



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
 5th & 6th June 2021

Exodus 24:3-8; Ps 115; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Holidays are beneficial for various reasons. Numerous studies have found that taking regular holidays lessens your risk of dying from any cause other than old age and minimises the risk of heart disease. Taking regular breaks also helps reduce stress, which can lead to a variety of health problems like obesity, depression, and anxiety.

Having spent some days in QLD was refreshing for me. However, I am happy to be back because I somehow have missed Glenbrook. Although the weather in the Blue Mountains may be cold, yet I prefer to be here rather than elsewhere. I have missed the jokes, fun and the generous faith at St Finbars. These are the sun lights warming my heart on a cold day.

Thank you also for your loving care of Fr Bob as he has taken care of you during my annual leave. He is a generous man and a good priest who has become our friend. I am sure that he has enjoyed his time at Glenbrook. Thank you, Fr Bob! We are eager to welcome you again.

Unfortunately, I have learned that Mark Cheeseman and Bill West have experienced serious health issues, and that Tricia Murnane, Bernadette Shalala and Pat Watson are also coping with medical issues. Let us pray for all those who are sick. May the God Lord protect them and give them good health.

This Sunday, we also welcome our sisters and brothers from the Uniting Church. Rev. Ellie Elia has invited me to attend the prayer service and to deliver a sermon. I have chosen the reading from John 15:9-17 which speaks of God's love and friendship. I hope that we all grow closer into the love of Christ and friendship with each other. In a world torn apart by discord and separatism, it is important to authentically witness Christ's love and friendship for the healing of the world.

On this Sunday, we are celebrating Corpus Christi. Traditionally, Catholics commemorate this feast with a procession through the city. It is not a triumphant show of power. Rather, its intention is to say that Christ is *really* living among the people. He is giving himself not just to all in a profound manner of solidarity, but the Eucharist is the fundament or depth of solidarity and the Lord distributes for us the bread that is his Body - he makes himself a gift; and we too experience "God's solidarity" with us all, a solidarity that is never depleted, a solidarity that never ceases to amaze us: God makes himself close to us in the sacrifice of the Cross, he humbles himself, entering the darkness of death to give us his life which overcomes evil, selfishness and death. Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist, shares in our journey, indeed he makes himself food, the true food that sustains our life in moments when the road becomes hard-going and obstacles slow our steps. And in the Eucharist the Lord makes us walk on his road, that of service, of sharing, of giving; and if it is shared, that little we have, that little we are, becomes riches, for the power of God — which is the power of love — comes down into our poverty to transform it.

Do we let ourselves be transformed by Christ Jesus? Do we let the Lord who gives himself to us, guide us to going out ever more from our little enclosure, in order to give, to share, to love him and others?

Corpus Christ means to follow, to have communion and to share. Let us pray that participation in the Eucharist may always be an incentive: to follow the Lord every day, to be instruments of communion and to share what we are with him and with our neighbour.

Fr. Joe

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## SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes Clara Zammit and Conor Sean Lawlor into our Faith Community. They are going to be Baptised at our Parish next weekend. May God bless them both.



This Sunday, we welcome our sisters and brothers from the Uniting Church who will gather at St Finbars for their Sunday service at 2pm. It is very encouraging and a good sign of witness that together we are able to mutually share our friendship and faith in Jesus Christ.

Rev Ellie Elia has invited Fr. Joe to deliver a sermon on this occasion

*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

## CARER'S INFORMATION MORNING - FUTURE MATTERS

Tuesday 22nd June 2021 10:00 -12:30 St Finbars Pastoral Care Team and Timeout Tuesday have invited Felicity Rogers from Carer's NSW to present an information morning on '*Future Matters*'. Planning for the future can be challenging. This 1 & 1/2 hour session provides an overview of the legal, medical, financial and other practical considerations in planning for the future.

The session also provides information, tools and supports to help plan and prepare for future needs.

At the end of the session those present will receive a handbook with information, tools and resources on future planning.

Tea and sandwiches will be served. All welcome, bring a friend.

For more information or RSVP Kathleen Tierney 0247392651 Margaret Richards 0247396470

## 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*.

## Official launch of the new Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding Learning platform during an inaugural Safe Parishes Week from June 6 to 13, 2021.



The Safeguarding Learning platform has been under construction for some months now and is finally nearing completion ready for Safe Parishes Week.

All Parishes throughout the Diocese will each manage the training for their staff and volunteers working closely with the Office for Safeguarding's Community Engagement and Education Officer, Sonia Fingleton who will be readily available to visit Parishes and assist with the set-up and management of the training.

To commence learning on the new on-line platform each Parish will need to enter all staff and volunteers into the Safeguarding Learning website i.e. first name, last name and preferred email address. Not until each person is registered on the Learning platform, through their Parish, can they commence the on-line Compliance Training. Some Volunteers have indicated they would prefer face to face training, and this will be available to all Parishes by booking with the Community and Engagement Officer on [sonia.fingleton@parracatholic.org](mailto:sonia.fingleton@parracatholic.org).

There are three compulsory courses to be completed by all staff and volunteers working with children and adults at risk. They are: **Introduction to Safeguarding**

**Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct**  
**and Safeguarding Adults at Risk.**

All courses will earn the learner 2 points. Most Leaders and Coordinators will need to complete a total of 10 points by completing other courses on the learning portal.

**Here is a link to the Learning platform: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/safeguarding/welcome> for your interest and information. Please do not commence courses until after the official launch on June 9 when each Parish has registered its participants.**

At the same time, we are updating the <https://safeguarding.org.au/> website in line with the many new initiatives developed by the Office for Safeguarding over the past 12 months.

This is just the beginning of many focused resources aimed at providing staff and volunteers with effective tools and training to protect the most vulnerable in our communities.

We thank you for your patience, your participation and feedback in recent months knowing we are moving forward well equipped to implement zero tolerance of any abuse throughout the Diocese of Parramatta.

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## PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday 6th June</b>  <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 2.00pm St. Andrews Uniting Church Service <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C
<b>Monday 7th June</b>	<b>No Morning Mass. Office is closed</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.30pm Plenary Meeting M/R
<b>Tuesday 8th June</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.00am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 3.30pm Concert Committee Meeting M/R 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting M/R
<b>Wednesday 9th June</b>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Thursday 10th June</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
<b>Friday 11th June</b>  <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
<b>Saturday 12th June</b>  <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8.30am Beloved Women's Retreat P/C <b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice <b>4.45pm Confession</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 13th June</b>  <i>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>10.45am Baptisms</b>

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### Positions Vacant:

- Private Secretary to the Bishop of Parramatta – **Applications close Monday 14 June**
- Secretary to the Vicars General – **Applications close Monday 14 June**

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

### 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](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal). Thank you for your kind accompaniment.

### Safe Parishes Week

Find out how we are making our parishes safer. The Diocese of Parramatta starts its inaugural Safe Parishes Week this Sunday 6 June. During the week, we will be featuring online talks, posts and articles on how everyone in our parishes in the Diocese is working towards a Church that keeps everyone safe. Find out what's happening at [catholicoutlook.org/safeparishesweek2021](http://catholicoutlook.org/safeparishesweek2021)

### Ordination to the Diaconate of Dr John Collins and Dr Michael Tan: 11 June

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and the Diocese of Parramatta invite you to the Ordination to the Diaconate of Dr John Collins and Dr Michael Tan at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on 11 June at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served in the Cathedral Hall following the Ordination. The Mass will be livestreamed on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRqZaG8lglo>

### 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 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:**

Mark Cheeseman, 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:**

May Brophy, Ian McNay, Gregory Macquarie, Ellen Durham, Sarah Kleinmeulman, Monica Palmer, Charles Mooney, Philomena Owens, William Robb, Keith Tydeman, Daphne Dowding, John Shanahan, Laila Spedding, Jan Ciosmak, John O'Shea, Michael Glover, Valerie Ridings, Father Maurice McNamara, Leonard Rivas, Bridget McLaren and Robert Jones.

**ROSTER FOR 12TH & 13TH JUNE 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 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Irene Aligno
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Yvonne Scanlan
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Robyn Flynn	Joseph Marceau
Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh & Volunteer Please
Communion	Brian Robertson	Volunteer Please	Avril Llewellyn
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn		
Children's Liturgy	Pia		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
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EACH MONTH @ 6PM**

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