

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
The Most Holy Trinity
 29th & 30th May 2021

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 32; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

Greetings from QLD, the sunshine State. It's my last day of my 10 days of my annual leave. A week ago, I attended a wonderful presbyteral ordination Mass of my former students at St James in Coorparoo, Archdiocese of Brisbane.

This early morning, as I walked along the beach, I was reminded of a legend ascribed to St Augustine (354-430). Many of you know the old story of St Augustine walking along the beach one day, taking a break from writing his treatise on the Trinity, whose Solemnity we celebrate this Sunday. The great scholar just couldn't get his mind around this great mystery. The story goes that he saw a little boy digging a hole in the sand, and then running to the ocean, filling up his hands with the seawater, running back to the hole and emptying the water into the hole. Augustine watched as the child went back and forth several times. Finally, he said to the boy, "What are you doing?" The boy said, "Trying to fill that hole with the ocean." And Augustine said, "You'll never fit the ocean in that hole." And the boy said, "Neither will you be able to fit the Trinity into your mind."

Perhaps, the theological reflection by Pope em. Benedict XVI may help us to "grasp" a little bit of the great mystery of the Trinity.

Pope BENEDICT XVI
Saint Peter's Square, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity,
Sunday, 11 June 2006

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

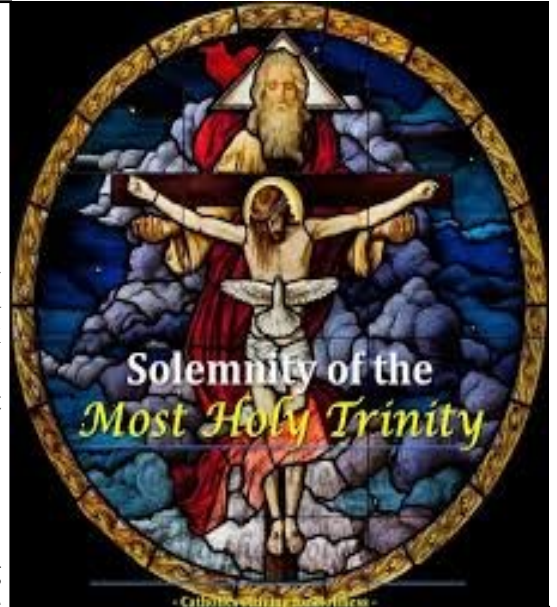
On this Sunday that follows Pentecost, we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Thanks to the Holy Spirit, who helps us understand Jesus' words and guides us to the whole truth (see Jn 14: 26; 16: 13), believers can experience, so to speak, the intimacy of God himself, discovering that he is not infinite solitude but communion of light and love, life given and received in an eternal dialogue between the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit - Lover, Loved and Love, to echo St Augustine.

In this world no one can see God, but he has made himself known so that, with the Apostle John, we can affirm: "God is love" (I Jn 4: 8, 16), and "we have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us" (Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, no. 1; see I Jn 4: 16).

Those who encounter Christ and enter into a friendly relationship with him welcome into their hearts Trinitarian Communion itself, in accordance with Jesus' promise to his disciples: "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" (Jn 14: 23).

For those who have faith, the entire universe speaks of the Triune God. From the spaces between the stars to microscopic particles, all that exists refers to a Being who communicates himself in the multiplicity and variety of elements, as in an immense symphony.

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***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

FR. JOE'S MUSINGS— CONTINUE FROM THE 1ST PAGE

all beings are ordered to a dynamic harmony that we can similarly call “love”. But only in the human person, who is free and can reason, does this dynamism become spiritual, does it become responsible love, in response to God and to one's neighbour through a sincere gift of self. It is in this love that human beings find their truth and happiness.

Among the different analogies of the ineffable mystery of the Triune God that believers are able to discern, I would like to cite that of the family. It is called to be a community of love and life where differences must contribute to forming a “parable of communion”.

The Virgin Mary, among all creatures, is a masterpiece of the Most Holy Trinity. In her humble heart full of faith, God prepared a worthy dwelling place for himself to bring to completion the mystery of salvation. Divine Love found perfect correspondence in her, and in her womb the Only-begotten Son was made man.

Let us turn to Mary with filial trust, so that with her help we may progress in love and make our life a hymn of praise to the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit.

See you soon

Fr Joe

THE NEW PARISH ROSTER STARTING AUGUST 2021

Please note that I am in the process of preparing the new rosters starting **August 2021 to January 2022**.

Can you please let me know if you are unable to continue with your help or you would like to join one or more of the Parish ministries as we are still in need of Readers, Wardens, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Gifts and IT operators.

If you can help on a regular basis please let me know by Tuesday 15th of June. Thanking you all for your continuous help and support. May God bless you all. **Juliana Khnouf/ Parish Secretary.**

CATHOLIC CARE DROP-IN CENTRE SPRINGWOOD

CatholicCare Drop-In Centre Springwood is currently seeking the support of volunteers, across a number of roles, within a partner organisation, Junction142 in Katoomba.

Food Services of Junction 142 is re-opening its doors to the community and is looking for volunteers to fill a number of positions! This has been an essential service for some of the most vulnerable people in the Mountains and, with your assistance, can help re-connect and support people once again. You will be required to assist with:

- Cooking and plating up food
- Food service to patrons
- Clear and clean tables
- Wash dishes and help clean kitchen at the end of service
- Prepare and handout food hampers
- Record data for serving food and hampers to patrons.

Experience in a food handling environment would be great, however, is not essential as training and induction will be given. There will be Sunday shifts available, as a priority, and mid week as well. If you feel called to support a wonderful community hub and service, please get in touch with Sally at CatholicCare on 8843 2545 or sally.butler@ccss.org.au.



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 of the Blue Mountain Deanery are required to attend.

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

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PARISH CALENDAR

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| Sunday 30th May <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i> | 7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass |
| Monday 31st May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | No Morning Mass. Office is closed |
| Tuesday 1st June <i>St. Justin</i> | 9.00am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 7.30pm Baptisms Preparation Meeting M/R 7.30pm SFNC Constitution & Policies |
| Wednesday 2nd June | 9.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C |
| Thursday 3rd June <i>Charles Lwanga & Companions</i> | 9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C |
| Friday 4th June | 9.00am Mass 10.30am First Friday Visits 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice |
| Saturday 5th June <i>St. Boniface</i> | 9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.30pm Penance Preparation Meeting 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 6th June <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i> | 7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 2.00pm St. Andrews Uniting Church Service 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C |

Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' – Matthew 28:16-20.

"We are certainly not seduced by the naive expectation that, faced with the great challenges of our time, we shall find some magic formula. No, we shall not be saved by a formula but by a Person, and the assurance which he gives us: I am with you!" (Pope John Paul II, *Novo Millennio Inuente*, 6 January 2001, #29)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

Please support our seminarians to answer God's call to the priesthood

At our Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park, young men are training to become future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your caring gift and prayers are needed to support our seminarians to prepare for a life of service to our community. Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal giving envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Thank you for your kind accompaniment. Please note that the parish will have a 3rd collection at all Masses this weekend the 29th and 30th of May 2021 to support the Bishop's Good Shepherd's Appeal. Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

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.

Young Adult Faith Formation: 6 June

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 6 June at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd, Minchinbury, at 7pm. Fr Sam Fancourt will speak and lead discussion on the Attraction of Truth. We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Wesley (Mike, Margaret & 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:

Greg Masters (Janice Smith's Nephew), Stephan Grundschoettel, Matthew Fisher, Charles Martin, Stephen Skinner, Florence McSorley, James Tighe, Norma Bennett, James Schultz, Thomas Oxley, Rosemary McCaffery, Rose Torrance, Maria Dinale, Matilda Lutze, Susan Gibson and Maurice Whitford.

ROSTER FOR 5TH & 6TH JUNE 2021

| Liturgical Ministries | 5.30pm | 7.30 am | 9.30 am |
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| Sacristan | Marie Hurley | Carl Moll | Gerard Egan |
| Senior Server | Peter McMahon | Carl Moll | Joseph Sukkar |
| Junior Server | | | Emily Dowling & Abigail Stanford |
| Warden | Vince Dobson & Allan Jones | Volunteer Please | Steve Newton |
| 1 st Reading | Philomena Watkins | Michelle Wilson | Jessica Doherty |
| 2 nd Reading | Katy Ferris | John Killeen | Steve Baird |
| Intercession | Maureen Tulk | Kevin Flynn | Martin Rogers |
| IT Operators | Eleanor Thompson | Elizabeth Konza | Pat Watson |
| Gifts | Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith | Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski | Michelle & Joseph Wilson |
| Communion | John Verhoeven | John Killeen | Bernie Fisher |
| Cashiers | Joe Grange | | |
| Children's Liturgy | Melissa | | |
| Piety Stall | Carmel Higgins | | |
| Church Care | | | |
| Hospitality | Lina Wiecek, Vicky Ang, Tamar Alzened & Karen Sukkar | | |
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EVERY 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6PM
MASS: 6PM SUPPER: 7PM
THE LOUNGE YOUTH GROUP: 7.30-8.30PM