



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
15th & 16th August 2020

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 ; Ps 66; Romans 11:13-15,29-32; Matthew 15:21-28; Eucharist Prayer 2.

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	<h3><u>FATHER JOLLY'S WEEKLY REFLECTION</u></h3> <p>Our adult human behaviour is formed very much by our early healthy or unhealthy upbringing. If people are brought up in a happy family and their basic human needs are met, we can expect healthy adult behaviour from them. On the contrary, if one's childhood was spent in an unhealthy environment, our adult life could be full of behavioural problems. Adult life is greatly conditioned by early childhood upbringing. These upbringings radically affect one's way of seeing, perceiving, knowing and relating to people.</p> <p>Today's First Reading tells us to care for justice and act with integrity. Our Christian Faith and Journey should be an act of allowing God to bring us up and help us to grow in a sense of justice and integrity. Faithfulness is a gift given to us by God, but we need to grow up every day in the practice of integrity. Prophet Isaiah talks about the Lord leading the people into the mountain of holiness and encourages the people to serve him and love him by practising justice and integrity of life. Then the Lord will make his people joyful. Just like in the Book of Isaiah, we see in the Second Reading St. Paul calling all people of God to lead a reconciled life and be obedient to God. God welcomes everyone without discrimination and shows his mercy. It is not our race that allows us to experience God's love and mercy but our faith in him. To live a reconciled life means to live in peace with oneself, others and God. It brings joy into our lives. It needs great faith. It is the expression of that kind of faith that we see in the Canaanite Woman of today's Gospel. Jesus' healing of her daughter was a response to such a great faith. Through her deep faith, she becomes a model and example for our faith journey. Hers was a person of faith. It seems that nothing could discourage her. She first met a wall of silence then rebuff and insult but she threw herself at the feet of Jesus and she was rewarded. Let us ask ourselves, is my faith as good as this Canaanite woman? How persevering are we in our faith. We also see an irrepressible cheerfulness in the faith journey of this woman. Jesus uses the apparent insult when he called her "dog" but she won't let the rough side of life get her down. She turned the insult into a blessing and got what she prayed for. If our faith is strong, we would always be cheerful within. How can we be more cheerful and strengthen our faith? The only way is the constant practice of service and prayer.</p> <div data-bbox="1241 385 1541 676" data-label="Image"> </div>	
Monday 17th August	9.00am Mass		
Tuesday 18th August	9.00am Mass		
Wednesday 19th August	9.00am Mass 9.30am Playgroup P/C		
Thursday 20th August <i>St. Bernard</i>	9.00am Mass 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C		
Friday 21st August <i>St. Pius X</i>	9.00am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice		
Saturday 22nd August <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.15pm Confirmation Preparation Meeting P/C 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass		
Sunday 23rd August <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptisms		

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.

TIMEOUT TUESDAY WILL NOT BE RESUMING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Take care and stay 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, and 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.

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.



CATHOLIC WEEKLY 16TH AUGUST 2020

PULPIT POINTS

- You can't break the Seal - Archbishop Costelloe's message to WA Parliament
- Maronites unite for Beirut
- Tu es Sacerdos! Extraordinary Form priest ordained
- A new Vice Chancellor for ACU
- Movie review: The Grizzlies
- Hard data: what the Plenary needs



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 and John Jennings.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Margaret Christensen, 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:

Annia Audet, Winifred Coyle, John Cloran, Betty Grange, Edward Keough, Laurence Rowe and Handley Sweeney.

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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.

SATURDAY SESSION.

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/tJwudeCvpjsiGtP7mLN2akpCygpGy-IHSPuU>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about the presentation for this week and a link to join the meeting. **15th August: Mary MacKillop – A Reflection for Today. Sr Colleen O'Sullivan RSJ.** Sr Colleen takes invites us to reflect on some of the qualities of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop as a saint very relevant for our world today. Like Mary, how are we called to be where we are fully? Please contact Lisa Bright on lisa.bright@parracatholic.org if you cannot access the presentation to watch before Saturday 11am, or for further details or questions.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Bishop Vincent Edmund Rice Centre Webinar: 19 August

Join Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv as he addresses the climate emergency in the Pacific and how Australia should respond during an online webinar on Wednesday 19 August from 6.30pm to 8pm. The webinar, hosted by the Edmund Rice Centre, will also feature the former President of Kiribati. Registrations are essential, so please visit <https://www.erc.org.au/events> to receive the link to the webinar.

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/>



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ROSTER FOR 22ND & 23RD AUGUST 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
Junior Server	Ethan Cameron		Keira Vermaak & Nicola De La Mare
Warden	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Mary Creenaune	Patricia Murnane
2 nd Reading	Eileen Jones	Margaret Dickson	Irene Aligno
Intercession	Allan Jones	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
IT Operators	Pat Watson	Terry Keogh	Joanne Stubbs
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Church Care	Heather & Steve Lee		



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EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR LEBANON

In response to the horrific explosion in Beirut on the 4th of August, the Australian office of the international Catholic Charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, has launched a national emergency appeal to raise funds to support the people of

Lebanon. To read more about the appeal, and to make a donation, please visit:

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