



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
3rd & 4th July 2021

Ezekiel 2:2-5; Ps 122; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

We have just completed the first week of the two weeks lockdown. It is not easy when the lockdown or restrictions were announced repeatedly about the time of holidays or school vacation. This is supposed to be a time to relax and to energize and to travel. I know some parishioners whose travel plans have been shattered through the closure of borders. It is not just the financial, but the emotional cost that is probably counting. For children and for parents, the lockdown must be hard. For the elderly who once again are isolated in their homes and aged care, it is devastating. Humans are emotional beings too!

We ask ourselves: When will it all end? Not so soon, for sure. Unless most of us are vaccinated there will be continuous disruption and separation. We have to cancel Masses and Baptisms last weekend and during the week. I am aware that last year, some parishioners could not celebrate even a funeral Mass for their loved ones who had passed away because of COVID.

What I have learnt during this time of uncertainty is that Australians are quite resilient. In bad times, we reach out and the mentality of "mateship" is put to best practice. So, let us also maintain this wonderful Australian character and quality.

If you know someone in your neighbourhood who is alone or elderly or needs help, please do not hesitate to reach with your hands and heart. In this time of challenge, let us shine forth as the faces of Jesus Christ.

COVID has taken us out of our daily routine. We are looking to have normality back. To keep our sense of normality, we will live-stream the weekend Vigil Mass at 5.30pm. It will be uploaded on YouTube and made available for you to follow at your usual time when you would attend the Mass. If you are a 5.30pm person, then invite your family to the Mass on YouTube. If you are a 7.30am or 9.30am, then do the same at your normal Mass time. At least it will give us a little sense of normality. I know that it is not the reality. However, through keeping our sense of normality we intend to fight back the disruption that COVID has caused in our lives! By the way, this manner of worship reminds us of the early Church when people gathered at homes to read and share the Word of God and Communion. Let us make our homes to become the Cradle of our Faith once again!

If you wish, just skip my homily, and share with each other your reflection about the readings of Sunday. If you wish, just post it on our parish Facebook or other media platforms so all can read and reflect upon. This is one way in which we share spiritual communion.

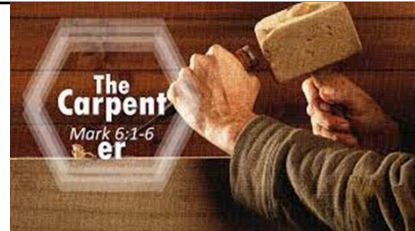
Thanks to Ryan and Pat who have explored and organised for us the YouTube and online streaming.

If you experience distress while staying at home, please ask for help. I am also here for you!

St Paul wrote to the Corinthians these words: "We all experience times of testing, which is normal for every human being. But God will be faithful to you. He will screen and filter the severity, nature, and timing of every test or trial you face so that you can bear it. And each test is an opportunity to trust him more, for along with every trial God has provided for you a way of escape that will bring you out of it victoriously."

God bless us and keep us safe.

Fr Joe



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LIVE STREAMING 5.30PM VIGIL MASS

Please copy the following link in your YouTube to watch live streaming of the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.

<https://youtu.be/ZKuhXhFUVnc>

Celebrant: Father Joseph Lam
Parish Priest

Many thanks to Ryan D'Souza, Pat Watson and Ahyiesha D'Souza for their leadership in organizing, setting and making this possible.

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

SAVE THE DATE -THE FEAST OF ST FINBAR CELEBRATIONS SEPT 24 & 25 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Parish will be celebrating St. Finbar's Feast this year with both a bingo night on the Saturday 24/9 and a family fun day on Sunday 25/9 after the 9:30 Mass.

This will be a wonderful time for us to get together and celebrate as a Parish

****ALL WELCOME**** You may have talent for, or know someone who is good at say, face painting!. You may want to share your singing prowess and could provide entertainment (guitar/singing). You may have ideas of some activities that would be fun for everyone.

Please let me know if you would like to get involved or simply have ideas to share. More information will be provided over the coming weeks. If you are able to help please contact Jeannine Ashbee on 0419 617 441.

JOHN DENT FUNERAL SERVICE

John Dent's Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday the 7th of July 2021 at 11am.

Please keep Elizabeth and the family in your prayers.

May he rest in peace.

COVID UPDATE FROM PARRAMATTA DIOCESE

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

NSW Health has issued new Covid-19 guidelines for indoor venues, including places of worship. These guidelines are effective from 26 June 2021, until midnight Friday 9 July 2021. The following rule changes will continue to apply until that date.

Places of Worship and Religious Services

Public Masses, based on the directive of the NSW government (both indoor and outdoor) must cease. Also effected by this closure are church buildings, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for prayer and religious services.

Funerals

Funerals are still permitted with a maximum number of 100 attendees. If the funeral takes place in a church building the social distancing rules must be observed and will be limited by the 4 square metre rule. During this period. It is recommended that a simple grave side service be held or using the crematorium chapel with a small number of mourners (very immediate family) only. A memorial Mass when the current crisis is declared over can be held later. NSW Health continues to mandate that face masks are to be worn at all indoor venues, including places of worship.

Live streaming

Live streaming of Mass is recommended. Priests may have up to five assistants at the Mass, including personnel who are operating the live stream. Many of our parishes are also live streaming their services. For a list of these parishes, please visit: <https://parracatholic.org/covid19>.

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PARISH CALENDAR

DIocese OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Sunday 4th July <i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	No Masses	<p><u>Positions Vacant:</u> Head of Finance & Business Operations – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited (CDPSL) – Applications close 5pm Monday 5 July More details at: parracatholic.org/employment</p> <p><u>Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update</u> Due to stay-at-home orders from the NSW Government, all church buildings, adoration chapels and other buildings used for prayer and religious services are closed. Public Masses have ceased. Many parishes around the Diocese are celebrating Masses online. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website www.parracatholic.org/covid19</p> <p><u>Please support our seminarians to answer God's call to the priesthood</u> 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 a tax-deductible donation via the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal giving envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Thank you for your kind accompaniment.</p> <p><u>Office for Worship Liturgical Ministry Formation Course</u> The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be running a second time in August. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical Ministries of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org or download the August 2021 enrolment form via officeforworship.org.au</p> <p><u>2021 Faith in Marriage Seminar: 13 August</u> Guest speaker Robert Haddad will discuss "Living marriage, living faith, ideas to inspire your children" at the Life, Family and Marriage Office's 2021 Faith in Marriage Seminar on Friday 13 August at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 7.30pm. The event is free, but booking is required. Free parking will be available at the Cathedral and overflow carpark. Please register your attendance to 02 8838 3460 or marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org</p>
Monday 5th July	No Morning Mass. Office is closed	
Tuesday 6th July	No Morning Mass	
Wednesday 7th July	No Morning Mass 11.00am Funeral Service for John Dent	
Thursday 8th July	No Morning Mass	
Friday 9th July	No Morning Mass	
Saturday 10th July	Depending on the Government Health advice the Parish will announce at the proper time the Mass schedule for this weekend.	
Sunday 11th July <i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	We hope that the Mass time will be as usual.	

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Dent, Joan Lohrey, Barbara Higginson (Ragan), Karen Bishop, Maria James, John Wesley (Mike & Margaret Rivas' Cousin), Helena Armstrong, Cary Dukes and Shirley Konza.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Margaret Stevens, Lyn Beltran, 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, 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:

Brigitte Keily (Nee Moll), Charley Allen, Dr. Christopher Kohlenberg, John Bowden, Eliza Nolan, Helen Lum, Kathleen Higgins, John Coyle, Pining Brown, Raymond Heaver, Joan Sisson, Jean McMillan, Kathryn Hazell, Harry Taylor, Aloysius McGlynn, Mildred Jordan, David Aitken, Kathleen O'Connor, Ric Baradinsky, Danielle Archer, Victor Baker, Leon Smith and Lorraine Grant.

ROSTER FOR 10TH & 11TH JULY 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 st Reading	Allan Jones	Michelle Wilson	Richard Cutler
2 nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Geraldine Agahari	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	John Killeen	Joanne Stubbs
IT Operators	Pat Watson	Robyn Flynn	Joseph Marceau
Music Ministry	Matthew Phillips & Michael Taylor	N/A	Briony's Group
Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh & Volunteer Please
Communion	Margaret Richards	Kath Tierney	Avril Llewellyn
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn		
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, Elizabeth Brazier & St Finbars Playgroup		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Daren & Liz Dukes		
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EVERY 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6PM
MASS: 6PM SUPPER: 7PM
THE LOUNGE YOUTH GROUP: 7.30-8.30PM