



# The Barra

**Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook**  
**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**Year A - 21st & 22nd November 2020**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 22; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

<b>Sunday</b> <b>22nd November</b>  <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b>  <b>9.30am Mass</b>  10:30 Musicians meeting
<b>Monday</b> <b>23rd November</b>	<b>No Mass</b>  11:30 School Christmas Practice (Church)
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>24th November</b>  <i>Sts Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Companions</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>  7:30pm Columbarium meeting
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>25th November</b>	<b>9.00am Mass + Rosary</b>  9.30am Playgroup P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>26th November</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>  7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>27th November</b>	<b>9.00 Mass</b>  1.00pm Bowlers
<b>Saturday</b> <b>28th November</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>  11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice  <b>4.45pm Confession</b>  <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>29th November</b>  <i>1st Sunday of Advent Year B</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b>  <b>9.30am Mass</b>

## Fr Joe's Musings

Dear Friends,

The liturgical year ends with this Sunday when we proclaim Christ as the universal King. It was Pope Pius XI who decided to institute the Feast of Christ the King in 1925. The rivalries and enmities among the nations and the opposition against the faith have necessitated this feast. About the consequences of that time, Pope Pius XI wrote: "the seeds of discord sown far and wide; those bitter enmities and rivalries between nations...that insatiable greed which is so often hidden under a pretence of public spirit and patriotism and gives rise to so many private quarrels...no peace in the home, because men have forgotten or neglect their duty; the unity and stability of the family undermined." These words reflect also our current global politics.

The feast of Christ the King invites us to ponder our faith in Christ. How are we witnessing Christ in a society that is increasingly opposed to the faith? Since Christ is the Prince of Peace, how can we be His peacemakers?

The Catholic Church must follow Jesus' command to preach the Gospel to every person, otherwise it will not fulfil its mission of bearing witness to Christ, Pope Francis said in a meeting with participants of the Amazonian Synod in Rome.

The missionary diffusion of Christ's love and teaching is an essential responsibility of all Christians. Our parish is committed to this missionary evangelization. I would like to thank all parishioners who have already generously given their time to bring the love, the peace, and the word of Christ to the classrooms of our neighbouring public schools.

Also, I would like to invite you to be part of this wonderful mission. If you could spare an hour per week to teach scripture to our students in our public schools, you would do a great favour to Christ. When we teach scripture, we also become listeners, learners and practitioners of the love and word of Christ. It is a new opportunity for us to understand the Bible better. Please give me a call if you are interested to be bearers of Christ's peace.

When you have a day when all you need is a little peace, pray to God and ask Him for it, and then be the agent that He uses to bring His peaceful kingdom to Earth!

Have a great Sunday and a very good week ahead!

Fr. Joseph

***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 NEWS

You might have noticed the arrival of the bricks for the Columbarium and the bricklayers commencing work during the past week. As this is a work site, nobody is permitted anywhere near the site. Please respect this requirement and everyone will stay safe..

The Columbarium Committee has been very busy evaluating bricklaying quotes, working out the best way to plan and build the structures for the most efficient use of the space. Committee members are still working on the purchase of the sandstone capping for the structures, but this should be finalised soon. We will then need some assistance to transport the sandstone on site.

The Committee has also been working through the documentation that niche purchasers will need to sign. It is important that this be all correct to adequately protect both the purchaser and the parish.

If you want to register your interest in possibly purchasing one or more niches, please complete the simple form at the Wardens' table. This is not a commitment to purchase - just an indication of your interest. We cannot accept any payment just yet until some of the details are finalised.

All being well we hope to have the Columbarium finished and available for use very early in the new year, and it is then that we will accept formal bookings.

## MINISTRIES

There are over forty ministries operating in our parish, and many parishioners give a lot of their time behind the scenes to make sure these ministries function well. Ministries noted in action in the last week include church care and brass polishing, indoor bowlers, garden club, youth group, catechists, musicians, piety stall and counters, as well as all the ministries that assist at Mass. A complete list of the ministries operating at St Finbar's is on the noticeboard in the Narthex.

As Fr Joe mentions elsewhere, there is a great need for more Catechists to teach the Catholic Faith in our local state schools. If you would like to assist in this ministry, please contact Beth on 0408 317 086. The parish would like to sincerely thank all those who help in any way, and invites any parishioner interested in joining any ministry to contact either Fr Joe or the parish office.

## PIETY STALL

Please contact Noreen Taylor if you need to buy anything from the Piety Stall. She has a great selection of Christmas cards at very reasonable prices. Noreen's number is 4739 8882.

## ST FINBAR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GLENBROOK

St Finbar's Primary School Glenbrook provides a Catholic Education for children in Years Kinder to Year 6. We are enrolling now for 2018. All considering enrolment are invited to contact the school office on their new number **4724 3600**.

## 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:

Laurie Rivas, 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:

Joseph McGoldrick, Keith Trevenar, John Hennessy, Ida Brown, Marie Brooks, Myee Goymour, Raelene Baskett, Winifred Lawrence, Cecil White, Nicholas Haddock and Stephen Hutchins.

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# DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

## Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have COVID-Safety plans in place requiring social distancing, maximum attendance figures and other safety measures. We also highly recommend wearing masks to Mass and other services. You are encouraged to check with your parish on what measures they have in place before attending. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)

## Bishop's Christmas Appeal - 5th and 6th December

This Christmas, let us unite in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable families to build strong, loving relationships. You can help give people the emotional and practical support they need to live their lives in love and joy.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal: [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

## 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](mailto:wlimjap@gmail.com) or Deacon George Bryan on 0408 440 769 or [George.Bryan@parracatholic.org](mailto:George.Bryan@parracatholic.org)

## Religious Education

Updated version of the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education is now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta [website](http://www.parracatholic.org). 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](http://www.parracatholic.org) 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](mailto:feedback@parra.catholic.edu.au).

**Schoenstatt Centre** The Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre is once again available for personal or small group bookings to discern and plan for what the future might look like. They have also begun taking bookings for 2021, with numbers set to increase as restrictions return to normal. For more information call (02) 4773 8338.

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**Sacraments**  
**Confessions:** Sat 4.45-5.15pm  
**Baptisms:** By Appointment  
**Weddings:** By Appointment

**Web:** www.stfinbars.org.au

**Parish School:** Principal Mrs Robyn Clarke  
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## ROSTER FOR 28TH 29TH NOVEMBER 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Volunteers Please		Volunteers Please
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Steve Newton
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	Steve Newton
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Katy Ferris	Margaret Dickson	Avril Llewellyn
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John De Mattia	Martin Rogers
IT Operators	Thais Turner	Terry Keogh	Joanne Stubbs
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, St. Finbars Playgroup		

### LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

All parishioners are advised that low gluten hosts, which are fully approved for use at Holy Communion, are always available. At weekend Masses Fr Joe will have the low gluten hosts and you just need to ask him for one when you come up for Communion. At weekday Masses, please advise the Fr Joe or the Senior Server before Mass commences and a low gluten host will be consecrated for you.

