



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B  
19th & 20th June 2021

Job 38:1, 8-11; Ps 106; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

St Paul in the second reading of this Sunday reminds us that "we no longer live for ourselves, but for Him who for our sake died and was raised." Through baptism we have been incorporated into the one Body of Christ. Hence, when we live for Him, we also live for others who are members of Christ's body. As a new creation in Christ, we do things not according to the old ways, but in the way of Christ Jesus.

I am so proud of our parishioners who under the leadership of Jessica Doherty and Annemaree Baird organised the day retreat at St Finbars last Saturday. A total of 135 women, many from the metropolitan Sydney, have gathered here in Glenbrook to pray and to encounter Christ who is God's "beloved Son". As far as I know, it was the first kind of retreat that was offered in the Parramatta diocese. Many participants have praised our parishioners for the smooth organization and spiritual atmosphere of the retreat. The popularity of the retreat can be seen in the fact that we had to take around 30 enrolments from the list because of the limitation of space and COVID 19 safety requirements. This is just an example of how we can live intentionally for Christ and for each other. In doing so, we are living according to the Spirit who urges us to love one another as Christ has loved us.

The Spirit of reconciliation will be imparted onto 47 children who for the first time will receive the sacrament of reconciliation this Saturday 12 June 2021 at 2.30pm. The number is unusual high. Normally, we would have around 20 children for the sacrament of reconciliation. However, many children could not receive the sacrament last due to the COVID pandemic. We also have to sacramentally cater for neighbouring parishes which do not have the sacrament of reconciliation this year. We are grateful to Fr. Shinto, Fr. Michael and Fr. Jessie for their generous assistance with the confessions. Special thank you to Julie-Ann and Jim McLoughlin for their generous assistance and leadership. Both are instrumental in preparing the parents and children for the sacrament of preparation. If you are interested in joining the sacramental team, please contact the parish office. This is an important ministry!

The sacrament of the reconciliation is but a further step into the sacrament the Eucharist. As Catholics we are required to attend the Sunday Masses. However, we often do not fully grasp the theological nature of the Eucharist. To help and lead us into a deeper understanding of the Eucharist, may I invite you to a theological-liturgical formation day on Saturday 26 June from 10.30am to 3pm. Rev. Dr. John Frauenfelder from the Australian Institute of Theological Education will facilitate the day, which will reflect on "How to participate actively in the Mass?". Light lunch will be provided. For more details, contact the parish office on (02) 4742 6958 or [glenbrook@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenbrook@parracatholic.org)

The encounter with Christ through the sacraments transforms our lives. At our last PPC meeting, we also have decided to renew the 50% of the current PPC membership. Since the PPC is a representative body of the parish, members should be elected and not just be appointed by the Parish Priest. The membership will be for a term of 3 years. The other 50% of the membership will then be renewed in three years. This is to ensure that renewal and continuity go hand in hand. I will call an *Extraordinary Parish Meeting* on August 1<sup>st</sup> after the 9.30am Mass to present to you the procedure of the nomination and election of the PPC members. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Jim McLoughlin, Pam West and John De Matia who voluntarily have offered their resignation from the PPC. Have a wonderful Sunday

Fr. Joe

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**NEW ENVELOPES** - These are now available on the tables in the church narthex. Please take yours home today and begin using them from the first weekend in July. Please also make sure your 2020/2021 envelope donations are up to date by the end of June. Thank you all for your generosity.

## SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes **Grace Rose Tinsley and James Peter Tinsley** into our Faith

Community. They 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

## 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 support 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](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au) to register.

*The Church Care Group rosters have been issued. Please check your email.*

## "BELOVED 2021 RETREAT"

A huge thanks to **Annemaree Baird, Jessica Doherty and their team of fantastic helpers** for their tremendous effort in organizing the beloved retreat. 135 women gathered in the parish hall last Saturday for a day of prayers, reflection, benediction and great speakers including Sister Lydia Allen R.S.M. and Leila Abdallah. Everyone attended thought it was a blessing to have something like this happening in our parish. May God bless them all and their families for all their hard work.



**GATHERING OF TALENTS.** In parallel with Fr Joe's Bulletin reflection last week about talents, the Mountains Deanery Pastoral Council wishes to announce a **Gathering of Talents** session at St Thomas' Springwood on Sunday 19 September, 1- 4pm.

We invite people from across parishes in the Blue Mountains Deanery to share what they do to bring life to their community in a range of ministries.

At this week's Masses, an insert in the Bulletin has an explanation, and a survey form inviting you to indicate preferences for attendance at workshops. A Deanery member will present a short overview.

Further information about the day, and registration details, will be available closer to the date.

**CLERGY SUPPORT FOUNDATION DONATIONS.** It is not too late to make a tax-deductible donation to the clergy support foundation of the diocese of Parramatta, which supports retired priests in the diocese. Please make donations via credit card at <https://parracatholic.org/csf> or transfer directly to BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Name CSF No 1 with names as reference and send email to [csf@parracatholic.org](mailto:csf@parracatholic.org) with your details for receipt to be sent. Thank you.

## 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 are now available – 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.

We value cost and care as much as you do



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# PARISH CALENDAR

# DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

<b>Sunday</b> <b>20th June</b>  <i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C
<b>Monday</b> <b>21st June</b> <i>St. Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	<b>No Morning Mass. Office is closed</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.00pm Plenary Meeting M/R
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>22nd June</b> <i>Sts. John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 9.30am Carer's Information Morning P/C 7.00pm Safeguarding Module I P/C
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>23rd June</b>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm SFNC General Meeting M/R
<b>Thursday</b> <b>24th June</b> <i>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>25th June</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Adoration
<b>Saturday</b> <b>26th June</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.30am Liturgy Formation P/C 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice <b>4.45pm Confession</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>27th June</b> <i>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>10.45am Baptisms</b> 2.00pm Kanimbla String Quartet Concert

## Positions Vacant:

- Non-Executive Director (2 positions) – Holy Family Services – **Applications close Thursday 1 July**

For a copy of the information pack, please contact Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055 or [anthony@reachhr.com.au](mailto:anthony@reachhr.com.au) or Sr Grace Roclawski on 0420 754 733 or [grace@csfn.org.au](mailto:grace@csfn.org.au)

## CYP LIFTED Retreat "Stay with Us": 2 – 4 July

Young adults of our diocese are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta at this year's annual retreat. Take some time away from the busyness of everyday life. Get ready for a weekend of new friendships, great food, solid talks and times of quiet and prayer. For 18- to 35-year-olds, \$100 per person. Register at [parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat](http://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat)

## R.I.P PAM SAYER.

Pam and Mike were long standing members of St. Finbars Parish. They were married in 1962 and moved into their home at Blaxland.

They quickly became involved in our Parish, with Michael being president of SVDP.

Their 5 children all attended St Finbars Primary School. After many years in the same area, they 'downsized' and moved to Emu Plains.

Pam has been unwell for a few years, and she passed away peacefully on Tuesday.

May she rest in peace.

Pam's funeral will be next Wednesday at Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains at 11.00am.

## St Michael's Primary School, Baulkham Hills 50th Anniversary, 12 September 2021

St Michael's Primary School will reach a significant milestone this year - 50 years of educating children! We will be celebrating with a Mass at 1pm on Sunday, 12th September 2021. The Liturgy will be open to all our families, ex-students, ex-teachers and friends of St Michael's. This will be followed by afternoon tea in the school grounds, a performance by the choir, opportunities to view memorabilia and school tours. Please save the date in your calendar so that you can join us for this special occasion. Further information and registration details to follow.

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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, 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:**

Baby John Castor, Brian Walsh, Leo Wathen, Julia Redler, Neville Fogarty, Ellen Gillian, James Smith, Margaret Burley, Leonard Rowan, Nancy Cassidy, Emma Gleeson, Betty Pain, Mario Carboni, Edward Cornish, Therese Dupressior, Roger Chambers, Patricia Goldhawk and Arthur Plevey.

## **ROSTER FOR 26TH & 27TH JUNE 2021**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Ethan Cameron		Keira Vermaak
Warden	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Beth Culliver	Leanne Brown	Patricia Murnane
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Margaret Dickson	Irene Aligno
Intercession	Allan Jones	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
Music Ministry	Te Deum		Briony's Group
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Terry Keogh	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Ann & Ray Keating	Volunteers Please
Communion	Allan Jones	Terry Madden	Todd Stanford
Cashiers	Erika McNay		
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Ian Dickson, Heather Lee, Wendy Bohan & Avril Llewellyn		
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ST. FINBAR'S PARISH, GLENBROOK



**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