



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
22nd & 23rd August 2020

Isaiah 22:19-23, Ps 137; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20; Eucharist Prayer 2.

Sunday 23rd August <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism
Monday 24th August <i>St. Bartholomew</i>	9.00am Mass
Tuesday 25th August	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Council & Finance Committee Meeting P/C
Wednesday 26th August	9.00am Mass 7.30pm St. Finbar's Netball Club Meeting P/C
Thursday 27th August <i>St. Monica</i>	9.00am Mass 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 28th August <i>St. Augustine</i>	9.00am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers
Saturday 29th August <i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</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 30th August <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass

Dear Parishioners,

It was a great privileged and joy for me to be part of St. Finbar's Parish Community and journey with you as your spiritual companion. I was blessed to be part of many joys and sorrows of your lives as your Parish Priest. I can honestly say that I tried to journey with you the best way I could. Now the time has come for me to move to another Parish and continue my ministry. Bishop Vincent has assigned me as the new Parish Priest of Saint John XXIII, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens Parish replacing Father John McSweeney who is now assigned as a Parish Priest for Katoomba. I will be leaving St. Finbar on the 15th of September.

Parishioners of Stanhope Gardens are not completely strangers to me though I have never worked in their Parish. I personally know a number of them and that will make me at ease with the new Parish.

I would like to express my heart felt gratitude to all of you for your great support, love, friendship and care you showed me. I thank all the Parish Staff (Ros, Jean, Peter, Juliana and our former secretary Margaret). A big thank you to you Peter and Juliana for your kindness, co-operation, hard work and ownership. Thank you Vince Dobson for your leadership role as the Chair of the Parish Council, The Parish Council Members, Liturgy Committee, Finance Committee, Pastoral Care team, Baptism Preparation Team, Hospitality Ministry, Church Cleaning, Caring for the Carers, St. Vincent de Paul Society, SRE Teachers, Family Group, Prayer Group, Youth, Music Ministry, Altar Care, Garden Committee, Piety Stall, Play Group, Children's Liturgy, Bereavement groups, Concerts, Social, IT Developers & Operators, Fun Singers, Linens and other different groups and the School Community. Thank you Jim and Julie-Ann McLoughlin for the last four years of your dedicated service to the Parish as the Sacramental Co-ordinators. I am grateful to all of you for what you have done and what you do as a Parish Community and for the Parish. As I prepare to take leave of you, I want to assure you of my continued prayers for all of you. You are a great community and we have done so much together as a community. I leave this place with gratitude and love in my heart to all of you. I will cherish all the good memories and my good friends in my heart.

I would like you to show a great sign of welcome, love, care, encouragement and support to the incoming priest. His identity will be made known to you as soon as the Bishop finds the suitable person. Together with the new Priest that will be assigned in the Parish may you continue the good work for the betterment and well being of this Parish.

SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of George Daniel Twyford, who is going to be Baptised on Sunday and warmly welcomes him 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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I would also like to ask your forgiveness, if any of my actions or words have caused you inconveniences or hurt feelings in one way or other.

Finally I request you to pray for me so that I may always remain a faithful disciple of our Lord in the service of his people and the church. Whatever I do, may I do it for the greater glory of God.

There is no doubt I will miss you all but remember Stanhope Gardens is only 43km and 33 minutes drive.

May God bless you all and your families.

Father Jolly Chacko MS

COVID-19 and OUR PARISH FINANCES

We are all experiencing the COVID-19 situation and its various issues. The Parish is aware that some families are struggling, and frequently includes a prayer intention for those in need.

Because there are a number of parishioners who are not able to attend Mass, our weekly collections are considerably less than in pre-COVID-19 days.

If you would like to continue your donations without leaving home, you can do so easily via the Parish website www.stfinbars.org.au. On the front page there is a red MAKE A PAYMENT button which you just click on. Under Biller Code, click on the down arrow and select Other if you want to contribute to the upkeep of the priests (1st Collection that goes to the Diocese) or select Planned Giving if you want to contribute to the parish (2nd collection which remains in the Parish).

In either case, complete the other fields and make a payment using your Mastercard or Visa card.

If any parishioners want this to happen on a regular basis without their having to remember to do it, please contact the Parish and we will set this up for you.

Thank you for supporting your parish.

KNOWING THE COMMUNITY WHOM WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE.

You are invited to participate in an upcoming national webinar. How well do we know the people who come to Mass? How well do we know those beyond the worshipping community? In our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are called to engage with the hopes and struggles of those in our local context. In this time of Covid-19, the need to connect has become even more pronounced. This webinar, led by the National Centre for Pastoral Research, addresses these questions, and ways we can be informed and supported, drawing upon the Parish Social Profiles and in dialogue with community leaders.

Register at https://bit.ly/nationalwebinar_reg

This event will be hosted by the Pastoral Ministry Network (formerly known as NAPPa) and supported by the Mission Planners Network Oceania and the National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR).

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:

Margaret Smith, Angela Plevey, Bruno De Mattia, Yvonne Price, Elizabeth Sefton, Les McDermott, Willy Boere, Andrew Wiecek, Ellen Fall, Maria Pay, Richard Nagle, Gary Keenan and Hermanus Voorn.

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18 August 2020
Tuesday, Weekday Ordinary Time, 20.

Reverend Jolly Chacko MS
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Dear Father Jolly

Appointment as Parish Priest of Saint John XXIII, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens

In accordance with Canon 523 I am pleased to appoint you as Saint John XXIII, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens. Effective from 15 September 2020 and in accordance with the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference Decree pertaining to Canon 522, I appoint you for a term of six years from the abovementioned date.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for the faithful service that you have given to the People of God in the Parish of St Finbar's, Glenbrook. I pray that you may continue to grow daily in imitation of Christ the High Priest and Good Shepherd. May the Blessed Virgin Mary and our Diocesan Patroness, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, continue to intercede for you and all those now formally in your pastoral care.

Yours fraternally in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv STL DD
Bishop of Parramatta

CC: Mons Ron McFarlane, Chancellor (Administration)
Very Rev. Wim Hoekstra, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy
Reverend Ian McGinnity, Dean of the Northern Deanery
Sr Ailsa, McKinnon Vicar for Consecrated Life

Celebrating
AND SHARING OUR GIFTS

JOIN US FOR PRAYERFUL DISCERNMENT
ABOUT OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

9th, 16th & 23rd September

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CELEBRATING AND SHARING OUR GIFTS.

The Pastoral Planning Office are offering an opportunity for Gifts Discernment to affirm and explore the gifts God has given us to bring to life God's mission. Join us for 3 evenings beginning on Wednesday 9th September From 7.30pm – 9pm.

You can register these for evenings at www.tinyurl.com/celebrate-and-discern.

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ROSTER FOR 29TH & 30TH AUGUST 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Joseph Sukkar
Junior Server	Volunteers Please		Volunteers Please
Warden	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
1 st Reading	Eileen Jones	Volunteer Please	Pearse Cremin
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Volunteer Please	Yvonne Scanlan
Intercession	Volunteer Please	John De Mattia	Joanne Stubbs
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Robyn Flynn	Patrick Watson
Cashiers	Margaret Christensen & Joe Grange		
Church Care	Julie Fehon, Janette Ankers, Lynda Favell & Kylie Lane		
Garden Club	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		



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: www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon or call **1800 101 201** during business hours: 8am-5pm, AEST.






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