



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
25th & 26th July 2020

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Ps 118; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52; Eucharist Prayer 2.

Sunday 26th July <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism
Monday 27th July	9.00am Mass
Tuesday 28th July	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 29th July <i>St. Martha</i>	9.00am Mass 9.30am Playgroup P/C
Thursday 30th July	9.00am Mass 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 31st July <i>St. Ignatius of Loyola</i>	9.00am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Saturday 1st of August <i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>	9.00am Mass 10.30am Baptisms 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 2nd August <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C

FATHER JOLLY'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Our attitudes are the mother of all our actions. Before anything moves toward action, it must first be an attitude. Then it becomes a perception, an idea and it becomes a feeling and moves into a decision. Nothing can happen without having an attitude. Our attitudes direct and define our lives. In today's First reading we see Solomon having the right attitude in life. The Lord appears to him and asks him in a dream "Ask what you would like me to give you". If you were asked this question by the Lord, what would each of us be asking the Lord? Solomon's answer was "Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil". The Lord said to Solomon, yes, you have asked the right thing. You have the right attitude in life. You did not ask for riches or long life or victory over your enemies. Yes, you have asked for the gift of discernment and gift of wisdom. The book of Proverbs says, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get Wisdom: and with all you are getting get understanding" (Proverb 4:7). There is nothing more important in life than having a proper discernment. Solomon chose to receive this gift and blessing from the Lord above everything else. What is discernment? Discernment is the ability to decide between truth and error, right and wrong. Discernment is the process of making careful distinctions in our thinking about truth. Discernment in life is important because it is the key to living an uncompromising life. It is the ability to exercise wisdom in every area of one's life. Unfortunately, discernment is an area where most Christians stumble. Many times we are not armed enough to take a decidedly strong stand against the evil things. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul points out to us the importance of proper discernment by saying "We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). It is true discernment that helps us to discover God's purpose for each of us at each moment. It is through this discernment that we come to share his glory. Thus today's Second Reading invites us to discern and co-operate with God's plan for all of us. True discernment ultimately leads us to the discovery of true treasures in life. Just think for a moment the tremendous joy of the two men of the parable in today's Gospel reading must have felt when one discovered a hidden treasure and the other a priceless pearl (Matthew 13:44-46)! One discovered the treasure by chance, while the other discovered the pearl by deliberate search. They were ready to make any sacrifice and give up everything that was less value, compared to the joy and happiness the treasure and pearl brought to them.

SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Estelle Elizabeth Andres and Noah Cole Fresco who are going to be Baptised this Sunday and warmly welcomes them 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.*

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FATHER JOLLY'S WEEKLY REFLECTION - CONTINUED

Yet it is not for pearl or this kind of treasure that ultimately our hearts yearn. These are images of the reality and not the reality. The reality for which our hearts yearn is for the reality of eternal joy. Those who discover this joy are the blessed ones. May we always discern God's will with the hope of receiving eternal joy. May we discern God's will with the help of the Holy Spirit. Let our prayer to the Holy Spirit be:

*Holy Spirit come,
Fill me with your wisdom today and be near me.
Speak in your still sweet voice to me so that
My soul may find answers to the many questions that I alone cannot find.
Stay with me all the time, so that I may celebrate
The blessing of everlasting joy.*

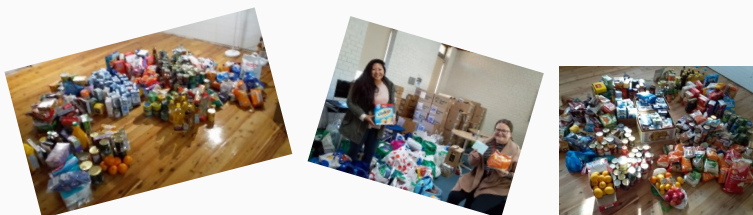
COVID19 UPDATE

Please note that starting this weekend we are only allowed to have up to 100 Parishioners attending each Mass. You are encouraged to attend 5.30pm Vigil Mass or 7.30am Sunday morning Mass, as they usually have less attendees to reduce the number for 9.30am Mass. Please keep your social distance inside and outside the church. If you don't feel well please stay at home. Thank you.

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

**THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS
TO OUR RECENT
FOOD DRIVE FOR REFUGEES
THROUGH THE ST FRANCIS HOUSE OF WELCOME, GRANVILLE**



**800 quality items and \$150 cash were donated from Glenbrook residents around Hare St area especially, as well as members of St Finbar's Parish Community.
We estimate the value of food donated to be about \$3000**

21st July 2020: 'On behalf of our asylum seeker clients and staff at the House of Welcome, I would like to thank the generosity and kindness of every individual who donated food to the House of Welcome. The current COVID situation we are all experiencing has had a devastating impact. However, it is in our most difficult time that good will and compassion for others shines through, and this donation of food is a reflection of the generous heart of people in our community. This expression of kindness will enable us to support the many children single, adults and families that visit our centre daily. It is a gift that we cherish and it will make a significant difference in the lives of the people we are in our care.' **Maurizio Vespa, CEO,**

St Francis Social Services


With regards, Patricia & Kieran Murnane

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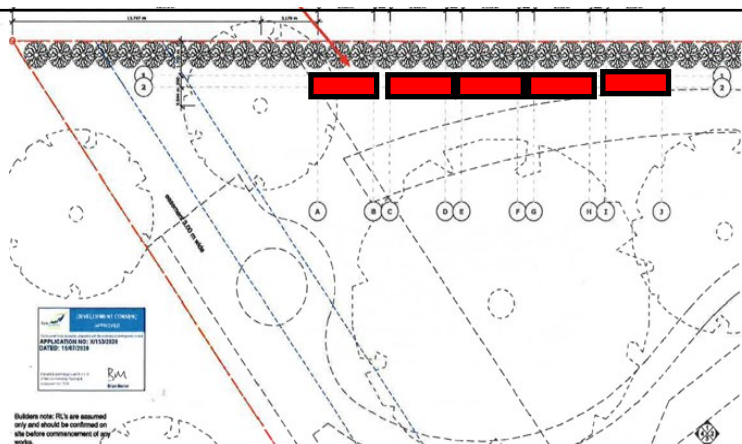
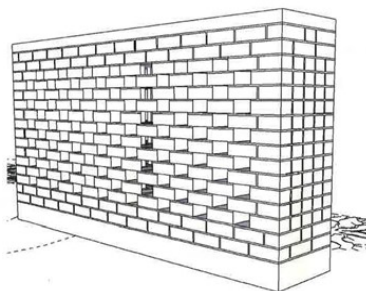
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DA/CC - Development Application/Construction Certificate

General Information:
 Subject Parcel Address: 54 Levy Street, Glenbrook, NSW, 2773
 Subject Land Use: DP 113 Section 2 DP 759448
 Approx Area m²: 1068.00

LEP Zoning Info:
 Council - Description
 Blue Mountains City Council LEP2015

LEP 2015 Zoning Info:
 Info Table Code Description
 Zoning R2 - Low Density Residential



COLUMBARIUM

Please see the design and draft plan of the proposed Columbarium. Your suggestions and recommendations are most welcome. We are in the process of forming a little committee to work out the details of this project and we have a small group of parishioners who are already part of this process. If anyone is interested to be part of this committee please let the Parish Office know.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee met recently to review the financial affairs of the parish and advise Fr Jolly on related matters. Key points from this meeting included:

- Please see the graphic of our Parish Financial Status on the noticeboard.
- The construction of a Columbarium (a structure with recesses in the walls to receive the ashes of the dead) at the parish has now been approved by both the Bishop and Blue Mountains Council. More information on this project will be disseminated to parishioners as soon as possible.
- A Tap'n'Go electronic donating procedure will be introduced to the parish as soon as equipment becomes available. This will allow parishioners to make their weekly contributions to the parish by electronic means instead of having to make sure they have cash with them.
- Solar panels on the presbytery roof will further reduce the cost of electricity to the parish. These panels were able to be financed by a parishioner donation.
- Membership of the Parish Finance Committee will be reviewed at its next meeting

ONLINE FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARISHIONERS

At the Institute for Mission we want to come to every parishioner's home instead of anyone travelling to us. Please find enclosed information regarding our upcoming IFM ONLINE formation opportunities:

1. **Scripture Night with Dr Laurie Woods** - open to everyone, live streamed on Institute for Mission FB page. Tuesday, 18 August at 7pm. Registration NOT required.
2. **Reflective Ministry -WORD AND MISSION** - this is a program of 12 Tuesday evenings (from 7pm to 9pm, starting 18 August) focusing on Scripture and Pastoral Skills. Registration REQUIRED (online participation). Please send an email to grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au

For more details and registration go to: <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry>



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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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ROSTER FOR 1ST & 2ND AUGUST 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
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Grace Incorvil & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Steve Newton
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Volunteer Please	Jessica Doherty
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Steve Baird
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Martin Rogers
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Elizabeth Konza	Pat Watson
Cashiers	Margaret Christensen & Joe Grange		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		

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), 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:

Paul Treble, David McSorley, Dr. Christopher Kohlenberg, Anthony Visser, Peter Bryant, Bernard Wilson, Anni Grundschoettel and Frances Roberts.

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