



# The Barbra

**Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook**  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**  
**11th & 12th July 2020**

Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps 64; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23; Eucharist Prayer 2.

<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 Baptism</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>13th July</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>14th July</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>15th July</b> <i>St. Bonaventure</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>16th July</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>17th July</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
<b>Saturday</b> <b>18th July</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice <b>4.45pm Confession</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>19th July</b> <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C

## FATHER JOLLY'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Logo therapy is the art of healing by giving hope and meaning to one's sufferings. Viktor Frankl, an Austrian neurologist, psychiatrist and author of many books, had discovered this method to treat his psychologically affected patients.



It is a method of psycho-therapy that evolved around giving hope and meaning to one's life. Our world seems to be trapped in a cycle of hopelessness that threatens to destroy our capacity to imagine and wonder. How many of us ever spend time to imagine what it would be like if the whole world lives at peace? We do not look at the possibilities of peace, so invent reason to mis-trust and fight with one another. We invent weapons and words to keep away one another. It is because we do not really believe in the power of God's word. Yet we hear in the first reading the Prophet Isaiah saying, "The word that goes from my mouth does not return empty" (Isaiah 55:11). Jesus himself being the Word of God sowed his words as seeds of life on earth, enabling the humanity to return to God with all creation. Through the power of the Word Jesus is active and alive in our midst. Like the sower in the parable God scatters the signs of his presence throughout his creation. He speaks to us in the quietness of our hearts. Do we meet the Lord of Peace? Are we able to silence the many noises of war within us that destroy our capacity to allow God's voice to be heard? We can hear God's life-giving word in any of our life's experiences. We can hear God's words in pleasant and great events and experiences. But we could also hear God's word and often more clearly in unpleasant aspects of our lives if we are sensitive to creation. St. Paul says "Creation groaning in a great act of giving birth" (Romans 8:22). It means God can speak to us powerfully through our pains, problems, our weakness, fears and ambiguities of life. It is not enough to hear or just listen to the word of God. Like the sower's seeds in the parable, it must germinate in our hearts and they should become seeds of life. We must practise them. The word must bear fruit in our lives. Our effort in putting God's word into practice may be small like a seed but if we allow it everyday to grow in us, we may be able to see the miracles of growth happening all around us. Thus let us open our hearts and make it a fertile ground, so that the seed of God's words may grow well and we may produce a hundredfold.

### SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Kayden Luke Hampson who is going to be Baptised this Sunday and warmly welcomes him into our Faith Community.



*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.*

# 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.

**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

## **'CATALYST FOR RENEWAL' REFLECTION MORNING**

**Santa Maria Hall, Lawson  
July 18, 2020, 9:30am-12:30pm**

Parking at: Lawson Catholic Church (Enter by Somers St) OR Kitchener St Lawson

**Earth Prayers and Rituals: Communal practices to attend to our grief and imagination for Earth community presented by Sally Neaves.** Only the first 20 **bookings** can be accepted at [carol.len@me.com](mailto:carol.len@me.com). NO walk-ins please.

## **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.

**Charismatic Healing Mass.** Mass will be followed by prayer for healing. Celebrant: Fr. Tony Alex MGL Sunday 19 July 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome! Please register by texting 0410 475 734

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Maureen Hobbs, Douglas Nelson (son of Ron dec and Mary Nelson), Frances Glen, Adrian Willigers (Yvonne Etherington's Brother), Anne Smith, Greg Quilty, John Jennings and Yvonne Holt (Judy Burrett's Sister).

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:**

Andrew Bookallil (Margaret Rivas son), 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:**

Thomas Boyle, Scott Grzonkowski, Geraldine James (Boyle), John Kelly, Margaret Frost, Kim Nolan, Jean Cottier, Kevin Bohan, Wacław Zajicek, Thomas Binns, Kevin O'Donnell, Peter Nash, Marjorie Howes & Frederick Moffitt (Beryl Callaghan sister and Father) and Kathleen O'Connor.

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE:

### CONTACT DETAILS

Places of worship **MUST** record the contact details of people attending a religious service.

If attending as a family group from the same household, one adult contact name and number or email is sufficient. This applies to Masses, weddings, funerals, memorial services, rosary groups, and all other events held at the parish. If anyone is unwilling to write their names and contact details, they shouldn't be inside the church as large fines will apply to our Parish if we don't follow the strict rules.

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are now able to visit the housebound and those who are unable to attend a parish for Mass or Holy Communion.

These ministers will need to observe social distancing and ensure at least 1.5 metres is maintained between them and those in their care.

Ministers will also need to use hand sanitiser prior to the distribution of Communion.

Only Communion on the hand is permitted at this time.

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2020

Please ring the Parish office on 47398928 if you would like to register your child for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It will be held on Sunday the 20th of September at 6pm. The Confirmation Preparation Meetings will start on Saturday the 15th of August at 4.15pm in the Parish Hall. Thank you

### DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

#### Positions Vacant:

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

#### Plenary Council Discernment Papers released

You are encouraged to take the discernment papers from the six national Plenary Council writing groups for your own discernment about how to bring to life a Christ-centred community in your area. These papers can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>. The Pastoral Planning Office can accompany you in reflecting on these papers. Please contact [pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org](mailto:pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org) to discuss ways to engage with these discernment papers.

#### 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).

#### SRE learning from home

During the school shutdown, CCD designed some faith resources for families to access for their children as they learned from home. These lessons, which are fun and prepared specifically for each age group 5-13, are a good way to encourage children to converse about topics of faith at home. These lessons which affirm that they are loved by God can be found at <https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>. For more information contact [cecilia.zammit@parracatholic.org](mailto:cecilia.zammit@parracatholic.org)

#### 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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Confessions: Sat 4.45-5.15pm  
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 18TH & 19TH JULY 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
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maire Griffin	Ann Keating	Peter & Trish Hurley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Annis Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
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