



# The Barbra

**Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook**  
**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**  
**1st & 2nd August 2020**

Isaiah 55:1-3; Ps 144; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21; Eucharist Prayer 2.

<b>Sunday</b> <b>2nd August</b> <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
<b>Monday</b> <b>3rd August</b> <i>St. Dominic</i>	9.00am Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>4th August</b> <i>St. John Vianney</i>	9.00am Mass 10.30am Dunata Ryan Funeral Service
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>5th August</b>	9.00am Mass 9.30am Playgroup P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>6th August</b> <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	9.00am Mass 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>7th August</b>	9.00am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
<b>Saturday</b> <b>8th of August</b> <i>St. Mary of the Cross</i>	9.00am Mass 10.30am Baptisms 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9th August</b> <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism

## FATHER JOLLY'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Scott Peck, the author of *The Road Less Travelled*, describes love as an extension of oneself in the other, in order to nurture one's own life and that of the loved one, so that both may reach abundance of life. Many have friends, but very few develop all-round loving relationships that nurture lives. Loving involves nurturing and nurturing involves free and real communication, mutual understanding, acceptance, forgiving and challenging the loved one when necessary. In this extending of our own self to the loved one we help nurture our own life and that of the loved one. In today's First Reading Prophet Isaiah tells us how God nurtures us. "Thus says the Lord: oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk" (Isaiah 55:1-3). God makes a covenant to nurture his people. God's covenant and commitment is to nurture and love. Again the Responsorial Psalm resounds the same love of God and his nurturing love. It says, "The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs". Then it continues to say. "The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love". The Second Reading in today's Liturgy tells us that nothing can come between us and the love of Christ. One incident in the life of Mother Teresa makes it clear to us. Mother Teresa was giving the poorest of the poor and the most neglected sick not only food, clothing and shelter, but above all human love. Once she found a man half-eaten by maggots in a rubbish dump, who after being taken to Mother Teresa's home and looked after said: "Sister, I lived like an animal on the street, but now I am going to die with a smile and like an angel, loved and cared for". Then he said "Sister, I am going to God's house". What can separate us from the love of God? And he died very shortly after saying the above statement. What can separate us (you and me) from the love of God? Troubles, worries, persecution, lack of food, lack of clothing, trials, death, any power or height or depth, nor any created things, not even angels? Nothing can stop God from loving us.



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## SATURDAY & SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Alexa Gatt who is going to be Baptised on Saturday and Grace Mansweto who is going to be Baptised on 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.*

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## FATHER JOLLY'S WEEKLY REFLECTION- CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE

God will continue to nurture us. In today's Gospel we see the multiplication of the bread. Jesus multiplies the bread and feeds all the people. In order to do this nurturing he takes what the disciples had. He takes the five loaves and two fish. The same way the Lord asks us to give to him the five loaves and two fish we have, so that the Lord's hand can feed everyone and answer all our needs as well as the rest of the world. The Lord needs our five loaves and two fish. As the Lord continues to nurture us and feed us, may we allow the Lord to use freely the five loaves and two fish in our hands to become the nurturing bread and fish for the rest of the humanity. Let us give our five loaves and the two fish into the hands of the Lord. He knows how to multiply them and in his hand they are good for five thousand men, ten thousand women and twenty thousand children and even more.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DELIBERATIONS.

1. The Parish Council discussed the Covid-19 Safety Plan for the Parish. The Parish is registered with NSW Government Covid-19 Safety Plan. Regular revised Safety Plans will be implemented as regulations change.
2. Columbarium:  
The Columbarium is approved by the Bishop and the Blue Mountains City Council and following the recommendations of the Parish Finance Committee, the Parish Council suggested the work start as early as possible. The Parish Council suggested to go with the quote given to us and thank Joe Blazevec from Kross Building Services for the donation of his labour and time to the Parish. The building committee, which is composed of Vince Dobson, Jesse Mowbray, Carl Moll, Kieren Murnane, Kevin Lloyd, Chris Nott, Ahyiesha D'Souza and Jeannine Ashbee will help the builder with the needed support, directions and suggestions.

We welcome and encourage everyone of you to be part of this project.

The total cost of the project will be around \$30000. Any donations towards this project are most welcome.

### *Parish Council & Finance Committee*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dunata Ryan, 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:

Leslie Cullen, Jeffrey Plim, Marian Wiecek, Brian Martland, Daisy Watterson, John Guerin, Gweneth Pinson, Carmel Harris, John Costello, Robert Murphy, Freda Weston, Robyn Connors, Eric Jeckeln, Reginald Hambilton and Michael Cahill.

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## COVID-19 UPDATE.

Dear Parishioners, it is our **duty of care** for each other and our community to keep everyone safe and healthy. Can you please arrive at the church about 5 to 10 minutes early to give you enough time to write your name and sanitize your hands to ease the congestion on the front door when everyone arrives at the same time, I have placed two sign up sheets on the weekend to make the process quicker for everyone. When inside the church please keep a safe distance of 1.5m from each other, I have marked every second seat in the church to be free during Mass to make sure we are implementing safe distancing. Can you please wipe clean the church pews and chairs after each Mass with the cleaners provided at the back of the church.

As a community the last thing we need is to have the church closed for a Covid-19 case or worse still a cluster. Thank you all for your care and support.

Juliana Khnouf

## MINI VINNIES FORMATION PROGRAM

- Vinnies is proud to announce the launch of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6, who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/MVFPinfo>
- This is the link to the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools July 2020 Newsletter**: <https://bit.ly/VinniesMetroSchoolsNewsletter2020Term3>

## 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.

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### **Annulment Information Online Webinar: 4 August**

Each year, the Tribunal Office in the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Care's Solo Parent Service present an information session to help people understand the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church. This year, the event will be held as an online webinar via Zoom on Tuesday 4 August from 6pm to 8pm. **Registration is essential**, so to register, please call the Tribunal Office on 8838 3480 or email Rita at [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

### **Institute for Mission Reflective Ministry Program starts 18 August**

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program (Word and Mission) is going ahead, occurring every Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm, starting on 18 August. Registrations to participate in the program online are still open, so please contact Sr Grace on [grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au) or visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> for more information.

### **Institute for Mission Scripture Reflection Night: 18 August**

The Institute for Mission is hosting a free online scripture reflection night with Dr Laurie Woods on Tuesday 18 August at 7pm. The livestream will be hosted on the Institute for Mission's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ifmconnect](https://www.facebook.com/ifmconnect). Registration is not required.

### **Natural Fertility Services is still open**

Following COVID-19 restrictions, Natural Fertility Services has reintroduced face-to-face instruction. We will, however, continue with Zoom meetings as this has enabled more couples access to information. We have educators available to teach any of the three methods of Natural Family Planning. If you would like more information, or to book an appointment, please contact Catherine via email [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or call 0400 427 605.



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**Parish School:** Principal Mrs Robyn Clarke  
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## ROSTER FOR 8TH & 9TH AUGUST 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
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin	Joshua & Lucy Toutounji	Emily Dowling & Sophie McDonald
Warden	Ken Schneiders	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Volunteer Please	Irene Aligno
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Joe Grange	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Yvonne Scanlan
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Ellen Teece	Joseph Marceau
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie & Jessica Doherty		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Michael Lloyd & John Killeen		

### SATURDAY SESSIONS

GROW & SHARE FAITH

Watch the presentation  
 Join in the online conversation from 11:00am

1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020  
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REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL TO ACCESS LINKS



Please join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith before Saturday 11am and then join an online group discussion via Zoom between 11am – 12pm. Register in advance for this meeting to receive the links for the presentation and meeting: <https://dioceseofparramatta.zoom.us/join/register/tJlkc-mprTorH9Mt2NtGTI4dRG6zeV4fmSUu>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about the presentation for this week and a link to join the meeting.  
**1<sup>st</sup> August 2020, “Envisioning the Church in Western Sydney for the New Millennium” (20 mins) Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL, Bishop of Parramatta.**

Please contact Lisa Bright on [lisa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org) if you cannot access the presentation to watch before Saturday 11am, or for further details or questions.

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