

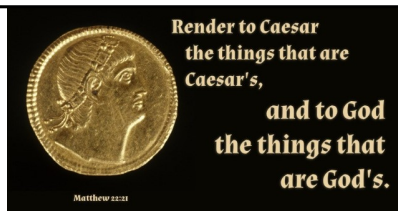


The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
17th & 18th October 2020

Isaiah 1, 4-6; Ps 95; Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

Sunday 18th October <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth HSC Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group	<i>St. Finbar's Parish Community would like to welcome Father Jobe Payyappilly who is going to be celebrating Saturday Vigil Mass, Father PJ who is going to be celebrating Sunday mong Masses and Father Michael who will be celebrating the Youth Mass on Sunday evening with us.</i>
Monday 19th October	No Morning Mass	<u>Gospel Reflection</u> The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent 'safe' answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority – leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome. Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p>
Tuesday 20th October	No Morning Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 7.00pm St. Finbar's Netball Club AGM P/C 7.30pm Columbarium Meeting M/R	
Wednesday 21st October	No Morning Mass 9.30am Playgroup P/C 9.30am CCD Reginal Coordinator Meeting M/R 7.00pm Blue Mountains Netball Club AGM P/C	
Thursday 22nd October	No Morning Mass 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C	
Friday 23rd October	No Morning Mass 1.00pm Bowlers P/C	
Saturday 24th October	No Morning Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 2.00pm Liturgy Formation Workshops P/C 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 25th October <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptisms	



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

ALL SOULS MASS:

This year will be celebrated on Monday the 2nd of November, 2020 at 7pm. The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered for all the faithful departed with special remembrance of those whose funeral took place at St. Finbar's during the past year. Also invited to participate in the liturgy are parishioners who have lost a close relative during the past year and whose funeral was conducted outside the Parish. A candle ceremony will be part of the celebration so if you would like your loved one remembered by lighting a candle (which your family member will place on the sanctuary during the Mass), please contact the Parish Office on 47398928 before the 28th of October. A small framed photo of your loved one could also be placed on the sanctuary before the commencement of Mass.

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.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN:

It is a legal requirement that all parishioners who have any contact with children in their parish duties are required to complete a Working With Children Check, and to have that check formally registered with the Diocese. This especially includes Priests, Parish Staff, Sacristans, Senior Servers, Musicians, SRE teachers, Youth Group Leaders, Play Group Leaders, Sacramental Co-ordinators and possibly others. If you do not have such a check, or you are unsure about it, please contact the parish office urgently. Those who already have this check will be aware that it has to be renewed every five years, and some parishioners will be getting a reminder that their check is soon due for renewal.

COLUMBARIUM MATTERS:

The Parish Columbarium Committee has again met to progress this project. A number of sample bricks were looked at, and a choice of brick was made that should blend in with the church and the environment. In addition, a discounted price was negotiated for the purchase and delivery of the bricks. While we are not yet in a position to accept any formal applications for Columbarium niches or any monies, you can express your interest in the purchase of one or more niches by contacting Juliana in the parish office and she will add your name and contact details to a list she is maintaining. The parish will continue to keep you informed of progress on a regular basis.

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 Covid-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:

Tricia McQuade (Jan Smith's cousin), Jeanette Rogers (Martin Rogers' mother), Agnes (Pauline) Auckett, Michael Taylor, Dunata Ryan, Rita Cloran, Maureen Hobbs, Frances Glen, Anne Smith and Greg Quilty.

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:

Margaret Corbin, Norval Thyrd (Jnr), Peter Jeans, Margaret Collins, Robert Weston, Maurice Scaramuzzi, Mary Murray, Margaret Plim, Daphne Grange, Thelma Taylor, Eileen Burrowes, Arthur Kachel, Kathleen Graham, Peter Brown, William Brownlow, May Graham and Carlyle Murray.

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HSC Livestream Event: 18 October

Year 12's, their families and supporters across the Diocese are invited to share in a 30 minute LIFTED experience on Sunday 18 October at 8pm with Bishop Vincent. It will include a blessing, music and numerous messages of support from Year 6 students, Parish Priests and Catholic Youth Parramatta.

Tune in at <https://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparra>

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. Please note, there will be limited spacing due to social distancing.

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

SATURDAY SESSIONS—INSTITUTE FOR MISSION.

SATURDAY SESSIONS

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/saturdaysessionsoct17>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about the presentation for this week and a link to join the meeting.

Fr John Frauenfelder & the Diocese of Wollongong, Parishes Working Together 2013 (Video approx.: 20 mins)

Fr John Frauenfelder reflects on the 2013 Pastoral Plan from the Diocese of Wollongong. Whilst the plan was some ago, the principles and reflections that Fr John offers are still very relevant to our Church today. A Graduate of Catholic University of America and San Francisco Theological Seminary (Member Institute of Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley), John graduated with Master's and Doctorate degrees in liturgical studies, theology, and ministry. Later studies, through St Louis University, awarded him a degree in Health Care Ethics. John has spent over 30 years in parish ministry. He had led parish & school retreats, workshops in Spirituality for the Ageing, teaching Eucharist and other aspects of Eucharistic Spirituality, including Going to Mass Backwards, reflection days for Clergy and Retreats for Seniors. He has spent time in Central Queensland, working with the Bishops Inservice Days (Diocese of Rockhampton) and Adult Faith Education at Blackwater, Queensland. Working with St John of God Health (Burwood & Richmond), John developed his skills as a leader in Mission, a work enhanced through many years of mission engagement with Mercy in the former Goulburn Congregation of Sisters of Mercy, and his work in Mercy Health & Aged Care in Central Queensland. After time lecturing in Liturgy and Sacraments, and three years as Academic Dean, at Broken Bay Institute, John has spent the past seven years assisting in Adult Faith formation for Catholic Schools Office in Diocese of Broken Bay.

(<https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/faculty/john-frauenfelder/>)

Please contact Lisa Bright on 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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Dawn Willis is driving again and offering a lift to parishioners who can't drive to the Saturday Vigil Mass. Dawn lives at East Blaxland and can pick up from East Blaxland, Mount Riverview, Blaxland and Glenbrook. She can fit three people in her car. If you need a lift to church please contact Dawn on 0419 565 323.

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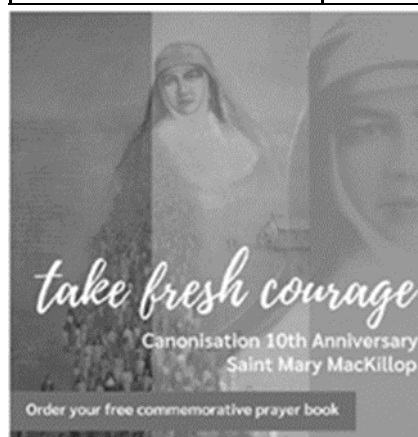
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ROSTER FOR 24TH & 25TH OCTOBER 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Ethan Cameron		Keira Vermaak & Nicola De La Mare
Warden	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Leanne Brown	Patricia Murnane
2 nd Reading	Eileen Jones	Margaret Dickson	Irene Aligno
Intercession	Allan Jones	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
IT Operators	Pat Watson	Terry Keogh	Joanne Stubbs
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Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young & Beth Killeen		
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