



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

ALL SAINTS –Year A

31st October & 1st November 2020

Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 23; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

<p>Sunday 1st November <i>ALL SAINTS</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</p>	<p><i>St. Finbar's Parish Community would like to welcome Father Jobi Payyappilly who is going to be celebrating Saturday Vigil Mass and Father PJ who is going to be celebrating Sunday morning Masses.</i></p>
<p>Monday 2nd November <i>The Commemoration of all the faithful Departed</i></p>	<p>No Morning Mass 7.00pm All Souls Mass</p>	<p><u>Gospel Reflection</u></p> <p>Saints are sometimes regarded as 'Catholic superheroes'. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound, though more in the vein of conversions and cures than speeding bullets and tall buildings. But to get caught up on the Saints of the stained glass windows is to overlook the vast majority of saints. You see, <i>a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven</i>. The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church. But there are many, many more saints whose glimpse of God was only ever experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked. The feast of ALL Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those saints who've been known and loved by just a few and whose sphere of influence was such that they will never be recognised as Saints by the universal Church.</p> <p>Today's gospel, the Beatitudes, from the Sermon on the Mount describes perfectly those 'lower case s' saints we celebrate in this feast day. The Beatitudes are sometimes referred to in parallel with the Ten Commandments. However, the Beatitudes are not 'rules' or 'instructions' for life as the Commandments are. They are more in line with a strategy that today we would call 'positive reinforcement'. They celebrate those who respond to God's call through particular attitudes towards life and towards others. Jesus presents them to the disciples and the crowd as images to inspire imitation. They're not hard and fast rules for life, but attitudes for life; the Be-Attitudes, so to speak. Those who live with these attitudes in this life are to be celebrated – 'Happy are you' – for they will be saints. They will be welcomed into communion with God in heaven.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 3rd November</p>	<p>No Morning Mass 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R</p>	
<p>Wednesday 4th November <i>St. Charles Borromeo</i></p>	<p>No Morning Mass 9.30am Playgroup P/C</p>	
<p>Thursday 5th November</p>	<p>No Morning Mass 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C</p>	
<p>Friday 6th November</p>	<p>No Morning Mass 1.00pm Bowlers</p>	
<p>Saturday 7th November</p>	<p>No Morning Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>	
<p>Sunday 8th November <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Baptisms</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER.</u> Is the month we especially remember our departed brothers and sisters, parents and family members. Please pray for them and remember them in the Masses. Special Mass Envelopes are available on the Warden's table.</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.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Please note that the NSW Government has eased the restriction on places of worship and religious gatherings and can have up to 300 people in attendance for services, subject to the 4 square metre rule. So for our Parish we are allowed to have 150 people attending Mass, taking into consideration the 4 square metre rule, social distancing and recording your contact details on the Warden's table. It is also recommended that you wear mask at church.

ST FINBAR'S PARISH, GLENBROOK COLUMBARIUM:

Expression of Interest Forms for internment of ashes commencing 2021 and/or for future planning are now available from the Wardens Desk and from the Parish Office. Please hand in any completed forms to the Parish Office. This is an **expression of interest only and is non-binding** on both the parishioner and the parish. No money will be accepted at this stage and the official legal documents will be available early 2021 on completion of the construction of the columbarium. Organisation for internment will occur through the Parish Priest and the Parish Office. Thank you.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance is on permanent display in the Sanctuary during the month of November. Parishioners can add the names of any family members or loved ones who have passed to eternal life. Please do not enter any names that are already in the book.

PARISH LIBRARY

There are plans to re-establish the parish library. We have recently been given access to a vast range of free items from which we are able to select. To accommodate the library we will need to buy or build some bookcases/bookshelves, probably in the Parish Meeting Room. Before we embark on either of these two options, would any parishioners have one or more sturdy bookshelves at home that they would be happy to donate to the Parish? And we will also need a few parishioners to help picking the books and moving them to the Parish. If you are able to help please contact Juliana in the Parish office (4739 8928) to let her know that you are available. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Religious Christmas Cards are available for sale from the Warden's table or the Parish Office. A Pack of 8 cards is for \$5. If you like to buy some please contact the Parish Office on 47398928.

2021 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

Are now available at the Wardens' table. \$6 Franciscan and \$10 Columban.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Parishioners may be aware that the Parish has a memorial wall along the Prayer Walk. Plaques were recently installed to commemorate the passing of six loved ones. If you would like to participate in the next installation, please notify the Parish Office and complete an order form.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Chiqui Trujillo (Carl Moll's brother in law), Tricia McQuade (Jan Smith's cousin), Jeanette Rogers (Martin Rogers' mother), Agnes (Pauline) Auckett, Michael Taylor, Dunata Ryan, Rita Cloran, Maureen Hobbs and Frances Glen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Mikaela Au, Margaret Christensen, 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:

Virginia Criswick, Charlie Psaila, Alice Cleary, Julie Young, Scott Blondahl, Kathleen Grange, Marjorie Gormly, Ian Robinson, Gerard Vandeweyer, Julia Barakat, Andrew Pallett, Patricia Hazelton, Rose Hannigan, Genevieve Donnelly, Elizabeth Rynne, Agnes Gregory, Clive McInnes, Ludo Bos and Rose Hughes.

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Liturgy Formation Workshops

Unfortunately, due to a lack of numbers we have decided to cancel the Mountains Deanery Liturgical Ministry Formation Course. Please also be advised that the Liturgical Ministry Formation Course will be repeated again next year at the beginning of the year. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Pastoral Council Formation and Training

The Pastoral Planning Office is leading a series of formation and training sessions for new and continuing members of pastoral councils via Zoom on 11, 18 and 25 November from 7.30pm.

Our pastoral councils offer a wonderful way to explore how communities can “go and make disciples” and be the community Christ calls us to be.

To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/pastoralcouncilformation> and for enquiries, please contact Lisa Bright on 0448 652 720.

Religious Education

Updated version of the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education is now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta [website](#). When it is launched in late 2021 the Draft New Curriculum will replace ‘Sharing Our Story’, the current curriculum that has been in place for more than 20 years. For several years now, our Catholic community has been working together to update the way we share our faith with children and young people. This is a work in progress and will take time. The Draft New Curriculum remains faithful to Sacred Scripture and Tradition while ensuring that the way that the learning and teaching happens is kept up-to-date. We’ve been surveying our schools about their experiences of trialling aspects of the Draft New Curriculum. As you would expect, we’re continuing to make changes based on feedback from clergy, parents, teachers and students. As a result, you’ll notice that this document now includes references to the relevant sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and a new ‘insights’ section for teachers to use as a resource and guide. A guide to *Understanding the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education in the Diocese of Parramatta* has also been provided on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta [website](#) to help community members learn more. We know that it is important to keep our Catholic community updated about this approach that is all about sharing our Catholic faith with the next generation. If you would like to share your thoughts, please contact feedback@parra.catholic.edu.au.

iWitness Conference



iWitness is an annual, summer conference drawing together 100s of young (18-35 year old) Aussie Catholics for a summer weekend of prayer, formation and fun. The iWitness conference was established in the spirit of World Youth Day Sydney 2008. It has always sought to help Australia’s young people engage with and be inspired by the Catholic faith – and this year is no exception.

iWitness promises to be an unforgettable weekend of formation, fun and faith, just as it always is. There will be daily Mass, 24 hour (perpetual) adoration, loads of

games, amazing speakers, plenty of fresh air, and more! iWitness and the venue have a Covid-Safe plan. Full refunds will be issued if the event is cancelled. For more information and to register: <https://www.iwitnessconference.com/>

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IFM Saturday Session:

Saturday 31st October Sessions: 11am-12:15 pm via Zoom.

Enjoy a video or reading preparation before the session and then join in discussion online.

Register for the upcoming sessions:

Serving Mission – Pastoral Conversion – A Conversation with Fr James Mallon

<https://tinyurl.com/saturdaysessionsoct31>. Revisit earlier Sessions at the www.thewell.org.au and form your own group within your community. Email Lisa.Bright@parracatholic.org to join Saturday Sessions mailing list.

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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ROSTER FOR 7TH & 8TH NOVEMBER 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Katia Apps	Joshua & Lucy Toutounji	Emily Dowling & Sophie McDonald
Warden	Ken Schneiders	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Allan Jones	Maura Williams	Richard Cutler
2 nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Michelle Wilson	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Volunteer Please	Joanne Stubbs
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Robyn Flynn	Joseph Marceau
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan De Bie & Jessica Doherty		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Michael Lloyd & John Killeen		

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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