



The Barbra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
8th & 9th August 2020

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Ps 84; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33; Eucharist Prayer 2.

Sunday 9th August <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism
Monday 10th August <i>St. Lawrence</i>	9.00am Mass
Tuesday 11th August <i>St. Clare</i>	9.00am Mass 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting M/R
Wednesday 12th August	9.00am Mass 9.00am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 9.30am Playgroup P/C
Thursday 13th August	9.00am Mass 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 14th August <i>St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	9.00am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Saturday 15th of August <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity</i>	9.00am The Assumption Mass 10.30am Baptisms 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.15pm Confirmation Preparation Meeting P/C 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 16th August <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C

Please note that the Confirmation Preparation Meetings starts on Saturday the 15th of August at 4.15pm. Thank you

FATHER JOLLY'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

"The sea speaks a language polite people never repeat. It is a Colossal Scavenger Slang and has no respect" says Carl Sandburg: There are thousands of lives that the Oceans have destroyed. The raging waves of the sea are like the storms of human life.



In today's Gospel we see Peter almost getting drowned if Jesus would not have helped him. We see here Peter stretching out his hands to cling to Jesus, when he was ravaged by the turbulent waves of adversity.

Is our faith strong enough to stretch out our hands to cling to Jesus? What do we do when we are lashed by stormy situations in life?

At present we are all walking through stormy sea of Covid -19. In the midst of all our turmoil, like Peter we are able to cry out to him "Lord, I am drowning". When Peter was not able to continue his walk and was drowning, he turned once more to the Lord and cried out, "Lord save me" and the Lord immediately stretched forth his hand to help him. Clinging to Jesus, Peter walked through the stormy sea. It is when we are in the middle of the stormy sea that we must seek out the Lord more. It is easy to trust the Lord when everything goes right. But to trust him when everything in our lives becomes difficult is called faith. It is very sad and unfortunate that many of us run away from God, like Elijah did when he was most in need of God. We look for caves to hide in. Elijah, unable to face the opposition, gave himself up to despair and hid in a cave, but God called him out to meet him (1Kings 19:9). It tells us that we should keep our eyes focused on Jesus at all times. We should never lose our focus, but remain focused and cling to Christ in times of turmoil. We need strong faith in God's presence in our lives. Faith is more an encounter with Christ rather than just a belief about him. It is more an experience of his divine presence. Yes, faith in God would not take away or remove all the difficulties of life but it will give us the strength to cope with them. It is not an easy journey.

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Haydee Parker Areyia O'Solomon & Luna Anne Pirozzi who are going to be Baptised on Saturday and Agatha Day & William Mark Goddard who are 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.

FATHER JOLLY'S REFLECTION –CONTINUED

At the beginning of today's Gospel for the disciples Jesus is a 'ghost' but at its close he is the 'Son of God'. This is not an easy transition; it is a dramatic and spiritual adventure. God comes to us and speaks to us in the silence of our hearts. We must listen to God and allow Him to hold our hands and cry out to Him asking to save us. This journey is a journey of deep prayer. Behind a great life there is a great deal of prayer and an effort to focus on the Lord. Prayer is not an easy job. Bernard Lonergan says, "prayer is being in love with God". It is easy to be in love with someone when things are light and joyful but when the storm is strong and turbulent, it is not easy. It is in those times that love is being tested. Real prayer is spending time with the one we love at a difficult time to be with that lover. It is spending time with the one we love and who loves us all so incomparably, and being open to Him, becoming aware of His omnipresence. Prayer is letting God love us, and allowing God to be God in us. Prayer is letting go and letting God hold us, just like Peter did when he was drowning.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Masks are now highly recommended to be worn at all Masses

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO JOIN OUR CHURCH CARE MINISTRY.

We are in need of some extra volunteers to help with cleaning of the church. Most parishioners would be aware that the church is cleaned each week and due to COVID-19 there are extra chores to complete. Some of our older members have retired leaving a shortfall of volunteers. There are a number of groups, this means that you would only be required to clean approximately once every five/six weeks in any one term. Alternatively, if three people would be happy to wash the floor on a regular basis then this would really be of great help to all the groups. Please contact Heather Lee on 4739 4906/0403 779 922.

Thank you for your help and support, looking forward to hearing from you soon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Danuta 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:

William Mathew, Mark Roebuck, Maree Whitton, Anne Griffin, Marion Nardi, Norma Bradwell-Cook, Alban O'Loughlin, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Walsh, Bernardina Bruinsma, James Rowe, John Gersbach, Leslie Slater, Karl and Ute Moll.

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ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED PRIESTS - FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2020

Owing to COVID19 pandemic and its social and financial impact on families, communities and Churches, the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta will not be holding its Annual Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests, i.e. the Father's Day appeal, this September. Like many other organisations, the CSF will use its own resources to support the retired priests in this financial year. Donations will always be accepted, however, via our BPOINT portal at www.parracatholic.org/csf or electronic funds transfer to BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Account Name CSF No 1 with Reference your name. IF you would like a tax deductible receipt for your donation, please send email to csf@parracatholic.org with your name and address details.

The CSF Committee thanks you for your support of the Clergy Support Foundation over the last 15 years. May God bless you at this difficult time in all our lives.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

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

Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or JRS amelia.savage@jrs.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 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. Registration is not required.

CEDP Safeguarding eSafety Commissioner Webinar: 20 August

Catholic Education and the Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards are partnering with the eSafety Commissioner for a series of free webinars for parents and carers. The first session, 'Helping Kids Thrive Online' (for children aged 5-12 years) will be held on Thursday 20 August from 12pm to 1pm. To register, please visit bit.ly/30fPU4F. For more information, please contact safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au or visit <https://safeguarding.org.au/prevention-education-and-training/>

54-Day Rosary Novena for the Coronavirus

The National Rosary Crusade 54-Day Novena invites you to join them in prayer for a nation-wide 54-day rosary novena to Mary Help of Christians, the national patroness. The novenas will be run between 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption through to 7 October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page.



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ROSTER FOR 15TH & 16TH AUGUST 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
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji & Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Annie Teece	Volunteer Please
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Margaret Dickson	Gary Clune
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operators	Henry Hanco	Andrew Teece	Susan Dowling
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		

Charismatic Healing Mass.

Mass will be followed by prayer for healing. Celebrant: Fr. Hugh Thomas CSsR,
 Sunday 16 August, 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys.
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