



# The Barra

**Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook**  
**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**  
**3rd & 4th October 2020**

Isaiah 5:1-7; Ps 79; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

<b>Sunday 4th October</b>  <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>7.30am Mass (Daylight Saving Time)</b> <b>9.30am Mass (Daylight Saving Time)</b>  <b>No Youth Mass</b> <b>7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group</b>	<p><b><i>St. Finbar's Parish Community would like to welcome Father Jobe Payyappilly who is going to be celebrating this weekend's Masses with us.</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Gospel Reflection</u></b></p> <p>This week's gospel must be read in conjunction with the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) and the responsorial psalm, because the message of these passages is implicit in the parable told by Jesus. As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard – fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built – his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah's condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus' audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading. The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers – hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants. Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p> <p><b><i>Daylight Savings starts this Sunday morning, please remember to put your clocks forward one hour.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>No Youth Mass this weekend, sorry for the inconvenience.</i></b></p>
<b>Monday 5th October</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday 6th October</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b>  <b>7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R</b> <b>7.30pm Columbarium Committee Meeting P/C</b>	 <p><i>'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'</i></p>
<b>Wednesday 7th October</b>  <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	<b>No Morning Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday 8th October</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b>	
<b>Friday 9th October</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b>  <b>1.00pm Bowlers</b>	
<b>Saturday 10th October</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b>  <b>11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice</b> <b>4.45pm Confession</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 11th October</b>  <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b>  <b>9.30am Mass</b>  <b>11.00am Baptism</b>	

***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

**COLUMBARIUM** The Parish Columbarium Committee met last week and got many things underway. The contract documentation is being examined to make sure the rights of both the Parish and the next of kin of those interred are protected, and that procedures and payments are all properly documented and explained. We have to also make sure we comply with the conditions of approval from the Blue Mountains Council. Some Committee members are exploring the type and colour of the face bricks to be used. Other members are working out the details of the wall construction so that the standard sized container for the ashes of the deceased can be accommodated in an efficient manner. Other members are sorting out the lighting and the cameras that will provide some security for the site. Others are sorting out the financial and administrative arrangements. You can see there is a lot to organise, but the Committee hopes the wall will be constructed before Christmas so that interments can take place from early in the new year. Vince Dobson and Carl Moll are two key Committee members who I think would be happy to talk to you after Mass any weekend.

**WEDDING** We welcome back Fr Jolly who will be returning to the Parish briefly for the wedding of **Rebecca Rydzewski & Jordan Barrett**. We wish the bride and groom well on their special day, and hope that God will bless their union.

**GARDENS** The Parish is indebted to the various garden committee members who volunteer on a regular basis to keep the Parish and Presbytery grounds looking good. Special thanks to Tricia and Kieran who have given a lot of their time over recent months to planting many new plants and shrubs, and spreading the huge mounds of donated wood shavings over the gardens. They also have disposed of the vast amount of garden refuse and provided some garden furniture. Every parishioner should take the time to do the prayer walk around the Stations of the Cross, and while doing so, admire the great work Tricia and Kieran have done.

### **LITURGY FORMATION WORKSHOPS:**

The Office For Worship will be running two Liturgical Ministry workshops at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. Workshops are: **24<sup>th</sup> October, Saturday 2-4pm**, for Ministers of the Word (Readers) and **31<sup>st</sup> October Saturday 2-4pm** for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Communion to the Sick & Dying.

Note: due to Covid-19 restrictions there are limited places available. For more information, contact the Office for Worship on [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org). **Registration Forms are available on the Warden's table.**

*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.*

**2021 Religious calendars are now available at the Wardens' table. \$6 Franciscan and \$10 Columban.**

### **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:**

Olive Power, Bernard Graham, Eugenia Bojec, Margaret Oxford, Stanislaus Lynch, Norman Bell, Phil Fehon, John McGregor, John Pain, Michelle Kerzinger, Ingrid Frank, Patrick Fitzgerald, Frederick Pay, Harry Harris, Betty Smith, Olive Dickinson, Jeffrey Hunt, Imelda Critchley, Francis O'Hare, Maria Obbens, Kenneth Glover and John Webber.

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## 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](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](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au) or JRS [amelia.savage@jrs.org.au](mailto:amelia.savage@jrs.org.au)

**Saturday Session:** Please join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am. 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://tinyurl.com/saturdaysessionsoct3>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about the presentation for this week and a link to join the meeting. **Jesus, The Centre of Our Lives - Sr Grace Roclawski - 2020** In this reflection, Sr Grace challenges herself and all of us asking about our identity and how much Jesus is in the centre of our lives. Read more about Sr Grace Roclawski at <http://csfn.org.au/leadership/provincial-treasurer/>. Sr Grace is a parishioner at Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton. Please contact Lisa Bright on [lisa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org) if you cannot access the presentation to watch before Saturday 11am, or for further details or questions.

## WORLD MISSION MONTH

Is just around the corner. We focus on **Catholic Mission** and the life-changing work of the **Church in Cambodia's Battambang Province**.

The Arrupe Centre, established by **Bishop Enrique 'Kike' Figaredo Alvargonzalez SJ** in 2001, is home for children with a disability, providing them with the support and opportunities to live a flourishing life. Bishop Kike created a unique place for children, where the love of God is demonstrated through caring and empowering those in need, reminding us that "...we are here for the common good; to be a more inclusive society and to bring the joy of life everywhere....we look with a positive vision, hope, joy and happiness". To hear more about this **Catholic Mission** project, the community in Cambodia and be inspired by stories from the residents of The Arrupe Centre, please register for the webinars via these links:

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Oct at 6pm** - [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Q15BetkkTtmmaeDIHw3\\_Tg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Q15BetkkTtmmaeDIHw3_Tg)

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Oct at 1pm** - [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_vhUkeOmpSjakDdBNnY26nw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vhUkeOmpSjakDdBNnY26nw)

Can't make this one, or want to find out more about the inspiring Bishop Kike beforehand? Watch the last **Catholic Mission** webinar to hear the compassionate and beautiful stories shared by Bishop Kike. (password: webjune2020).

Thank you for your ongoing support of the work of **Catholic Mission**.

**ST. FINBAR'S FEAST DAY.** The Feast Day of St Finbar (also spelled Finbarr, Fionbharr, Findbarr, Barra, Barr and Barry) was on the 25th of September. Finbar was named Lochlan, and was born in mid to late 6th century in Cork, Ireland, to a father who was a metal worker, and a slave in the Irish royal court. He was tonsured and educated at a monastery in Kilkenny, where the monks called him Fionbharr, Finbarr or Finbar - meaning "fair-headed one". As an adult, Finbar accompanied some monks on at least two pilgrimages to Rome, and also visited with St David of Mynyw in Wales on his return journey. Finbar was an energetic preacher in the south of Ireland and possibly, in Scotland. For part of his life, Finbar lived as an anchorite (a religious hermit who takes vows of full seclusion) on an island in lake Gougane Barra. He was later joined by others from southern Ireland. Eventually, Finbar founded a monastery and school near his hermitage at Gougane Barra, which became famous and attracted many monks and students. Finbar also erected several churches in neighbouring areas.

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### ROSTER FOR 10TH & 11TH OCTOBER 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Gary Pursehouse
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin	Joshua & Lucy Toutounji	Emily Dowling & Sophie McDonald
Warden	Ken Schneiders	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Volunteer Please	Irene Aligno
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Volunteer Please	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Yvonne Scanlan
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Garden Club	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		

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Finbar's most famous and influential monastery was established on the river Lee, Cork, where he served as its first Abbot and was also consecrated as the first bishop of Cork. This monastery became the centre of monasticism in southern Ireland. It was known as a centre of learning, where the school-seminary taught spiritual and secular sciences to students, and prepared seminarians for the priesthood. The monastery also provided refuge and shelter for the sick and poor.

Throughout his life, Finbar visited the monasteries, churches and chapels he established, especially Gougane Barra where he sometimes withdrew for quiet prayer. He erected at least 12 churches in the Cork region during his ministry there, and tirelessly preached the Gospel throughout his life.

May St Finbar be an inspirational guide for prayer and sharing the Gospel, leading you ever closer to God. May you feel the warmth and light of God's unconditional love burning brightly in your soul, just as you have given warmth and light to our brothers and sisters in need through your kind-hearted spirit.

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