



# The Barra

**Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook**  
**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**  
**4th & 5th July 2020**

**Zechariah 9:9-10; Ps 144; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30; Eucharist Prayer 2.**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>5th July</b> <i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 5.00pm The Epiphany Pilgrimage P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C
	<b>Monday</b> <b>6th July</b> <b>9.00am Mass</b>
	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>7th July</b> <b>9.00am Mass</b> 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R
	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>8th July</b> <b>9.00am Mass</b>
	<b>Thursday</b> <b>9th July</b> <b>9.00am Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>10th July</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
	<b>Saturday</b> <b>11th July</b> <i>St. Benedict</i> <b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice <b>4.45pm Confession</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>12th July</b> <i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Baptisms</b>

## FATHER JOLLY'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Malala Yousazai was shot on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012 by the Taliban. As the wounded Malala was taken to Peshawar by helicopter, Malala's mother who never knew how to read and write rushed up to the roof of the house and took her scarf off her head, an extremely rare gesture for a Pashtun women, and lifted it up to the sky, holding it in both hands as if it was an offering she prayed "God I entrust her to you, we didn't accept security guards, you are our protector, she was under your care and you are bound to give her back". Again at the hospital as doctor Junaid was cutting away some of Malala's skull her father prayed with the following words "O God, please make Malala well, even if I have to live in the deserts of Sahara, I need her eyes open, I won't be able to live without her. O God let me give the rest of my life to her; I have lived enough. Even if she is injured, just let her survive". Malala's mother interrupted him, "God is not a miser, He will give me back my daughter, let us go to him, He will give us the courage, He will give us rest". One of the doctors who witnessed that said, "I had never seen someone praying like her". I was sure God would answer such prayers".

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus telling us "come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble, of heart; and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light". (Matthew 11:28-30).

In our lives we are anxious about many things that we may have to face this day. We long to know that we are not alone. Sometimes we feel abandoned, as if God has left us and forgotten us. We cannot feel his presence, and our lack of faith and trust get the better of us. Our human qualities keep us from being reminded of our constant connection to God. We feel lost, it is in these times we need to hear more and more the invitation of Christ, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest". We will be able to go to God only when we realise the blessings of God and are thankful enough to God for his blessings. It is a pity that human nature is such that we are slower to recognise blessings than evils.

Shakespeare writes "Blow, blow trouble winter wind, thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude". Ingratitude is an attitude that prevents us from going to God and finding the needed rest and comfort in the Lord. We need to thank God not only for big blessings but also, and especially, for small ones because our God has chosen to love and reveal himself especially to the small, the poor and the ordinary ones. "I bless you Father for hiding these things from the learned and clever and revealing them to mere children" (Matthew 11:25) prayed Jesus. When our life becomes at its darkest and our journey becoming most frustrating and painful, we may wonder and shout in anger, "God, where are you?! It is a question for ages. It is a question that points to our deepest longings. It holds our greatest fear, our most profound need, and even our highest hope. It is the question that begs for the assurance that the Psalmist gave when he said confidently, "I will fear no evil". Why didn't he fear? The reason he gives is summed up in five profound words of faith: "For you are with me". God's abiding presence is with us. It is only in humility that we can find this trust. The Lord tells us it is not our learning or wisdom that helps us to recognise the abiding presence of the Lord. It is our childlike attitude of humility and gratitude that makes us to live in his abiding presence all the time. Thus, when we feel burdened, let our prayer be: *Dear Lord, whom or what shall I fear when you walk beside me? Nothing can disturb me knowing that I am not alone. No matter how difficult I may feel, I have a friend, a confidante, and a loving mother and father in you. You are always here for me. I thank you for being beside me. I thank you for allowing me to come to you, and I praise you for allowing me to encounter you through the small and simple blessings I receive every moment of my life. I ask you for the grace that I can carry my yoke with you and find rest in you. May I always find rest in your abiding presence and my burden be light and yoke easy.*

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## FURTHER COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS SET TO EASE FROM 1 JULY

Restrictions imposed during COVID-19 will be further eased starting this week with strict social distancing rules, the NSW Government announced.

From 1 July 2020, there are [new rules](#) keeping the state COVID-Safe.

- The number of people allowed inside indoor venues will be determined by the '[one person per 4 square metre](#)' rule, with no upper limit.
- On compassionate grounds, restrictions on funerals will immediately be eased to allow the four square metre rule to apply.

**For the latest information please go to [nsw.gov.au/covid-19](https://nsw.gov.au/covid-19)**

So for our Parish, there is no need to book for the weekend Masses as we are allowed to have over 100 people attending as long as we keep the 4m<sup>2</sup> Social distancing.

## 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](https://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.

**TIMEOUT TUESDAY** will resume 21st July 10am - 12noon. Fr Jolly is happy for us to use the hall on the proviso the hall is not required for a specific occasion (funeral etc) Restrictions will be in order, it is important that we adhere to them keeping you all safe and healthy. Bringing your own drinking cup, might be a good idea. How wonderful it will be to see you all again, I'm sure our first gathering will be a lot of CHATTING rather than DOING. For more informative contact Kath - 0429925269 or Maire - 47394094

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frances Glen, 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) and Elise Doyle (Jacqui Visser's Sister).

## 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:

Dr. Christopher Kohlenberg, John Bowden, Eliza Nolan, Helen Lum, Kathleen Higgins, John Coyle, Pining Brown, Raymond Heaver, Joan Sisson, Jean McMillan, Kathryn Hazell, Harry Taylor, Aloysius McGlynn, Mildred Jordan, David Aitken, Kathleen O'Connor, Ric Baradinsky, Danielle Archer, Victor Baker, Leon Smith, Lorraine Grant, Jack Roles and Garry Thew.

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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 to be used from this weekend. Please take your envelopes home with you (a small number of parishioners will have a new number for the new 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.

## **Catholic Weekly** CATHOLIC WEEKLY RESUMES PRINTING

The first edition will be available in our parish (and be consigned to subscribers) the weekend of 11-12 July 2020.

Should you have any inquiries please email our accounts team at [cwaccountant@catholicweekly.com.au](mailto:cwaccountant@catholicweekly.com.au) or call on 9390-5411.

## 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).

### Share your Good News Stories!

Thank you for all that you continue to do to share the love and peace of God. Our Pastoral Planning Office welcomes your good news stories of hope and encouragement during COVID-19 to share with parishes and communities across our Diocese. If you have a good news story to offer, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/goodnewsstory>

### Saturday Sessions

Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions, hosted by the Pastoral Planning Office. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith and then join an online group discussion via Zoom. Visit the Diocese of Parramatta's Facebook page each week for details. Contact Lisa Bright on [lisa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org) to join the mailing list to receive session information.



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# PARISH INFORMATION

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Baptisms: By Appointment  
Weddings: By Appointment

**Office Hours:** 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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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 11TH & 12TH JULY 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Warden	Ken Schneiders	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Richard Cutler
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dawn Willis	Andrew Teece	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Joanne Stubbs
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Ellen Teece	Joanne Stubbs
Church Care	Julie Fehon, Janette Ankers, Lynda Favell & Kylie Lane		

*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.*

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