



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
17th & 18th July 2021

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ps 22; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

A Crisis

While writing this column, I am waiting to hear the number of new COVID infections. From the previous press conferences, I know that the quantity of infections will not likely be low. Hence, I don't think that the lockdown will be lifted anytime soon. One clear indication for a possible prolonged STAY-AT-HOME order is the COVID Emergency Relief Package for NSW. Experts believe that the lockdown will be extended till mid of August.

The entire world has been crippled by the health crisis. According to the Australian Department of Health, 'a crisis occurs when a triggering event prevents a person from functioning in the way that they had previously.' That is very true in our case. We have to invent new ways to deal with the new situation. Perhaps it is there that we may find a new hope at the same time.

The Greek root of the word "crisis" actually has a positive connotation. The noun crisis comes from the Latinised form of the Greek word *krisis*, meaning "turning point in a disease." At such a moment, the person with the disease could get better or worse: it's a critical moment. While it seems a little bit out of the current context since we are experiencing the worst of the pandemic, it is positive from the perspective of faith and hope. The Bible uses the word "Kairos" to describe the opportune time in which God will act. According to Strong's Greek Concordance, *kairos* means time or season, and it is a noun used to represent a fitting season or opportunity, an occasion. Thayer's Greek Lexicon notes it comes from the root word *kára*, meaning head or summit, and that *kairos* is universally understood to mean a "certain" or "fixed" time, or even the "right" or "appointed" time. We see *kairos* used in this way in the Bible. In the New Testament, Jesus frequently healed those who were at the summit of their sickness, with some of them approaching the death. The incarnation, death and resurrection of Christ are therefore understood as the most "appropriate times" in the history of humanity. Seeing things from God's perspective, Paul urged people in the letter to the Galatians to stay strong in their [faith](#) and their good works, "For at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Sometimes, we mistakenly think we have all the time in the world, not knowing we might die tomorrow when in an accident or natural disaster. At other times, we feel discouraged or overly confident that day is far into the future. After all, we've been looking out for the "end of the world" for centuries, yet it still hasn't happened. But, as we're told in [Hebrews 11:1](#), "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

We are called by God to be people of faith, to trust Him, His perfect will and His perfect time. It can be a challenge to wait patiently on God and God's time. But that challenge is something God asks us to do, and so we must—with joy, with hope, and with love for one another. It also factors into doing what God asks when He asks it. For instance, we might feel a nudge to speak to a particular person, not knowing then but perhaps learning later that "nudge" was actually the [Holy Spirit](#) steering us into a *kairos* moment to be used for God's purposes.

For the next week, can I invite you to set a "proper time" to pray in faith and hope? As a parish community, could we together pray the ANGELUS at 12pm each day during the week? This is a good time for us because we are all together in this lockdown.

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5.30PM VIGIL MASS LIVE STREAMING LINK

<https://youtu.be/-E2HzJ-VjGY>

This link will take you straight to YouTube to watch the Vigil Mass.

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

SAFEGUARDING ONLINE COURSE STEPS

Registering with your email address:

Click here: <https://www.pointsbuild.com.au/safeguardingedu/welcome>

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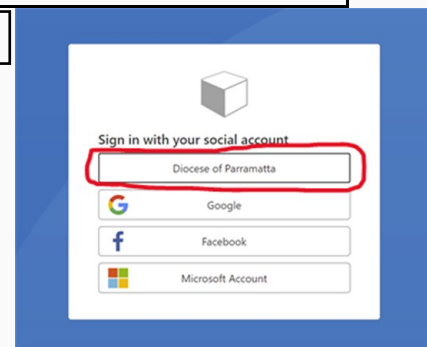
- Click on "Login" far right side of the website
- Click on "Diocese of Parramatta" if you have a parracatholic.org email IF YOU DON'T you click whichever social media that you have (e.g. Google).
- Put in your email address glenbrook@parracatholic.org and Click "Next"
- Put in your password XXXXXXXXXXXX and Click on "Sign in"
- The "Safeguarding Learning website" will open again and Click on "MEMBER AREA" far right side of the website
- The first thing you see is your details: Name/LastName/email address
- Please scroll down to your courses.
- Click on the name of the course to start.

Note: If you are new, you will need to follow each instruction step by step as shown to identify yourself for example it will ask you to verify your mobile number and email address.

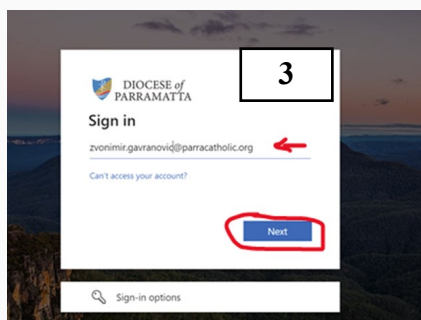
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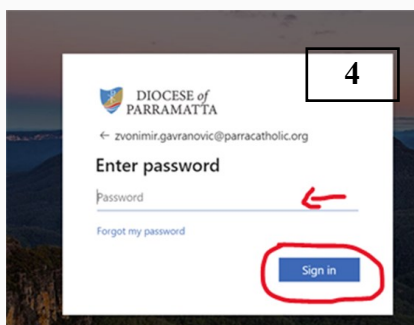
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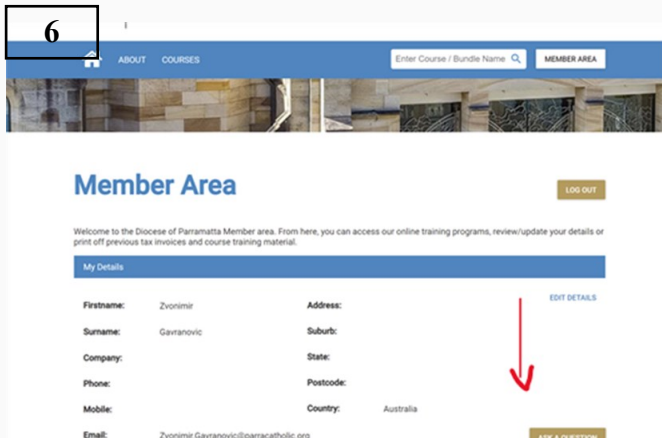
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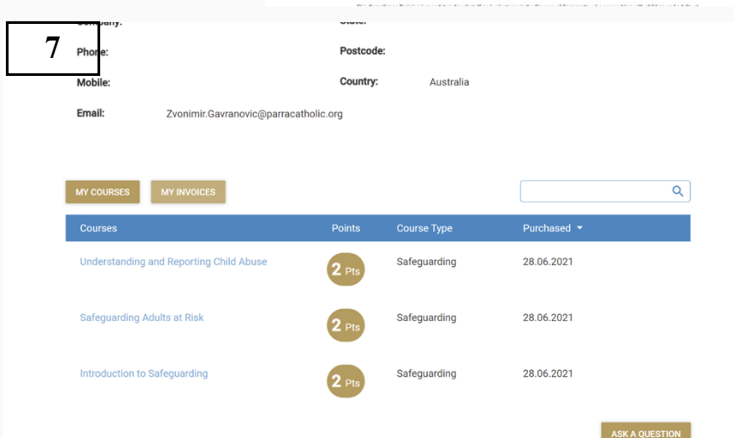
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PARISH CALENDAR

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Sunday 18th July <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Youth Mass via Zoon—link only available on request	Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update <u>Church buildings</u> are not available for private prayer or religious services (except funerals). NSW Police have visited parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to check on the use of buildings during this time. Fines and other infringement notices can be issued to each person who is in attendance if a breach has been identified. <u>Funerals</u> permitted with a maximum number of 10 attendees only. If the funeral takes place in a church building the physical distancing rule of 1.5 metres must be observed. A reminder that 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. <u>Pastoral Care</u> Pope Francis has stated that clergy be available to pastorally minister to people in this time of crisis. Those who are gravely ill, either due to the virus, or some other malady should not in any circumstances be denied access to the Sacraments. The Sacraments should still be available, albeit in certain and limited circumstances only. In anointing people, the priest will wash his hands with an appropriate solution both before and after the anointing. In the laying on of hands, it is recommended that contact is not made with the person's head but the priest's hands are held above the head of the ill. The same applies to the administration of Viaticum. In respect to ministry to the housebound, great caution will be exercised by priest and it is preferable if only the priest or deacon visits for the purpose of Holy Communion. Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion should cease from visiting the housebound at this time. <u>Pastoral Care for those diagnosed with COVID-19</u> The team of priests that was formed in April 2020 to provide pastoral care for those who may be at home and diagnosed with coronavirus will be re-established. Mark Buhagiar, Head of Clergy Health and Wellbeing, will coordinate this work. If a priest has a request from a parishioner for ministry in their home and they are diagnosed with the virus it is imperative that he contact the priest from the local Deanery who has been nominated for this task. <u>Face Masks</u> NSW Health continues to mandate that face masks are to be worn at all indoor venues, including places of worship, and places of work.
Monday 19th July	No Morning Mass. Office is closed 12 noon Angelus	
Tuesday 20th July	No Morning Mass 12 noon Angelus	
Wednesday 21st July	No Morning Mass 12 noon Angelus 7:30pm Night Prayer via Zoom	
Thursday 22nd July <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>	No Morning Mass 12 noon Angelus	
Friday 23rd July	No Morning Mass 12 noon Angelus	
Saturday 24th July	5.30pm Live Streamed Vigil Mass	
Sunday 25th July <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	No Masses	

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Adam Carlyon (Theresa Luczak's Son in Law), 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:

Chris Paine, Margaret Stevens, Lyn Beltran, Christine McGillion, Margaret Christensen, 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:

Peter Nash, Kathleen O'Connor, Rita Cloran, William Worthington, Thomas Brooks, Antonio Favaloro, Winnifred Jackson, Annie Gillian, Ivan Kucic, Mary Rivas, Mabel Barry and Ruby Howling.

PROVISIONAL ROSTER FOR 24TH & 25TH JULY 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 st Reading	Eileen Jones	Leanne Brown	Avril Llewellyn
2 nd Reading	Philomena Watkins	Geraldine Agahari	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Elizabeth Konza	Yvonne Scanlan
Music Ministry	Te Deum		Holy Light
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Terry Keogh	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Steve & Heather Lee	Rivas Family	Volunteers Please
Communion	Noreen Taylor	Terry Madden	Mila Svehla
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Children's Liturgy	Danielle		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd & Beth Killeen		
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MASS: 6PM

SUPPER: 7PM

THE LOUNGE YOUTH GROUP: 7.30-8.30PM