



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
3rd Sunday of Lent - Year B
6th & 7th March 2021

Exodus 20:1-17; Ps 18; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

The zeal for your house will devour me...

While reading and studying the gospel of this Sunday, the images of the hostility and violence that have erupted over and vandalised the Capitol in Washington immediately penetrate my mind. How is such a violence possible in country that prides itself as the guardian of democracy? Whatever the reason, violence is never the answer. There are alternative tools and means to achieve changes; but viciousness ought not be among them.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus is reported to have come to Jerusalem where he was using a cord whip to drive all salespeople including their animals and vendors and moneychangers out of the Temple. We should not deny that Jesus' action involved some violence here. So, should we then compare Jesus with the recent event in Washington where elected politicians and lawmakers were protected from the brutality of the invaders?

It all comes down to the right reason! For sure, the mob acted without legitimacy and authority. They did neither show any concern nor respect for the life of other. In contrast to the mob, Jesus acted from the authority of being the Son of God. Since he is the beloved Son of the Father to whom all things in heaven and on earth belong, Jesus also shares in the authority of his heavenly Father. That is the reason why he drove out all practices aliened to the 'house of his Father'. In doing so, Jesus restores the right relationship between the people and his Father. This relationship is a pure gift by God; and cannot be a matter of commerce to which the Temple has been reduced to. Nobody can buy nor pay for this gift of grace. To underline this pure and gracious gift, the gospel of John continues to say that Jesus gave up his life in order to enable a new life in a new sanctuary not built by human hands.

What Jesus did was to take away all practices that reduce relationship to commodities which can be exchanged in a free market of capitals. The value of a human person is not based on the person's shares at stock exchanges or the portfolio of the properties a person has accumulated over the course of life. Rather, in Jesus' eyes the person is invaluable in terms of capital since each person is made in the image of his Father who lets the sun shine on the bad and good. Hence, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "It is in Christ, 'the image of the invisible God', that each person has been created 'in the image and likeness' of the Creator. It is in Christ, Redeemer and Saviour, that the divine image, disfigured in man by the first sin, has been restored to its original beauty and ennobled by the grace of God." (CCC, no. 1701).

Such was the zeal that consumes Jesus. The purpose is not to destroy and to tear down, but to ennoble life that often has been reduced to an exchangeable commodity to be exploited by those with power.

Father Joe

Shirley Konza's funeral Mass will be held on Thursday the 11th of March 2021 at 10.30am. Please note that there won't be a 9am Morning Mass on that day. Our Sincere condolences to Tricia, Elizabeth and the rest of the family. May she rest in peace.

Attached: St. Finbar's Plenary review

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Parish Phone, Internet and Email

Please accept my apologies if you have been trying to get in touch with the Parish Office with no success. The Parish is having a problem with the phone, internet and emails for the last 4 weeks. We have signed a new contract with TPG to replace Telstra as our service provider and hopefully we will get internet connection soon. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you for your patience.

P.S. Many thanks to Annmaree Baird for getting us an Internet Dongle and solving our problem for the time being.

Juliana Khnouf

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

2021 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE AT ST FINBAR'S

WEDNESDAY 24TH MARCH	7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Way – Emu Plains
TUESDAY 30TH MARCH	9.00am Mass and general Confessions till 10.00am
WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH	9.00am Mass followed by Rosary Confessions after Mass 7.30pm Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.
HOLY THURSDAY 1ST APRIL	No Morning Mass 7.30PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. WITH ADORATION AT ALTAR OF REPOSE TILL 10PM
GOOD FRIDAY 2ND APRIL A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT	10.00am Stations of the Cross Confessions after stations till 11.30am 3.00PM SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
HOLY SATURDAY 3RD APRIL	8.00am Morning Prayer 7.00PM EASTER VIGIL including The Solemn Beginning or Lucernarium <i>including the Lighting of the Fire and Exsultet</i> The Liturgy of the Word <i>with 3 readings, Epistle, Solemn Alleluia & Gospel</i> Liturgy of the Eucharist
EASTER SUNDAY 4TH APRIL	7.30AM AND 9.30AM MASSES <i>No Evening Youth Mass</i>

EASTER ROSTERS—2021

It is this time of the year again when we are looking for volunteers to help with Easter Liturgy. We will need Readers, Volunteers for Washing of the Feet, Senior Servers, Sacristans, Junior Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you are able to help, please add your name to the list on the Warden's table. Thank you for all your help and support.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE

Dear Father Joe and the parishioners of St. Finbars, on behalf of the 2021 Epiphany Pilgrims we would like to express our joyful gratitude to your community for making us feel so welcome in January! A particular thanks to Matt and Lucie Twyford for coordinating our time at Fannies and to all those who contributed so generously to the evening meal by cooking up a storm and making us feel so welcome in your parish! Thank you also to those who entrusted us with their prayer intentions and to Colleen and Liz for leading us so beautifully to reflect on God's gift of love to us in Christ and in creation. We hope this donation from the pilgrims might be received as an expression of our thanks. Every blessing to you all for 2021.

The Epiphany Pilgrims

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PARISH CALENDAR

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Sunday 7th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 2.00pm St. Andrew Uniting Church Visit 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C	<u>Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal</u> Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal via yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal . Thank you for accompanying them on their journey.
Monday 8th March	No Morning Mass 7.30pm St. Finbar's Netball Club P/C	<u>2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE</u> Please note that the Sacramental program schedule for this year will be as follows:- <u>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> will be held on Saturday the 12th of June 2021 at 2.30pm and the preparation sessions will start on Saturday the 15th of May 2021 at 4.30pm in the Parish Hall. <u>The Sacrament of Confirmation</u> will be held on Sunday the 19th of September 2021 at 6.00pm with Bishop Vincent celebrating. The preparation sessions will start on Saturday the 14th of August 2021 at 4.30pm in the Parish Hall. <u>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</u> will be held on Sunday the 21st of November 2021 at 9.30am Christ The King Mass and the preparation sessions will start on Saturday the 16th of October 2021 at 4.30pm in the Parish Hall. <u>THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH</u> Please note that the Piety Stall has a new selection of items to celebrate the year of St. Joseph like prayer books, Statues ...etc. Come in and check all the beautiful things the Piety Stall has on offer or contact Noreen on 47398882 if you have any questions. <u>Charismatic Healing Mass</u> Mass will be followed by prayer for healing. Celebrant: Fr. Hugh Thomas CSsR, Sunday 21st March, 2pm at St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Penrith. All welcome! Please register by texting 0410 475 734 and provide your name and phone number for COVID-19.
Tuesday 9th March	9.00am Mass 10.00am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 7.30pm Lenten Biblical Studies P/C	
Wednesday 10th March	9.00am Mass + Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C	
Thursday 11th March	9.00am No Mass 10.30am Shirley Konza Funeral Mass 2.00pm Lenten Group M/R 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C	
Friday 12th March	9.00am Mass (School stage 1 attending) 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice	
Saturday 13th March	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass 6.30pm Plenary Discussion Group P/C	
Sunday 14th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 8.30am Plenary Discussion Group P/C 9.30am Mass 10.30am Plenary Discussion Group P/C 10.45am Baptisms	

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Shirley Konza, Bishop Bede Heather (first Bishop of Parramatta), 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:

Father Mick O'Callaghan, Lyn Beltran, 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, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Maddison Farrugia, Sophie Hollies, Colleen Nolan, Pam Clyne and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Hugh McDaid, Joan Morgan, William Chambers, Maree Bowden, Joseph Loader, Irene Williams, Harry Ragen, James Cottier, Vicki Noble, Catherine Smith, Robert Bunda and Anthony Clyne.

ROSTER FOR 13TH & 14TH MARCH 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	Michelle Wilson	Richard Cutler
2 nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Geraldine Agahari	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	John Killeen	Joanne Stubbs
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Robyn Flynn	Joseph Marceau
Communion	Margaret Richards	Kath Tierney	Avril Llewellyn
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	Pia		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care			
Garden Club			

PROJECT COMPASSION STORY FOR THIS SUNDAY

Olivia, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. The she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership



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THE LOUNGE YOUTH GROUP: 7.30-8.30PM