



# The Barra

**Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook**  
**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**  
**10th & 11th October 2020**

Isaiah 25:6-10; Ps 22; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

<b>Sunday</b> <b>11th October</b> <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Baptisms</b>	<p><i><b>St. Finbar's Parish Community would like to welcome Father PJ who is going to be celebrating this weekend's Masses with us.</b></i></p>
<b>Monday</b> <b>12th October</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> <b>10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R</b> <b>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</b>	<p><b><u>Gospel Reflection</u></b>          Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i><b>Reflection by Greg Sunter</b></i></p>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>13th October</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>14th October</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> <b>9.30am Playgroup P/C</b>	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>15th October</b> <i>St. Teresa of Jesus</i>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> <b>7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance Group P/C</b>	
<b>Friday</b> <b>16th October</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> <b>1.00pm Bowlers</b>	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>17th October</b> <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>	<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</b> <b>18th October</b> <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>6.00pm Youth HSC Mass</b> <b>7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group</b>	<p><b><u>SUNDAY BAPTISMS:</u></b>          The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Frederick Payens and Lola Adeline Den Hartog who are going to be Baptised this Sunday and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.</p>



***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

## EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE

You might remember that the Epiphany Pilgrimage had to be postponed this year due to the fires in January. It was held in July with a smaller group taking part and this Parish hosted the pilgrims one evening. The Parish has received a thank you card from the pilgrims together with a donation to our Parish funds. Thank you.

## VESTMENTS

The Parish only has a set of white vestments, but does not own any green, red or purple vestments. We need to remedy this situation, and some Parishioners have been hard at work on this task during the week.

## SOUND SYSTEM

It has been brought to our attention that the sound system in the church is not as good as it should be. It appears that, while there is sufficient volume, the clarity is not there, and maybe the audio loop is malfunctioning. Many Parishioners say they cannot understand the readers or the priests. In order to tackle this problem, the Parish needs to hear from you, the Parishioners, as to exactly what you perceive the problem to be. Please take the time to write an email to [glenbrook@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenbrook@parracatholic.org) before 20th October. Peter will collate your responses and, in conjunction with our new Parish Priest, we can work out how to improve the system.

## 7.30AM MASS READERS

The Parish is in urgent need of readers specially for the 7.30am Mass, if you can help please ring the Parish Office on 47398928.

## TIMEOUT TUESDAY

20th October. 10am - 1pm. A wonderful opportunity to come together to enjoy the company of each other whether it be sewing, patchwork, crochet, knitting or just having a chat. Morning tea provided. Come and be inspired. We will adhere to Covid-19 restrictions.

***St. Finbar's Parish would like to wish Shirley Konza a very Happy 90th Birthday this week and ask God to bless her with good health.***

## 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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jeanette Rogers (Martin Rogers' mother), 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:

Michael Harris, Jeffrey Hunt, Julie Grech, Verlie Gapps, Clifford McHardy, Terrence Judge, Robert Agnew, Ronald Groves, Peter Smith, Daniel McGrath, Kevin Taylor, Nellie Stanborough, Christine Frewer, Reginald Bailey, Rose Barrett, Hope Williams, Bruce Macbeth, Johanna Williams and Oliver Pinson.

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## Covid-19 Updated choir guidelines

New NSW Government regulations were introduced that affect singing in a choir, and at church funerals and weddings. NSW Health has advised that up to 5 people may sing together in a large well ventilated space if all singers do not face each other, and with the appropriate social distancing of 1.5 metres maintained. The singers must also be 5 metres away from other people attending the respective service. Congregation are not allowed to join in with the singing. For more information about singing, choirs and musical instruments, please refer to the NSW Health website: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/frequently-asked-questions.aspx>

## 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)

## Office for Worship RCIA Introduction and Overview Workshop: 26 October

The Office for Worship will be running a workshop: "RCIA: An Introduction and Overview of the RCIA Process" for RCIA coordinators & teams on the evening of Monday 26 October at the Institute For Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP by 22 October, or if you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org). Please note, there will be limited spacing due to social distancing.

## EXPLORING BEST PRACTICES FOR PASTORAL GOVERNANCE AT THE SERVICE OF CHRIST'S MISSION.



You are invited to participate in an upcoming webinar, **Exploring Best Practices for Pastoral Governance at the Service of Christ's Mission.**

**Please find attached information about the webinar.**

The webinar will address the following questions:

What are existing and emerging models of good pastoral leadership in parishes and dioceses? What does effective collaboration and co-responsibility entail? How does pastoral leadership enable and enhance community engagement and support our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ? Diocesan and parish pastoral councils, and pastoral leadership teams, embody a vital aspect of communion with the Church, being co-responsible in both the building up of the Body of Christ and in the participation of the Church's mission. In this time of Covid-19, the need for

effective community engagement and innovative planning for mission has become even more pronounced. This webinar, led by the Mission Planners Network of Oceania, addresses these questions, offering ways we can be informed and supported, drawing upon the Australian Governance Review *The Light From the Southern Cross* and in dialogue with community leaders. This event will be hosted by the Pastoral Ministry Network (formerly known as NAPPA) and supported by the Mission Planners Network Oceania. Register for the webinar at [www.tinyurl.com/oceaniawebinaroct20](http://www.tinyurl.com/oceaniawebinaroct20). For more information, please contact Lisa at the Pastoral Planning Office on 0448 652 720.



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Aid to the Church in Need is organizing the prayer campaign *One Million Children Praying the Rosary*. We know how powerful the prayers of children are, they fly like an arrow into the heart of God. How powerful then is the prayer of the Rosary prayed by millions of children, and adults, all around the world! Join this prayer campaign on the 18th of October. Go to [www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children) to learn more.

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## ROSTER FOR 17TH & 18TH OCTOBER 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Stuart Sheary
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji & Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maire Griffin	Volunteer Please	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Elizabeth Konza & Joseph Wilson	Susan Dowling
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Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson & St. Finbar's Playgroup		

## SATURDAY SESSIONS

GROW & SHARE FAITH

Watch the presentation

Join in the online discussion from 11am

Register for the presentation

A JOURNEY OF DISCERNMENT: THE PLenary COUNCIL

with Rev Fr. Michael O'Shea

Registration closes on 10th Oct

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://tinyurl.com/saturdaysessionsoct10>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about the presentation for this week and a link to join the meeting.

**Bishop Timothy Costelloe, A Journey of Discernment: The Plenary Council 2020 (Video approx. 7 minutes Reading: 15 mins-30 mins).** The Plenary Council offers us the opportunity to really discern what God is asking of us in Australia at this time. We are invited to stop and really listen to what the spirit is saying in our Church and in world. As we journey towards the first council in October 2021, we take a step back to look at the journey so far and the path ahead. 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.

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