please call 0468 486 782 or email [drcetreatreggo@gmail.com](mailto:drcetreatreggo@gmail.com) to confirm attendance. Visit [www.divineretreatcentre.org.au](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org.au) for more information.

### ACU Online Public Lecture with Rev. Prof Mark R Francis: 20 July

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is hosting the President of the Catholic Theological Union, Rev Prof Mark R. Francis CSV, in a free online public lecture. Titled "The Challenge of Intercultural Liturgy in the Era of Pope Francis," it will be broadcast live from Chicago on Monday July 20 from 10am AEST via Zoom. Registration is essential by 15 July 2020. Register by visiting <https://bit.ly/3h1Rw8e>



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# PARISH INFORMATION

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Baptisms: By Appointment  
Weddings: By Appointment

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## FOOD DRIVE FOR REFUGEES THROUGH THE ST FRANCIS HOUSE OF WELCOME, GRANVILLE

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

### FOOD REQUIRED



**Basmati Rice**  
**Cooking Oil**  
**Long life milk**  
**Tinned tuna,**  
**Red kidney beans, lentils,**  
**chickpeas**

**Biscuits & muesli bars**  
**Oats & cereal**  
**Tinned tomatoes**  
**Fruit**  
**Tea & Coffee**

### Can you help please?

Many seeking asylum and their families are excluded from JobKeeper, JobSeeker, Medicare or income assistance, have lost their jobs, cannot pay their rent and are facing homelessness, are struggling to feed their families, are facing a winter without heat, are facing destitution.

There has been a 77% increase in requests for food bank items from The House of Welcome & Jesuit Refugee Service. They need to provide 430 food bags that feed 1100 women, men and children weekly.

Donations can be left at:

- St Finbar's Church at the office or inside the church door in the collection box *or*
- directly to Patricia and Kieran Murnane, 19 Hare Street, Glenbrook ph:47394688 – front verandah.

All donations will be delivered by the Murnanes to the House of Welcome at Granville after 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Thank you for your kindness.

## ROSTER FOR 4TH & 5TH JULY 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Joseph Sukkar
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Steve Newton
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Beth Culliver	John De Mattia	Pearse Cremin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Mary Creenaune	Amanda Moore
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