



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
**6th Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord**  
**8th & 9th May 2021**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 97; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS

What would you be without your mother....?

On this Sunday we celebrate our nannies and mums. Mother's Day is not a public holiday, and most businesses follow regular Sunday opening hours in Australia, a website informs us. Perhaps, it just reveals a truth: mums never take holidays!

There are the 114,800 mums who work, study and care for their children under the age of 15 at the same time. According to the 2016 Census, full-time working mothers were mostly employed in primary or secondary education, hospitals, and aged care. The most common occupation for mothers working full-time was as a general clerk performing administrative duties. For those working part-time, most were employed as sales assistants. As for housework, half of mums aged between 20 and 49 do 15 or more hours of unpaid domestic work a week. A recent study reveals that an average mum clocks in a staggering average of 98 hours a week which is essentially equivalent to working 2.5 full-time jobs.

So, what is the economic value of a mum? Again, a study by an insurer shows that the work many mums typically perform for their households could justify an income of A\$93,920.

"We all understand that mums perform an invaluable service," Penny Gusner. "The Mother's Day Index illustrates how losing this critical individual can be financially devastating — even if you don't have existing financial challenges."

However, there is something invaluable. Often mothers are not just the one who give birth; they are also our spiritual leader. In this way, they nurture us in our physical and spiritual growth. Mothers are constantly seeking to encourage growth and development in their children – and children cannot grow and develop without that input. Mothers are constantly affirming their children's attempts to develop new skills. They will push them to do things they cannot yet achieve, and be right behind them, ready to catch them when they fall, pick them up and help them try again.

There is a passage in the Old Testament that associates God with the motherly qualities. In [Deuteronomy 32](#), God is described as: "Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions." And in Hosea he says, "It was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms". Mothers see when their children are almost ready to walk, and lift them up, repeatedly, holding their hands and guiding their feet. Spiritual mothers do the same.

We pray for mothers who find their lives very challenging and difficult.

To all mothers, we offer our gratitude and respect. Let us not forget the ones who have left this world. May they also be blessed with God's loving care and peace.

To all mums who are mourning the loss of their husbands and children, may they find comfort in the knowledge that they will be united again.

There is but one and only one,  
 Whose love will fail you never.  
 One who lives from sun to sun,  
 With constant fond endeavour.

There is but one and only one  
 On earth there is no other.  
 In heaven a noble work was done  
 When God gave us a Mother.



## PARISH INFORMATION

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## SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully  
 welcomes **Mia Grace Williams** into our Faith

Community, who are going to be  
 Baptised at our Parish next weekend.  
 May God bless them both.



***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

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE PREPARATION MEETINGS

Please note that the Sacrament of Penance preparation meetings will start on Saturday the 15th of May at 4.30pm in the Parish Hall. Can you please arrive 10 minutes early to give you time to sign in for Covid-19 Safety QR Code before entering. Please don't hesitate to contact the Parish office on **4742 6958** if you have any questions.

## CCTV ON PARISH PREMISES

We would like to advise you that as from this week our Parish premises and columbarium will be captured by CCTV cameras 24/7.

This step is part of the safety measures that we must comply with. To maintain the highest integrity of privacy, only the Parish Priest can have access to the recording box which is kept safely in the presbytery. The Parish Priest cannot release any information to a third party, unless required by law.

### SECURITY NOTICE



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## EXCITING NEWS

### **ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST**

*Date - Saturday 29th May 2021*

*Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am*

*Venue - Parish hall*

The parish is holding another Men's breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners and the community to meet and get to know one another.

This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their sons, grandsons, neighbours and friends.

For catering purposes, we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 24th May 2021.

Please add your name to the list on the warden's table.

Any questions please contact the organisers,

Carl Moll 0417 471 137

or John De Mattia 4739 6775

## East Timor

"In recent months the people of East Timor have been devastated by a crippling flood crisis and now the COVID-19 pandemic has had a steep sudden rise in cases. About 46,000 homes were destroyed in this poverty stricken area just 45 mins from Darwin. The subsequent emergency overcrowding has led to the Covid figures escalating. In February only 20 case were reported. Now over 2500 cases are registered!

The Springwood East Timor Support Group(SETSG) is conducting a **CAKE STALL** on **SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY** in the Town Square area of Springwood's main street from 10am-12noon. Whilst we have limited funds, our humble efforts can assist other emergency relief networks provide safe clean drinking water in Dili and beyond. All funds raised will go directly to East Timor. You might be able to come along and support the street stall."

With thanks

Dennis Farrar, 0425209840, SETSG President



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**Aid to the Church in Need Australia:** ACN Australia has just launched its new *Healing the Wounds of Religious Extremism in Africa* Global Campaign. Tragically, Africa is the continent with the highest number of murdered priests, religious and catechists and it is also home to 234 million Catholics. As such, ACN views its task in supporting the Catholic Church there as necessary. To help support our brothers and sisters in Africa visit [www.aidtochurch.org/africa](http://www.aidtochurch.org/africa).

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## PARISH CALENDAR

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

<b>Sunday</b> <b>9th May</b> <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>10th May</b>	<b>No Morning Mass. Office is closed</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>11th May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.00am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 7.00pm Plenary Meeting M/R
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>12th May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>13th May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>14th May</b> <i>St. Matthias</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
<b>Saturday</b> <b>15th May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.30pm Penance Preparation Meeting P/C <b>4.45pm Confession</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>16th May</b> <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Baptisms</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C

### Positions Vacant:

- Head: Formation for Mission – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close Monday 10 May**
- Head: Mission Engagement – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close Monday 10 May**

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### Glenbrook Parish Women's Retreat: 12 June

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a women's retreat filled with peace, prayerfulness, adoration, Mass, Reconciliation, guest speakers and praise and worship. It will be held at the parish on Saturday 12th June from 8.30am to 8.30pm. Registration is \$60, and with places limited, register now at <https://forms.gle/KkBaTAvmlqkYYCzm8>. For enquiries, email [beloved2021info@gmail.com](mailto:beloved2021info@gmail.com)

### 'The Well' offers new refreshment in 2021

'The Well' is back in 2021. The team are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### Bishop Vincent's pastoral letter on the proposed Parental Rights Bill

Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral letter to the pastors, parents and the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on the proposed Parental Rights Bill. The letter can be read here: <https://parracatholic.org/pastoral-letter-to-the-people-of-parramatta-on-the-parental-rights-bill/>

### Community Visitors Scheme Volunteers Needed

The Community Visitors Scheme, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to provide a friendly visit to residents in local Aged Care Facilities who are lonely or isolated from their family and friends. If you feel you could spare one hour a week or a fortnight to help a person feel more valued and respected, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolcott on 0418 114 055 or email [deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au).

### Get vaccinated for the common good

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available.

More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Judy Baird (Steve Baird's Mother), Peggy Sue Muni (Merrilee and John Verhoeven's sister), Tony McKale (Merrilee and John Verhoeven's relative), Helena Armstrong, Cary Dukes, Father Mick O'Callaghan, Shirley Konza and Terrence Fitzpatrick (Frank Fitzpatrick's brother).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:**

Margaret Stevens, 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:**

Michael Au, Joseph (William) Horneman, Laurence Brooks, Maureen Holmes, Emma Peters, Marjorie Aussel, Peter Buckley, Thomas Hannigan, Kathleen Scholfield, Michael Hughes and John Appleton.

**ROSTER FOR 15TH & 16TH MAY 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 & Leia Agahari
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maire Griffin	Ann Keating	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Annis Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operators	Henry Hanco	Joseph Wilson	Susan Dowling
Gifts	Volunteers Please	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & Family
Communion	Gwen Cullinan	Helen Keogh	Carmel Higgins
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Children's Liturgy	Elizabeth		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Beth Killeen		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene & Bert Aligno		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Michael Lloyd & John Killeen		

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**EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF  
EACH MONTH @ 6PM**

MASS: 6PM SUPPER: 7PM  
THE LOUNGE YOUTH GROUP: 7.30-8.30PM