



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
29th & 30th August 2020

Jeremiah 20:7-9, Ps 62; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27; Eucharist Prayer 2.

Sunday 30th August <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass
Monday 31st August	9.00am Mass 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
Tuesday 1st September	9.00am Mass 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R
Wednesday 2nd September	9.00am Mass
Thursday 3rd September <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>	9.00am Mass 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 4th September	9.00 Mass 1.00pm Bowlers
Saturday 5th September	9.00am 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 6th September <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C

FATHER JOLLY'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Anne Wilson Schaef is a psychologist who has written a number of books about addiction and co-dependency, caused not only by drugs but also by the way people think and behave in modern society. She talks about what is going on today in the modern society and calls it as an addictive society. She describes in her book about the ways people think as a victimization of the oppressors, slavery of the masters, the powerlessness of the powerful. Today people tend to believe they are the lords of the social reality.

We live in an age of illusions and many embrace the illusions with passion in order to be happy. They believe in their heart that all pain and discomfort should be instantly eliminated and every fancy in life must be satisfied without any cost. They should get everything without self-denial and that we should and can live in a perfect world. This notion in life is a lie and repeated by many, as if repetition could transform a lie into truth. God's plan for us is not to live a life of lie but the truth. St. Paul tells us and warns that we "must not model ourselves on the behaviour of the world around us" (Romans 12.2). This illusion is a lie which is an abomination to the Lord and He asks us to take up our daily cross and follow Him. He asks us not to run away from the crosses but to see them as opportunities to grow. By taking up our daily cross we make rooms in our lives for others and God. The cross is a necessary part of life. As a priest, I have seen many people dying including my own mother. After seeing many dying, I have come to a conclusion that there is no pain in dying, the pain is in living. Most of our comforts grow up between our crosses. They come from the fruits of someone carrying the cross. We can never talk about being a Christian without the cross. It is a cross to follow Christ. When we make our decision to follow him, we are expected to suffer rather than sin; it is a cross to be faithful to the duties of one's vocation, such as marriage, parenting, priesthood etc. Prophet Jeremiah went through torments to be faithful to his call to preach the word of God to the people. It was so heavy and he shouts at God saying: "O God, you have seduced me; you have made me daily laughingstock, the butt of every joke" (Jeremiah 20:7). The cross is the arms and the heart of Christian truth and life. It is hard to carry the cross but let us not fear the cross. It brings us lasting gains and healing. Jesus' cross was a sign of God's great love for us. He tells us through today's Gospel to take our crosses and follow him. May we follow him faithfully and closely by taking our crosses in life.

TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY
 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2020-21

The witness of those whose physical, mental or spiritual wellbeing has been harmed, challenges us all to work for change

- Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference

Social Justice Sunday is this week, 30 August, and the Australian Bishops are calling for us to recognise the issues around mental health.

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

FAREWELL FOR FATHER JOLLY

Unfortunately due to Covid-19, the Parish won't be able to have a farewell party for Father Jolly to thank him for being our Parish Priest for the last 5 years. Father Jolly's last weekend here in the Parish will be Sunday the 13th of September. So what we are thinking of doing is after each Mass to have a little farewell for him. I will be placing a folder card in the Narthex so you can write your farewell message. If you would like to contribute towards a small gift for Father Jolly please contact the Parish Office on 47398928. Thank you. Juliana Khnouf

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

ACBC Social Justice Statement Diocesan Workshop: 31 August

Join with people from across the Diocese to break down the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21 on 31 August from 7pm to 8.30pm via Zoom. Hear from the experts on Mental Health and the everyday tools you can use in your life and ministry, what resources are available in the diocese and how we can work together. To RSVP, please contact patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org

CEDP Safeguarding eSafety Commissioner Webinar: 7 September

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 second session, 'Tech, teens and time online' (for secondary students) will be held on Monday 7 September from 7pm to 8pm. To register, please visit bit.ly/39EtexJ. For more information, please contact safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au or visit <https://safeguarding.org.au/prevention-education-and-training/>

Pastoral Planning Celebrating and Sharing Our Gifts: 9 – 23 September

The Pastoral Planning Office are offering an opportunity for prayerful discernment about the spiritual gifts God has given us to bring to life God's mission. Join us for 3 Wednesday evenings of prayer, input and discussions beginning on 9 September from 7.30pm to 9pm. You can register these for evenings at www.tinyurl.com/celebrate-and-discern

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.

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:

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

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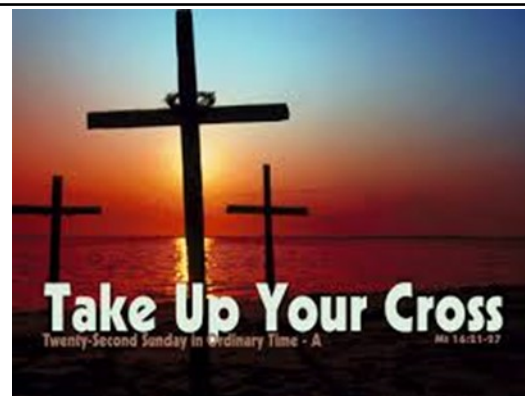


GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week's gospel is the first of three predictions of Jesus' death and resurrection in Matthew's gospel (see also Mark and Luke). Despite Peter's confession of faith that immediately precedes this passage (see last week's gospel), the disciples still do not have a very solid understanding of Jesus' purpose. They may regard him as the Messiah, but still do not fully understand what that means. In this passage, Jesus is beginning to prepare them for the events of the passion – his death and resurrection. He is trying to lead them to a greater understanding of his mission and message. But Peter abruptly 'rebukes' Jesus and tells him not to speak like that. One can almost hear Peter saying, 'Look, Jesus, you've got a good thing going here, don't spoil it by talking about dying!' However, Jesus responds to Peter very sharply, suggesting that his lack of understanding is inspired by evil and reflects human thought, not divine wisdom.

The passage then leads in to a description of the challenge of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus means to 'deny' oneself, take up one's cross and follow Jesus. In the context of this passage, to 'deny' oneself means to not be concerned about 'I' but to be concerned about 'You' – to put others before self. To be a follower of Jesus means to be selfless, not self-centred. In the ultimate example of this, Jesus tells his disciples that whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it. To 'save' your life is to hold back from giving yourself fully to the message of Jesus – to be 'half-hearted' in your faith. But to 'lose' yourself in the message of Jesus is to fully give yourself over to living the reign of God and through 'losing' yourself in this way, Jesus tells us, is how to truly find life.

Reflection by Greg Sunter



Join us in Virtual Trekking in Timor – online, now open for registration

The Springwood East Timor Support Group is supporting this year's Trek for Timor, which is going online to provide a virtual experience in Timor itself. Many of our members are taking part, and we'd love you to join with, or sponsor us. It will be fun tracking our progress on the website, looking around the areas as we add kilometres to our walking distance and seeing the views of beautiful Timor.

Blue Mountains *Trek for Timor* is a biennial trekking event to raise funds for crucial education and development projects in Timor Leste. This year's physical event has been thwarted by fires, storms and COVID-19, so the event is going virtual.

This means anyone can take part, wherever they are.

"Trekkingers will be able to track their own journey on a personal page on the Trek for Timor website at www.trekfortimorbm.org.au, and as the kilometres accumulate you will see your trek taking place along a simultaneous route in Timor Leste", said trek organiser Dave Ludenia.

"You will be virtually walking from the capital Dili, on the north coast, all the way up to the sacred Mount Ramelau, the highest point in the country at nearly 3000m above sea level."

"As you add to your kilometres along the virtual route you will discover many fascinating historical, cultural and environmental stories along the way, and you will end up in Hatobuilico district where the money that you have raised by trekking will be used and appreciated by everyone."

Trekkingers will commit to walk 10km, 20km, 50km or 100km cumulatively over the month of October 2020 - or 'Trektober' - and raise at least \$200 per person. You can sign up from at www.trekfortimorbm.org.au and start organising your walks and your sponsors.

Don't forget - sign up to the Virtual Trek for Timor at www.trekfortimorbm.org.au - thank you.

Feel free to get in touch with us our any of our members.

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ROSTER FOR 5TH & 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Peter McMahon	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Peter McMahon	Joseph Sukkar
Junior Server	Katia Apps		Grace Incorvil & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Steve Newton
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	John De Mattia	Pearse Cremin
2 nd Reading	Eileen Jones	Mary Creenaune	Amanda Moore
Intercession	Maureen Tulk	Margaret Dickson	Steve Newton
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Elizabeth Konza	Pat Watson
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, St. Finbar's Playgroup.		



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"Take fresh courage."

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