



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9th & 10th January 2021

Isaiah 55:1-11; Isa 12; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

Sunday 10th January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass	Fr Joe's Musings	
Monday 11th January <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Week 1, Year 1</i>	No Morning Mass 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R	The Baptism of the Lord	
Tuesday 12th January <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Week 1, Year 1</i>	9.00am Mass	<p>On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. It is an opportunity for us to recall our own baptism. I am yet to find out about the number of baptisms we had in the last year. It is through baptism that we become members of the Catholic church. I think that there are about 4,000 Catholics registered in our parish. Globally, the Catholic church has 1.4 billion members. It means that Catholics made up a little under 18 percent of the global population. Breaking that up further, the Americas had the highest number of Catholics, with an average of 63.7 for every 100 inhabitants. Europe, Oceania and Africa followed with 39.7, 26.3 and 19.4, respectively. The lowest number was in Asia, with only 3.3 Catholics per 100 inhabitants. In Australia, there are about 5 300 000 Catholics or 25.3% of the total Australian population.</p>	
Wednesday 13th January <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Week 1, Year 1</i>	9.00am Mass & Rosary	<p>The Catechism of the Catholic church states: "Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word." The correct and absolute formula in the Rite of the Sacrament of Baptism spoken by the bishop, priest or deacon is: "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."</p>	
Thursday 14th January <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Week 1, Year 1</i>	9.00am Mass	<p>However, there are number of cases in which baptisms have been administered using the words: "In the name of the father and of the mother, of the godfather and of the godmother, of the grandparents, of the family members, of the friends, in the name of the community we baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."</p>	
Friday 15th January <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Week 1, Year 1</i>	9.00am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers	<p>Specifically, the question was whether baptisms conferred with the formula, "We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," rather than the traditional, "I baptize you..." are valid, and whether persons baptized with the modified formula must be baptized <i>in forma absoluta</i>, meaning, that the person should be considered unbaptized, as opposed to "doubtfully" baptized. In its response, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith ruled that baptisms using the modified formula were invalid, and thus that people who received the sacrament with that formula must be baptized using the regular one.</p>	
Saturday 16th January <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Week 1, Year 1</i>	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass	<p><i>Please continue reading on page 3</i></p>	
Sunday 17th January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass	<p><i>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.</i></p>	

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

NSW Health has revised the COVID-19 guidelines for all places of worship.

- 1) Places of Worship and Religious Services
Effective from midnight - 2 January 2021, the maximum number of people who can attend religious gatherings will be limited to 1 person per 4 square metres up to a maximum of 100 people.
Weddings and funerals will also be limited to 1 person per 4 square metres up to a maximum of 100 people.
- 2) Face masks
Face masks are now mandatory at places of worship.
Non-compliance with wearing face masks will attract a \$200 on-the-spot-fine for individuals.
Children under 12 are exempt, but are encouraged to wear masks where practicable.
- 3) QR Code
The church has acquired a QR code for parishioners. Please make sure to register using your mobile phone before entering the church. For those who don't have a mobile phone, if you can add your name to the attendance list located on the Warden's table.
- 4) Pews Cleaning after each Mass.
Please help keep the church free from Covid-19 by cleaning the church pews after attending church.

A Special thanks to Brian Egan for clearing the rest of the dead branches from the Church Car Park. May God bless him and his family for his help and support.

2021 Religious calendars are still available for sale on the Wardens' table. They are for \$6 for Franciscan Calendars and \$10 for Columban Calendars.

THE NEW ROSTERS FOR 2021.

Are ready to be sent out next week to those who have emails.

If you don't have an email, I will leave a copy for you on the Warden's table to collect.

Please note that we are still in need for a Warden and Readers for the 7.30am Mass. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested to help.

Thank you for all your help and support. *Juliana Khnouf*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gusta and Harvey Paclat (Merrilee and John Verhoeven's aunt and uncle), Richard Mason, Beatrice Doughty (Erika McNay's sister), Margaret Garvan, Mikaela Au and Tricia McQuade (Jan Smith's cousin).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Karen Single, Karen Bishop, Michael McMahon (Peter's brother), 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:

Eileen Cook, Donald Moffitt, Geoffrey Clayton, Robert Pope, Phillip Dowding, Lyndsay Walmsley, Patrick Egan, Lesly Whitford, Lachlan Turnbull, Olive O'Neill, Doris Gibson, Darcie Pizarro, James Mulvey, Maureen Ingram, Catherine Hagen, John Castor, Daniel O'Keefe, Marie Boyle and James Barrett.

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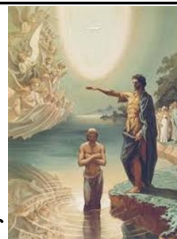


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Fr Joe's Musings—Continue from the first page

Why is it so important to adhere to the correct formulation? The words pronounced in a sacramental context express the true reality that is hidden in the sacrament. When the minister recites the words, "I baptize you..." the note said, "he does not speak as a functionary who carries out a role entrusted to him," but through his ministry signals the presence of Christ, "who acts in his Body to give his grace."



To modify the sacramental formula, the congregation said, "implies a lack of an understanding of the very nature of the ecclesial ministry that is always at the service of God and his people and not the exercise of a power that goes so far as to manipulate what has been entrusted to the Church in an act that pertains to the tradition." To modify the sacramental formula on one's own initiative "does not constitute simply a liturgical abuse, like the transgression of a positive norm, but a *vulnus* (wound) inflicted upon the ecclesial communion and the identifiability of Christ's action."

Fr. Joe

LENTEN BIBLICAL STUDIES ON THE PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK. AT ST. FINBAR'S IN GLENBROOK

Why Does God need to die?

Presenter: Fr. Joseph Lam, PhD STD

Cost: Gold coin donation

The Trial of Jesus

23rd February 2021, 7:30pm

The Death of Jesus

9th March 2021, 7.30pm

The Resurrection of Jesus

23rd March 2021, 7.30pm

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, places are limited.

For Registration please contact the Parish office on secretary@stfinbars.org.au or 47398928.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Church Care Ministry is looking for a Volunteer to join our newly formed group to wash the church floor approximately every three/four weeks on a regular basis.

Anyone interested please contact Heather Lee on 02 4739 4906/0407 779922.

BABY CHRISTINA MIRACLE

As you would be aware, our Playgroup and the Parish have been supporting a young South African student Michelle to prepare for the arrival of her baby. Well, on 8th of December she gave birth to her beautiful baby girl - Christina Miracle.

We were able to link Michelle up with an amazing woman Ella, who is a birthing Doula. So Michelle had her support at Nepean Hospital for the birth and following.

Playgroup Mum and Midwife, Laura Buggy, was also able to pop in and visit them in hospital too!

They are both doing very well and of course we will continue to support Michelle with little Christina. She is currently living at Emu Heights and we will invite her to join us at St Finbar's Playgroup when we resume in the new year.

Thank you all again for the various ways you've been able to support Michelle. She is very grateful to you all.

Gabrielle Lynch

St. Finbar's Playgroup



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Weddings: By Appointment

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ROSTER FOR 16TH & 17TH JANUARY 2021

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Stuart Sheary
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji & Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	John Killeen	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Annis Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operators	Henry Hanco	Joseph Wilson	Susan Dowling
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young & Beth Killeen		

ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK.

On February 11th 2021, we will celebrate the annual World Day of Prayer for the Sick. As you are aware, Pope St John Paul II initiated this special day of remembrance in 1992 and Popes Benedict and Francis have continued the tradition. The day has a dual focus on those who are sick and on those who care for them.

The theme for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 is the following - *"You have but one teacher and you are all brothers" (Mt 23:8) A trust-based relationship to guide the care for the sick.*

The COVID 19 pandemic of 2020 has highlighted for us how precarious our health can be and how much we rely on the virtues of solidarity and compassion to create the conditions that allow us to strive for the common good. We saw how the whole community needed to come together to fight this virus. We also witness the heroism and dedication of staff in hospitals and aged care facilities to accompany and heal those who had contracted the virus.

We are so proud of the contribution Catholic health and aged care services made to this common effort.

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