



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
18th & 19th July 2020

Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Ps 85; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43; Eucharist Prayer 2.

Sunday 19th July <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C
Monday 20th July	9.00am Mass 5.00pm SVDP M/R
Tuesday 21st July	9.00am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 7.30pm Netball General Meeting P/C
Wednesday 22nd July <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>	9.00am Mass 9.30am Playgroup P/C
Thursday 23rd July	9.00am Mass 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 24th July	9.00am Mass 10.30am Rita Cloran Funeral Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Saturday 25th July <i>St. James</i>	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 26th July <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism

COVID-19 The Parish is now registered with the NSW Government Covid-19 Safety Plan Register as a Covid-19 Safe. Please make sure you keep away from the church if you are sick. Also, no gathering outside the church after Mass is allowed as you have to keep 1.5meters social distance. Thank you for your help in keeping our community safe.

FATHER JOLLY'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Our responsorial Psalm for today, totally describes God's attitude towards each of us. "O Lord. You are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call". God waits for our conversion to grant us his forgiveness.



Repentance, conversion, forgiveness and reconciliation are interconnected in the Bible. We find a total of 80 references to conversion in the New Testament. The main root used to express the idea of conversion is Metanoia which means to undergo a change of heart and the return to God. The Psalm continues to say to us that God is a God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, and abounding in love and truth. God gives us time for conversion.

Conversion means a total change from all previous non-life ways to ways of fullness of life. It means adopting entirely new life-giving attitudes. God waits for our call to be freed from our obsession with sin. In today's Second Reading St. Paul reminds us that "The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself pleads for us with unutterable groanings" (Romans 8:26). God is with us. Repentance and change of heart are our response to the joyful discovery of the Good News. It is a turning to God. It is the discovery of the unconditional love and forgiveness of God. When we discover this love, it becomes easy for us to turn away from sin. Every person is capable of responding to God's unconditional love and forgiveness. There are no hopeless cases with God. God searches for all of us. God has become incarnate to seek all of us in our loss. God's love is so great that His forgiveness is unbelievable. It is our common experience that through a true and real loving encounter with a loving person that we realize what it means to be a loving and compassionate person ourselves and how much we fall short in this regard. Encountering a loving person reveals to us who we are and awakens our inner goodness to be better persons. It stimulates us to be better and transformed persons. The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness in this discovery. We are all in need of repentance and of being forgiven. This becomes possible because God loves us unconditionally. The parable of the bad seed or the dandel shows us there will always be evil around us, but God gives us the grace to remain among them and produce the harvest. It also tells us God continues to give chances and waits until the end to see our conversion.

Please continue reading on the last page.

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

COLUMBARIUM.

Dear Parishioners,

For the last 14 years or more the Parish had been discussing the possibility of building five Columbariums close to our existing memorial wall. A few times the needed permissions were sought in the past and were not successful. On the 9th of September 2019 Bishop Vincent approved my request on behalf of the Parish Community, and with his approval we approached the Blue Mountains City Council and on the 15th of July 2020 the Blue Mountains City Council granted us their permission to go ahead with our plan.

On behalf of the Parish Community I would like to express our gratitude towards all those Parishioners who helped us to obtain this permission. Mr. Vince Dobson for his leadership and his Son-In-Law Matt Bantick for the design and drafting services, John Mullane Town Planner, Lawyer Patrick Doherty for his legal advice, Jesse Mowbray for his advice and suggestions, The Parish Council and the Finance Committee for their whole-hearted support.

Finally to all those Parishioners who kept the ashes of their beloved departed to remain closer to the heart of the Parish Community.

May God bless us all.

Father Jolly Chacko MS

Father Jolly and St. Finbar's Community would like to wish Jacqui Visser a very Happy 90th Birthday on Saturday the 25th of July. May God bless her.

TIMEOUT TUESDAY Will resume on the 21st July 10am - 12noon in the **PARISH HALL**. Father 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

Rita Cloran has passed away peacefully on Wednesday the 15th of July, her funeral will be held on Thursday the 24th of July at 10.30am. Please keep Rita's family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rita Cloran, 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:

William Worthington, Thomas Brooks, Antonio Favaloro, Winnifred Jackson, Annie Gillian, Ivan Kucic, Mary Rivas, Mabel Barry, Ruby Howling, Doris Ball, Peter Roebuck and Arthur Hibberd.

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ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2020

Please ring the Parish office on 47398928 if you 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
- HR Project Officer – Payroll and Talent (Permanent position) - Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited – **Applications close Monday 20 July**
- Head of People and Culture – CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains – **Applications close Tuesday 28 July**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Office for Worship Resources available

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

Office for Worship Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Office For Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation course will recommence in August at both the Institute for Mission, Blacktown and St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith. Two workshops on Liturgical Ministry will also be provided in October at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. Note: due to restrictions there are limited places available. For more information, contact the Office for Worship on anne.alimangohan@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 to join the mailing list to receive session information.

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 to discuss ways to engage with these discernment papers.

Institute for Mission – Reflective Ministry Program available online

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program (Word and Mission) is going ahead starting from 18 August. Register here to participate ONLINE <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or contact Sr Grace on grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au.

Divine Retreat Centre One Day Worship Pilgrimage: 26 July

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is holding a one-day worship pilgrimage on Sunday 26 July. The retreat will include praise and worship, adoration, Way of the Cross and Mass. Please call 0468 486 782 or email drcsydney@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org.au for more information.

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth Online Women's Retreat: 1 August

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are inviting young women aged 18-35 to attend an online discernment retreat for women on 1 August from 4pm. The retreat will include a reflection and talk, a Q&A session and evening prayer. Registration is essential, as a link to the Zoom meeting will be provided. To RSVP, please contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or vocationsscfn@gmail.com.



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Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

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ROSTER FOR 25TH & 26TH JULY 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	Avril Llewellyn
2 nd Reading	Philomena Watkins	Volunteer Please	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Elizabeth Konza	Yvonne Scanlan
IT Operators	Pat Watson	Terry Keogh	Joseph Marceau
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, St. Finbar's Playgroup		

FATHER JOLLY'S WEEKLY REFLECTION—CONTINUED

God is patient and calls us to be patient with evil. Secondly, we must pray that the evil forces of darkness may not overpower us. If we find it difficult to pray, let us call the Holy Spirit to help. "The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness". Our patience with evil should not make us passive or indifferent to evil. We need to do our bit to remove evil wherever we can. It is always better to light a candle rather than cursing the darkness. In Hinduism, spirituality is known as the human search for the absolute God in all human limitations, while in Christian spirituality God searches for humanity and saves it with all it's limitations and imperfections. But there is a beautiful prayer which the seekers of God prayed every day and is described as the perfect prayer in the Upanishad which all of us could pray all the time. "O Lord lead me from the unreal to the real, from darkness to light, from mortality to immortality or eternity". May we live for eternity and immortality with God. May we be able to join the Psalmist to sing the second part of today's Psalm for eternity. "All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God".

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