



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
7th & 8th November 2020

Wisdom 6:12-16; Ps 62; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday 8th November <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Baptisms	<i>St. Finbar's Parish Community would like to welcome Father Paul Marshall who will be celebrating this weekend Masses.</i>
Monday 9th November <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	No Morning Mass 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	<u>Gospel Reflection</u> <p>The three gospel accounts from the final three weeks leading up to the season of Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. They can be seen together as an extended treatise on living life in response to Jesus' message and preparing for the end of time. This week's gospel starts out as a Kingdom parable and becomes a bit more of a metaphor for living a Christian life. The gospel parable relates to ten bridesmaids – five foolish and five wise – who are participating in a wedding ritual that involves meeting the bridegroom and escorting him the last part of his way to the wedding reception. The foolish bridesmaids have not brought sufficient reserves of oil for their lamps and have to leave at the critical time to try to obtain more. When they eventually arrive at the reception hall they are turned away because they have shamed themselves as well as the bride and groom by not fulfilling their duty. Some of the original audience of Matthew's gospel, along with many of the early Christian followers, had an expectation that Jesus was going to return and usher in the end of the world in their lifetime. The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus' final words, 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The timing of Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated. Many early Christians were living their lives as though the world would end at any time. The gospel warns them, and us, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent – expecting that everything is about to come to an end.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p>
Tuesday 10th November <i>St. Leo the Great</i>	No Morning Mass 7.30pm Columbarium Meeting M/R	
Wednesday 11th November <i>St. Martin</i>	No Morning Mass 9.30am Playgroup P/C	
Thursday 12th November <i>St. Josaphat</i>	No Morning Mass 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C	
Friday 13th November	No Morning Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice	
Saturday 14th November	No Morning Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass (Father Joseph)	
Sunday 15th November <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i>	7.30am Mass (Father Joseph) 9.30am Mass (Father Joseph) 11.00am Baptisms (Father Joseph) 6.00pm Youth Mass (Father Joseph) 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C	<u>SUNDAY BAPTISMS:</u> <p>The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Luna Anne Pirozzi and Henry Spencer Thomson who will 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

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.

ALL SOULS MASS: A special thanks to Father PJ, Pat Watson, Margaret Richards, Maire Griffin, Eleanor Thompson, Ahyiesha D'Souza, Noreen Taylor, Jan Frampton and Bernadette Shalala for all their help and support for this year's All Souls Mass.

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.

NOVEMBER.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mikaela Au, 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 and Maureen Hobbs.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Christine McGillion, 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:

Monica Roebuck, Michele Tagg, Terence McGrath, Kevin O'Neill, Gregory Kelly, Therese Voorn, Patrick Broughan, Lorraine Tolhurst, Patrick Field, Alma Melville, Kenneth Hepburn, Ludgardia Way, Renee Belton-Webber and Eileen O'Keefe.

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IFM Saturday Session:



Saturday Sessions: 7th November 2020 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:

7th November: The Hope that Does not Disappoint: Dr Mary Healy and the Archdiocese of Melbourne <https://tinyurl.com/saturdaysessionsnov7>

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.

IFM Bringing the Advent Gospels Alive: 10 November



The Institute for Mission invites you online to enjoy letting scripture presenter Dr Michele Connolly rsj energise your Advent on 10 November at 7pm. Register via www.ifm.org.au/scripturenights. Please feel free to speak to any of the IFM Team on (02) 9296 6369 if you require any further information or send us an email to connect@ifm.org.au.

Office for Worship Short Formation Course for Readers

The Office for Worship will be running a short formation course focussing on the practicalities of Reading at Mass with guest presenter Br Michael Dredge cfc. It will be held over three dates:

- Thursday 12 November – 7-9pm at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith
- Thursday 19 November – 7-9pm at Institute for Mission, Blacktown

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org

Bethany Centre World Day of the Poor Food Drive: 9 – 13 November

To commemorate World Day of the Poor, you are invited to contribute to the Chancery Office's food drive. Your generous donations will support families doing it tough put food on the table. Items are to be dropped off at the Bethany Centre, 470 Church St, Parramatta between 9 and 13 November. To arrange a time to drop off items, and for an items list, contact Marisa VanderHout on (02) 8838 3460 or marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org

Pastoral Council Formation and Training

The Pastoral Planning Office is leading a series of formation and training sessions for new and continuing members of parish pastoral councils via Zoom on 11, 18 and 25 November from 7.30pm. Our parish pastoral councils offer a wonderful way to explore how communities can "go and make disciples". To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/pastoralcouncilformation> and for enquiries, please contact Lisa Bright on 0448 652 720.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session: 12 December

Couples considering a call to the Permanent Diaconate are invited to attend an information session on Saturday 12 December from 10am to 12noon at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown.

Couples who decide to proceed with the discernment process will be asked to meet with the Vocations Committee in 2021.

To RSVP, please contact Deacon Willy Limjap on 0428 332 619 or wlimjap@gmail.com or Deacon George Bryan on 0408 440 769 or George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

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Sacraments

Confessions:

Sat 4.45-5.15pm

Baptisms:

By Appointment

Weddings:

By Appointment

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Monday to Friday

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Principal Mrs Robyn Clarke

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ROSTER FOR 14TH & 15TH NOVEMBER 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 st Reading	Maire Griffin	John Killeen	Volunteer Please
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Annis Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operators	Henry Hanco	Joseph Wilson & Elizabeth Konza	Susan Dowling
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Ian Dickson, Amanda O'Leary, Heather & Steve Lee		

*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 564 323**. (The number was printed wrong last week).*

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