



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
12th & 13th June 2021

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Ps 91; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

When I was appointed to St Finbars, I was told that my main responsibility is to lead the parish and to let it grow. I replied that it is not me who facilitates the growth. Rather, it is God and his divine grace and word that enable the progress of people's faith. God has already planted the seed of faith in us through our baptism. So, the seed itself contains the grace and everything we need to grow in faith. Hence, I see my role not as the facilitator, but as an assistant, helping parishioners to unfold their gifts and talents for the benefit of all. I also would like to invite all parishioners to be co-responsible so that we all can detect and make best use of our God-given gifts and talents.

This Sunday's gospel is an invitation to all to do just that. Mark 4:26-34 is about those who understand God's word and who act responsibly. Mark compares our role with the role of a farmer who *scatters seed on the ground. As if a person should scatter seed: When a farmer plants seed, and it grows by night, when he / she sees the seed sprouted in the morning, he / she has just worked as a partner with God. The farmer has done what he / she could do – plant the seed; and God has done what only He can do: grow the seed.*

The seed is provided by God. The farmer needs to scatter it where the best soil is so that the seed can yield much harvest. This means two things: Firstly, we assist each other in the discovery of our talents and gifts. Secondly, we need to allow each of us to flourish with our talents and gifts.

How exactly the seed grows is a mystery to the farmer. Though it grows by a process he / she cannot see nor fully account for, he / she has faith in the growing process. So, it is with the Kingdom of God: we work in partnership with God, yet the real work is left up to Him – we trust in a process we cannot see nor fully account for.

The harvest has come – the Gospel of Mark continues: Just as a field's crop may be unnoticed when first planted, but can't be missed when mature, so it is with the Kingdom of God. It has small beginnings, and its root may be small, but when God develops the work, it cannot be missed. Reflecting on the NT story of the *Ten Talents* in Mt 25:14-30, Pope Francis said: "The person in the parable represents Jesus, we are the servants, and the talents are the inheritance that the Lord entrusts to us. What is the inheritance? His Word, the Eucharist, faith in the Heavenly Father, his forgiveness..., in other words, so many things, his most precious treasures. This is the inheritance that He entrusts to us, not only to safeguard, but to make fruitful! While in common usage the term "talent" indicates a pronounced individual quality, for example talent in music, in sport, and so on, in the parable, talent represent the riches of the Lord, which He entrusts to us so that we make them bear fruit."

So, we need to reflect on these questions: God has given us many gifts and talents! And what have we done with them? Whom have we "infected" with our faith? How many people have we encouraged with our hope? How much love have we shared with our neighbour?

These are questions that will do us good to ask ourselves.

Fr. Joe



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SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Clara Zammit and Conor Sean Lawlor who are going to be Baptised this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.



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

KAREN BISHOP'S FUNERAL MASS

Please note that Karen Bishop's Funeral Mass will be held at on Wednesday the 16th of June 2021 at 10.30am, so there won't be a 9am Mass and Rosary in the morning.

Please keep Daniel and the family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

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

LITURGICAL- SPIRITUAL FORMATION DAY.

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. Cost: \$15/ including a light lunch

Please ring the Parish office on 47426958 or email secretary@stfinbars.org.au to register.



CATHOLIC WEEKLY

PULPIT POINTS 13 JUNE 2021

• Among Us. Catholics celebrate Corpus Christi.

• Burials breakthrough - Premier orders new negotiation.

• New School, A new Way.

• Mantillas make a comeback.

• Book review: *The Church's Best-Kept Secret*.

• James Parker: This is NOT Catholic education.



A special thanks to Patrick Watson for organizing the installation of new light fittings on top of the Altar in enhance the lights for our priest and readers.

Thank you Pat for all your help and support.

GETTING YOUR WEEKLY ENVELOPES UP TO DATE

The financial year is drawing to a close and the parish finances will be audited in early July. Would all parishioners ensure that their 2020/2021 envelope contributions are up to date so that our parish financial records can be finalised.

New envelopes will be available on the weekend 19th/20th June – please remember to pick yours up while at Mass.

Parishioners can contribute to the parish regularly via the weekly envelopes, via a monthly credit card deduction or via a monthly direct debit. Please contact the parish office if you wish to change your method of contribution or if you would like to commence contributing. Thank you.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS. Mass will be followed by prayer for healing. Celebrant: Fr. Hugh Thomas CSSR, Sunday 20th JUNE, 2pm at **St Nicholas of Myra Church, Penrith** All welcome! Please register by texting 0427 327 471 and provide your Name and Phone Number for COVID.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 13th June <i>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms
Monday 14th June	No Morning Mass. Office is closed
Tuesday 15th June	9.00am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C
Wednesday 16th June	No 9.00am Mass 10.30am Karen Bishop's Funeral Mass 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 17th June	10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 18th June	9.00am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Saturday 19th June	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 2.30pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 20th June <i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C

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**
- Parish Secretary (part-time) – Sacred Heart Parish, Luddenham-Warragamba – **Applications close Tuesday 15 June**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

CYP Called to be Saints Training Manual Launch: 19 June

Catholic Youth Parramatta are excited to launch a new training manual "Called to be Saints" for existing and new youth leaders alike on Saturday 19 June at West HQ, Rooty Hill, from 1pm to 4.30pm. During the launch, a panel of experts will discuss youth ministry post-pandemic. Register now at parracatholic.org/cyp-called-to-be-saints/

NSW Multicultural Health Communications Service Forum: 19 June

You are invited to the South Asian Wellbeing Forum presented by NSW Multicultural Health Communication Service at the PARKROYAL Hotel, Parramatta on Saturday 19 June from 10am to 12.30pm. Hear from experts about mental health and wellbeing and ways to support the community during the pandemic. To register, visit <https://mhcsmentalhealth.eventbrite.com>

Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB Public Lecture: 28 June

Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth and President of the Plenary Council, will be speaking on the coming Plenary Council at a public lecture in the Diocese of Parramatta at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on Monday 28 June at 7pm. Bookings are essential, as limited spaces are available. Please RSVP by 25 June to mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

PASSION FOR THE EARTH - A LAUDATO SI CAMP FOR ADULTS

A program in the spirit of Pope Francis, drawing on new insights from faith and theology leading through dialogue, towards an Integral Ecology. To be held at Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre, 45 Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale, NSW 2570 in the Burraborang lands of the Gundungurra nation. Tuesday 6th July 10.00am to Thursday 8th July 2.00pm. Tariff \$95.00, Student Concession \$75.00. For further information, email antiphon1@outlook.com

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Karen Bishop, Maria James, 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:

Margaret Stevens, Lyn Beltran, Karen Single, Christine McGillion, Margaret Christensen, Michael McMahon (Peter McMahon's Brother), 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:

Frederick Critchley, Cecilia Egan, Lucy Dunne, Mary Druhan, Peter McKerverey, Richard Whitmore, Mary O'Donnell, Angela Dempster, Gloria Saunders, Stanley Harris, Valentina Twyford, Michael Anderson, Edward Helm, Mona Browning, Anne Smith, Louis Dupressoir, Kathleen O'Donnell, Shirley Davison, Lawrence Lutton and William Connell.

ROSTER FOR 19TH & 20TH JUNE 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 st Reading	Maire Griffin	John Killeen	Cecilia Zammit
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operators	Henry Hanco	Joseph Wilson	Susan Dowling
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Kay Whitty	Volunteers Please
Communion	Bernie Fisher	Jessica Tuller	Carmel Higgins
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	Christyna		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Year 6		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene & Bert Aligno		
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YOUTH NIGHT

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EVERY 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF
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MASS: 6PM SUPPER: 7PM
THE LOUNGE YOUTH GROUP: 7.30-8.30PM