



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

PENTECOST SUNDAY

22nd & 23rd May 2021

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; Galatians 5:16-25; John 15:26-27, 16: 12-15

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

I will be in Brisbane this week to attend a priestly ordination of young Augustinians. They have been in training for nearly ten years and are now ready to serve the people of God. The ordination does not make them super beings. Rather, it obliges them to humble service in the name of Jesus Christ, the Saviour. While in QLD, I will also take some days off to reflect, to pray and to read and to relax so that I can serve you with renewed energy. I have not been able to take my annual leave since March 2020 when COVID 19 has reached our soil. I pray that the borders remain open!

During my absence, Fr Bob Anderson, who is well known to our community, will graciously celebrate Masses and other liturgical services for us. He will stay in the presbytery. I am very sure that he will be very welcomed and looked after whilst being with us. On behalf of Saint Finbars, thank you Fr Bob for your generous assistance.

Today is the Sunday of Pentecost. Earlier Jesus had promised to send the Holy Spirit once he has returned to his heavenly Father. As you can imagine, the Holy Spirit is important for our Christian living. Holiness, therefore, has its deepest root in the grace of baptism, in being grafted on to the Paschal Mystery of Christ, by which his Spirit is communicated to us, his very life as the Risen One. St Paul strongly emphasizes the transformation that baptismal grace brings about in man and he reaches the point of coining a new terminology, forged with the preposition "with": *dead-with, buried-with, raised-with*, brought to *life-with*, with Christ; our destiny is indissolubly linked to his. "We were buried therefore with him by baptism" he writes, "into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead ... we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:4). Yet God always respects our freedom and asks that we accept this gift and live the requirements it entails and he asks that we let ourselves be transformed by the action of the Holy Spirit, conforming our will to the will of God.

We might ask ourselves: can we, with our limitations, with our weaknesses, aim so high? During the Liturgical Year, the Church invites us to commemorate a host of saints, the ones that is, who lived charity to the full, who knew how to love and follow Christ in their daily lives. They tell us that it is possible for everyone to take this road. In every epoch of the Church's history, on every latitude of the world map, the saints belong to all the ages and to every state of life, they are the actual faces of every people, language and nation. And they have very different characters.

Have a wonderful week

Fr Joe



We welcome this weekend Father Bob Anderson who is going to be celebrating Mass. We also welcome Deacon Owen Rogers who is going to be celebrating this Sunday's Baptisms.

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SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Noah Matthew Morris and Callum Tait Whitelock, who are going to be Baptised this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.



BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Please note that the parish will have a 3rd collection on all Masses next weekend the 29th and 30th of May 2021 to support the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal.

Please keep the seminarians in your prayers, that they can continue to grow in their human and spiritual lives and prepare to meet the challenges of our dynamic Diocese and evolving world.

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

***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.*

SAFEGUARDING COURSE TUESDAY THE 22ND OF JUNE 2021

Please note that the Safeguarding module 1 face to face training for ***all Parish staff, volunteers and ministers*** will be held on ***Tuesday the 22nd of June 2021*** instead of Wednesday the 23rd of June starting at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

All volunteers and ministers are required to attend.

Please contact Juliana Khnouf (secretary@stfinbars.org.au) or ring 47426958 for registration.

CCTV ON PARISH PREMISES

We would like to advise you that our Parish premises and columbarium are now 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.



SUMMARY OF THE LITURGY MEETING ON SATURDAY 8TH MAY 2021 3.00PM – 4.45PM

The Liturgy Committee (Fr. Joe, Gabrielle Lynch, Julie-Ann McLoughlin, Joanne Stubbs, Patrick Watson, Terry Keogh, Ahyiesha D'Souza, Claire Brown, Leanne Brown) has discussed the following items:

Membership: LC invites parishioners to join the Liturgy Committee. Some members have served more than three years and have expressed their desire to "retire". For further details on the work of LC, please contact Terry Keogh (terkeogh1@bigpond.com)

1. Australia Day and Anzac: Fr. Joseph has already been in contact with Sr. Marie Louise Walsh ISSM. (Office of Worship, Diocese of Parramatta) re. Australia Day. There is no convention around Australia Day. Sr. Marie Louise suggests flying the Australian National Flag and the Aboriginal Flag. Concerning Anzac, Sr Marie Louise proposes the Australian flag only.
2. Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christian: Fr Joe has contacted Fr Bob Anderson who will say Mass on the Monday 24th May at 7.00pm. As Fr Joe will be in Brisbane for a priestly ordination of his former students, followed by some days of annual leave, Fr Bob will be in residence and will celebrate the Parish Masses from 20th-31st May.
3. Rev. Dr. John Frauenfelder: Liturgist and Academic Dean of *The Australian Institute of Theological Education*, will facilitate a Liturgical-Spiritual Formation Day. The topic will be: ***"How to participate actively in the Mass?"*** Saturday 26th June: 10.30 am – 3.00 pm.

All parishioners and teachers are invited.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Australian Catholic Church celebrates the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 16 to 23 May 2021. The theme that was chosen,

"Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17.

Here in Glenbrook, we have many Christian communities.

Let us pray for each other and reflect that what unites us is stronger than what separates us.

Father Joe

Catholic Children Book section in the Parish Library

We are grateful to our parishioner, our kind hearted "Big" John who has purchased and donated a wide range of Catholic Children Books for our Parish library.

Thank you and God bless you, Brother John

We value cost and care as much as you do

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 23rd May <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms
Monday 24th May <i>Our Lady, Help of Christians</i>	No Morning Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.00pm Solemnity Mass
Tuesday 25th May	9.00am Mass 7.30pm June Baptism Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 26th May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	9.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm SFNC Executive Meeting M/R
Thursday 27th May	9am Mass 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 28th May	9.00am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 5.00pm School Bingo Night P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Adoration
Saturday 29th May	8.00am Men's Breakfast P/C 9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.30pm Penance Preparation Meeting P/C 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 30th May <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

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

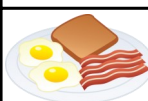
Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral letter to the pastors, parents and the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on the proposed Parental Rights Bill. The letter can be read here: <https://parracatholic.org/pastoral-letter-to-the-people-of-parramatta-on-the-parental-rights-bill/>

Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

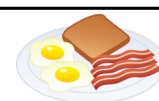
Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

Journey of Faith: 28 May – 25 June

You are invited to a short course on spirituality to reflect on your image of God and how God is present in your life as well as to explore faith through the ages, using input, song, ritual and prayer. These sessions, facilitated by Cecilia Zammit, will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. BYO lunch and your bible. Please register with Maree at maree.collis@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3486.



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

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Wesley (Mike, Margaret and Laurie Rivas' Cousin), 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 and Shirley Konza.

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:

Peter Stapleton (1980), Winifred Shindorfer, Stanley Sharp, Michael Seymour, Derek Elliott, Harry Nolan, Matthew Ingram, Thomas Etherington, Franciscus Van De Weyer, Frederick Charlton, Maria Fransen, Irene Flynn, Annie Breakspear and Michael Flynn.

ROSTER FOR 29TH & 30TH MAY 2021

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Chris Scanlan
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Chris Scanlan
Junior Server	Volunteers Please		Volunteers Please
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 st Reading	Eileen Jones	John Killeen	Steve Newton
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Michelle Wilson	Avril Llewellyn
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John De Mattia	Martin Rogers
IT Operators	Pat Watson	Robyn Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Parishioners are	Invited to offer to	Bring up the gifts
Communion	John Verhoeven	Colleen Fuller	Volunteer Please
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Children's Liturgy	Michelle		
Piety Stall	Noreen Taylor		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Martin & Lyndel Rogers		
Garden Club			



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THE LOUNGE YOUTH GROUP: 7.30-8.30PM