



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
26th & 27th September 2020

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Ps 24; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

Sunday 27th September <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptisms
Monday 28th September	No Morning Mass 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
Tuesday 29th September <i>Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael Archangels</i>	No Morning Mass
Wednesday 30th September <i>St. Jerome</i>	No Morning Mass 6.30pm Wedding Rehearsal
Thursday 1st October <i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	No Morning Mass
Friday 2nd October <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	No Morning Mass 1.00pm Rebecca Rydzewski & Jordan Barrett Wedding 1.00pm Bowlers
Saturday 3rd October	No Morning Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 4th October <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass No Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C

SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Millie Grace Mahboub and Madeleine Patricia Joy Axford who are going to be Baptised this Sunday and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.



St. Finbar's Parish Community would like to welcome Father Joe Manjaly and Father Porathur Joy (PJ) who are going to be celebrating this weekend Masses with us.

Gospel Reflection

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken. We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring. The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

WEDDING

St. Finbar's Parish Community would like to congratulate

Rebecca Rydzewski &

Jordan Barrett

who are getting married on Friday the 2nd of October and wish them God's abundant blessings on their special day.



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

FR JOLLY'S DEPARTURE. Fr Jolly left this parish formally on Tuesday 15th September after celebrating the 9am Mass. He returned to the parish for the 6pm Mass and Confirmation last Sunday 20th September. He will also return briefly for a wedding practice and wedding celebration at the end of this month. He has undertaken a very big task at Stanhope Gardens parish where his talents will be fully tested. One of his first challenges was to get the parish to buy a bed so he could have somewhere to sleep on his first night! I am sure the Glenbrook parishioners thank him very sincerely for what he has helped this community accomplish during his time here and wish him well in his new parish.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

The Sacrament of Confirmation was recently celebrated in our parish. It had to be spread over the past two weekends in order to comply with COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing regulations. Fr Jolly was authorized by Bishop Vincent to perform both ceremonies, and the following parishioners were confirmed: **Stephen Baird, Finn Kelly, Flynn Alderton, Zane Alderton, Jude Alderton, Noah Doyle, Amelie Bohan, Mitchell Cremona, Ellie Taylor, Mackenzie Gralton, Ava Lorking, John McLoughlin, Leia Agahari, Dylan Rezzonico, Emily Dowling & Robert Campbell.**

The parish congratulates all who received this powerful Sacrament.

COLUMBARIUM.

Many of you will be aware that the parish now has approval to build its Columbarium as a sacred place to store and venerate the ashes of our deceased loved ones. The concrete foundations have been poured and in due course the brick Columbarium walls will commence construction. The parish has a Columbarium Committee to oversee its construction, financing, legal documentation and ongoing management, and this Committee met for the first time this week. We hope to keep you all fully informed of progress, and when the time is right, informed about how to reserve and pay for the niches.

St Finbar's Playgroup is supporting a young international student from South Africa through her pregnancy. She is currently on her own and unable to return home due to international travel restrictions. Her family are unable to be with her here in Australia nor afford to send money. She has found a job and is saving to pay her medical bills, as she is not entitled to Medicare. We are gathering items, offering our friendship and taking up a monetary collection to assist with medical bills or other needs. If you are able to assist, please contact Juliana in the Parish office. Thank you all for your help and generosity.

LITURGY FORMATION WORKSHOPS: The Office For Worship will be running two Liturgical Ministry workshops at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. Workshops are: **24th October, Saturday 2-4pm**, for Ministers of the Word (Readers) and **31st October Saturday 2-4pm** for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Communion to the Sick & Dying. Note: due to Co-vid 19 restrictions there are limited places available. For more information, contact the Office for Worship on anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org. Registration Forms are available on the Warden's table.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Agnes (Pauline) Auckett, Michael Taylor, Dunata Ryan, Rita Cloran, Maureen Hobbs, Frances Glen, Anne Smith, Greg Quilty and John Jennings.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Margaret Christensen, Andrew Bookallil (Margaret Rivas son), 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:

Thelma Dwyer, Shirley Glover, Thomas Beattie, Paul Morgan, Francis Luland, Anthony Cunningham, Rodney Mulvey, Kenneth Kelly, Joyce Richards, Donald King, Barry Ward, Vincent Flynn and Kelvin Lawrence.

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Migrant and Refugee Sunday: 27 September

All are invited to celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday on 27 September. "Like Jesus Christ, Forced to Flee" is the theme for this year, and resources including videos, prayers and actions so that we can be in solidarity with migrants and refugees are available at www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice or through contacting Social Justice Coordinator Patrice Moriarty on patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org

Saturday Session:

Please join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am 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 from 11am. Register in advance for this meeting to receive the links for the presentation and meeting: <https://dioceseofparramatta.zoom.us/join/jYrde6srTgrGNdA6511vNj5U1OL0Bj11uts>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about the presentation for this week and a link to join the meeting. **Saturday 26th September 2020 - Like Jesus Christ, Forced to Flee - 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020 (approx. 30 mins in total)**

"The Catholic Church's World Day of Migrants and Refugees this year is focussing on the pastoral care of internally displaced persons (IDPs), who currently number over 41 million worldwide. "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee" is the theme that Pope Francis chose for the 106th edition of the day this year, which will be marked on Sunday 27 September, according to a statement released on Friday by the Holy See Press Office."

Read the Catholic Outlook article at

<https://www.catholicoutlook.org/forced-like-jesus-christ-to-flee-theme-of-world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees-2020/#:~:text=John%20Paul%20II%2C%20since%202005,the%20last%20Sunday%20of%20September>

ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED | ACN AUSTRALIA

Job Vacancy – Benefactor Support Officer.

The Catholic charity *Aid to the Church in Need* is advertising for a full-time position to work out of their national office in Penrith. The role assists with the processing of donations and communicating with donors. Applications close Sunday 11 October. For all details visit, www.aidtochurch.org/work-with-us.

THE PUBLIC ROSARY

Join us for a Nation-wide Rosary Chain at the Regatta Park, Emu Plains, Corner Great Western Highway & River Road. On Saturday the 10th of October 2020 at 2pm. Please bring a chair.

For more information please contact Marion Betker on 0412986404 or email mbetker@optusnet.com.au.

The prayer intentions will be:

1. For the Shepherds of the Church
2. For the Government and leaders of Australia
3. For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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ROSTER FOR 3RD & 4TH OCTOBER 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Brendan Khnouf	Peter McMahon	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Brendan Khnouf	Peter McMahon	Joseph Sukkar
Junior Server	Katia Apps		Grace Incorvil & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Steve Newton
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Michelle Wilson	Jessica Doherty
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Volunteer Please	Steve Baird
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Volunteer Please	Martin Rogers
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Elizabeth Konza	Pat Watson
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Ian Dickson, Amanda O'Leary, Wendy Bohan, Heather & Steve Lee		

Readers and IT Operators.

Are urgently needed for the 7.30am Mass, if you can help please ring the Parish Office on 47398928 to let me know.

Thanking you all for your help and support. Juliana Khnouf

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