

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
6th & 7th February 2021

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 146; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

All Want To Be Happy...

It is in the psychology of the human brain that all people want to be happy. Not just humans, but also every animal seeks happiness. One thing is to desire happiness, and the other thing is the ability to be happy because life does not always go our way.

The first reading of this Sunday narrates the story of Job who is a wealthy man living in a land called Uz with his large family and extensive flocks. He is "blameless" and "upright," always careful to avoid doing evil (1:1). Yet God allowed him to be put on trials. After a while, the upbraiding proves too much for Job, and he grows sarcastic, impatient, and afraid. He laments the injustice that God lets wicked people prosper while he and countless other innocent people suffer. Job wants to confront God and complain, but he cannot physically find God to do it. He feels that wisdom is hidden from human minds, but he resolves to persist in pursuing wisdom by fearing God and avoiding evil.

Sometimes we feel like Job. It seems that God is absent in times when we have greatest need of Him. Yet Job prevailed and at the end he was able to find true happiness and trust in God since "God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able to bear, but with the temptation he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to bear it." (1 Cor 10:13).

According to Thomas Aquinas, God is the source of true happiness: "It is impossible for any created good to constitute man's happiness. For happiness is that perfect good which entirely satisfies one's desire; otherwise, it would not be the ultimate end, if something yet remained to be desired... This is to be found, not in any creature, but in God alone, because every creature has only participated goodness. Therefore, God alone can satisfy the will of man, according to the words of the Psalms (102:5): "Who alone satisfies your desire with good things." Therefore, God alone constitutes man's happiness." (Summa Theologica Part 2. Q.1. Article 8)

For the Bible, God not only wants all to be happy, but he also blesses them: "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night." (Ps 1:1-2)

Parishioners used to ask me whether I have settled in. I used to reply I am very happy here because of God's grace. How does the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ bring these glad tidings to pass? "*He made himself poor.*" Without ceasing to be the eternally rich God by nature, the Son of God willingly assumed our poor humanity into personal union with himself in the virgin's womb. Rich and happy in himself, he was happy to own our poverty and misery: "God of God, Light of Light; Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb." To what end? Not to gain happiness or riches for himself, but to communicate his happiness and riches to us ([Mark 10:45](#)): "*so that you, through his poverty, might become rich.*" For our sakes, the incarnate Son of God obeyed the order of beatitude. He became the "happy man" of Psalm 1 who did not walk in the counsel of the wicked, did not stand in the way of sinners, and did not sit in the seat of scoffers. He delighted in the law of the Lord, and he meditated upon it day and night. The Lord made known to him "the path of life," and he traversed that path to its divinely appointed destination in God's presence, where there is "fullness of joy" ([Psalm 16:11](#)).

Fr. Joe

St. Finbar's Parish would like to welcome Bishop Vincent Long Nguyen, Bishop of Parramatta who is coming for the Installation of Father Joseph Lam as Parish Priest for St. Finbar's Parish and for the blessing of the new Columbarium. We also welcome Father Jolly Chacko to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.

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Ash Wednesday will be on the 17th of February 2021. A day of Prayer, Fasting & Good Deeds. Two Masses will be held for the distribution of ashes here at St. Finbar's, 9am Morning Mass and 7.30pm Evening Mass.

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

SACRAMENTS INFORMATION EVENING.

An Information Night for the parents of children who wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2021 will be held at the Parish Hall on Monday the 1st of March at 7.30pm. Dates and requirements for participation in each of the Sacramental journeys will be discussed and distributed at this meeting. Children need not attend.

COLUMBARIUM NOW AVAILABLE FOR USE

The Columbarium Committee met recently to tidy up quite a lot of matters so that the Columbarium could be brought into use. That point has now arrived and parishioners who wish to purchase a niche for use either now or later may proceed to obtain a copy of the Niche Contract from the parish office and make the payment. The niche price has been set at \$2250 for now, and this amount needs to be paid to the parish in full as the first step. This can be done electronically, by cheque or cash or any way that is easy for you. The next step is to visit the parish office where Juliana will enter all the details onto the Parish Columbarium database, issue you with a receipt, get you to sign your contract and Fr Joe will countersign it. If you wish to nominate a particular niche at this stage you may do so. There are five Columbarium Blocks, named after saints Finbar, Matthew, Mark Luke and John, and each Block has niches on the north (road) side and the south (church) side. There is a plan of all niches in the parish office. Your niche details will be entered into the database so it will be reserved for you. If the niche is for later use, that is all you need to do. If you would like to use the niche in the near future, you will also need to discuss with Fr Joe an appropriate time for the Inurnment Rite. You will also need to decide on the wording for your plaque. The cost of the plaque will be invoiced to you at a later date.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN (WWC) CHECKS: As the parish ministries get back into action, it is timely to check that the parish complies with the Government and Diocesan rules for WWC checks. Those with existing checks just need to keep their details current and a renewal notice will come to you. For anyone who might be new to a parish ministry (or who is unsure about their WWC check), you need to make sure all is well. Any parishioner in the following ministries needs to have a current WWC check: Sacristan, Senior Server, Reader, Catechist, Children's Liturgy, Youth Group Leaders, Playgroup Leaders, Sacramental Co-ordinators, Baptism Team, as well as the Parish Priest and Parish office staff. Please direct any queries to Peter in the Parish office.

TIMEOUT TUESDAY

will resume 16th February 10am - 1pm. St Finbar's Parish Centre.
May 2021 be Blessed with many wonderful possibilities.
More details will be posted in the narthex next week.

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

Tues 23rd February 2021, 7:30pm

The Death of Jesus

Tues 9th March 2021, 7.30pm

The Resurrection of Jesus

Tues 23rd March 2021, 7.30pm

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, places are limited (only 2 places left).

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

**2021 Religious calendars are still available for sale on the Wardens' table.
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PARISH CALENDAR

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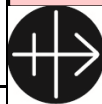
Sunday 7th February <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Welcome back Ministry morning tea 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C
Monday 8th February	<i>No Morning Mass</i>
Tuesday 9th February	9.00am Mass 10.00am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 3.00pm St. Finbar's Netball registration P/C 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting M/R
Wednesday 10th February <i>St. Scholastica</i>	9.00am Mass & Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C
Thursday 11th February	9.00am Mass 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 12th February	9.00am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Saturday 13th February	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 14th February <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms 2.00pm St. Andrew's Uniting Church Service

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE 2021

This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical Ministries of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. We only have a few spaces available. The enrolment form is available on the Warden's table.

SAVE THE DATE.

AFTER 12 MONTHS THE ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST RETURNS.
THE DATE SATURDAY 6TH MARCH FROM 7.30 TIL 9. (COVID REGULATIONS PERMITTING) MORE DETAILS SOON.



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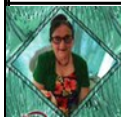
stories of suffering Christians? *Aid to the Church in Need* is recruiting for a number of **Diocesan Outreach Assistants** who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Australia. For more details visit www.aidtochurch.org/work

SHARE THE FAITH!

Would you like to join our great team of Scripture Teachers who provide half-hour lessons once a week, for the students in our local primary schools. It is a very rewarding ministry. If you would like to know more about us, please call Beth on 0408317086.

LENTEN GROUP.

Lent is starting on Wednesday the 17th of February. A Lenten group will be running every Thursday afternoon at 2pm in the Parish Meeting Room starting on the 18th of February 2021. If you would like to join, there are still a few places available. Please ring Mila on 47391470 or the Parish Office on 47398928.



Dawn Willis: Soprano & Lyn Phillips Accompanist
Disaster Relief Fundraiser Concert for St. Vincent de Paul
At St. Finbar's Catholic Church
Saturday 20th February 2021 at 2pm
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Terrence Fitzpatrick (Frank Fitzpatrick's brother), Patricia Watson (Jim Pope's sister), Colin Darby (Stephen Darby's Father), Michelle Anthony, Kathleen Griffin, Terry Wesley (Mike Rivas' Cousin), Richard Mason and Mikaela Au.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Karen Single, Karen Bishop, Christine McGillion, Margaret Christensen, 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:

Richard Smith, Robert Sisson, Mark Delvin, Joan Whiting, Daphne Klein and Ben Gibson.

ST FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB

We are currently taking registrations for the 2021 Winter Season for players from Under 8 – Seniors. Our fees are:

PWD (Player with a Disability) - \$160

Junior (U/8 – 17) - \$190 (Active Kids Vouchers can be used)

Senior (18+) - \$215

We will be in the Parish Hall from 9am – midday on Saturday 6 February and from 3pm – 6pm on Tuesday 9 February for uniform fittings and help with registrations. For more information please email

secretarysnc@gmail.com or phone Janette Ankers (Club President) on 0438 672 040.

ROSTER FOR 13TH & 14TH FEBRUARY 2021

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	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin	Joshua & Lucy Toutounji	Emily Dowling & Sophie McDonald
Warden	Ken Schneiders	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Allan Jones	Ann Keating	Irene Aligno
2 nd Reading	Eileen Jones	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Yvonne Scanlan
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