

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B
18th & 19th September 2021

Wisdom 2:12,17-20; Psalm 53; St. James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

This week I would like to give you all a broad idea of what is needed for live streaming the Mass from St Finbar's parish. Prior to the Mass appearing on your screens every week, a lot of work has already happened. Our parish YouTube channel has been set up, the YouTube access code has been created and tested, then published in the Barra, the necessary hardware and software has been obtained, and dedicated parishioners have spent time getting it all organised so the Mass can be presented to a high standard and with due reverence.

Hardware:

A portable, remote controlled swivel camera that has been set up and tested.

Wireless microphones on the Priest and the Ambo (charged in advance) and wired mics for the choir, all set up and tested.

Enhanced internet access with cable connection (to get the picture out to you)

Sound mixer board and connecting cables.

Mass text screen (to show the PPT slides formerly shown at Mass by the IT team)

Producer's video console showing the live screen as well as the next screen that will be shown.

It takes about 2 hours to set all the equipment up and test it all.

Software:

The following apps are used at each Mass:

Open Broadcasting Software (OBS) for streaming and producing with 11 pre-arranged scenes, representing each of the stages at Mass. This includes sound mixing software.

PowerPoint (2 scenes, full scene and centre scene).

Network Device Interface (NDI) to control camera, pan, tilt and zoom.

YouTube, where final production happens, and from where you pick up the Mass.

Functions of each team member:

It takes a minimum of two parishioners to actually livestream the Mass, but we often use three to take some of the pressure off.

One team member (the producer) sets up the "starting soon" screen and does the countdown so that Mass starts exactly on time. That person then controls the camera and determines who or what will be on your screen at every moment during Mass. This involves many scene changes during Mass. Another team member (the director/sound engineer) monitors the sound from all mics and adjusts each if required.

He or she also takes appropriate action if one or more mics fail, and generally oversees the entire production.

If we have a third team member, that person projects the words or the prayers onto the screen so you can join in at home. (They also set up any extra video if needed, such as a Bishop's appeal video)

During Mass Fr Joe and the Senior Server are under the control of the director and the producer, and only commence the Mass when given the OK. During Mass all the speakers within the church are turned off and this gives rise to an eerie feel as those in the church cannot hear the Mass through the sound system (and of course cannot hear your responses)



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5.30PM VIGIL MASS LIVE STREAMING LINK

<https://youtu.be/HDD1BgH0aCk>

Fr Joe will be available in the Sacristy between 4pm and 5pm on Saturday if you want to come and collect the Body of Christ to take home and receive during the live-streamed Mass.

Please bring your own pyx if possible, and place The Body of Christ in a position of honour in your home.

*Our Parish lies within the Traditional
Country of the Darug people-
The Aboriginal Custodians of our area.*

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Pictures:

You contributed a great deal of money so that Mass can be live streamed, and the parish is greatly in your debt. Below are a few pictures of the equipment that is in use so you can see where your money had been/is being spent and what it is being used for.



It is likely that Masses will continue to be live streamed even after churches are allowed to reopen. This is so that those parishioners in hospital, in nursing homes or those confined to their homes can still take part in holy Mass.

God's blessings to you all, and especially to those who give so much of their time and talents each week to bring the live streamed Mass into your homes.

If you are interested in being trained to be part of the production team, please contact Father Joe for more information.

Dear Friends,

I am incredibly proud to present to you a talk by Steve Baird who is the current CEO of INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION AUSTRALIA.

The work of IJM is to advocate for the end of any form of modern slavery, such as human trafficking and sex slavery, forced labour slaves or sexual exploitation of vulnerable children or violence against Women.

International Justice Mission, or IJM however, had broken the chains of modern slavery for 70,000 people around the world, getting them out of bondage. IJM Australia is part of the world's largest anti-slavery organisation, one of 21 offices across all continents.

Alongside government, corporate and community partners, IJM seeks to rescue millions, protect half a billion and make justice for the poor unstoppable by 2030. Steve is a parishioner of St Finbar in Glenbrook where he lives and worship with his wonderful wife Annemaree and three children Elijah, Sebastian and Oscar. Steve was a former Virgin Airlines Executive (Head of Marketing at Velocity Frequent Flyer).

Topic: As a (Parish) Community – What Can We Do to Help Justice Flourish For All? When: Thursday 23 September 2021, at 7.30pm via Zoom [https://zoom.us/j/96739783102?](https://zoom.us/j/96739783102?pwd=QU51R0VUdFhhQVd3L1IKSGpRMHZZz09)

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Passcode: 779802

Bruce (father) and Judith Baird (late mother) with their three children Mike (former NSW Premier), Julia (ABC Presenter) and Steve, who is the youngest.



Steve Baird at his Appointment as CEO of IJM



Regards Joseph Lam, PP

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PARISH CALENDAR

DIocese OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Sunday 19th September <i>25th Sunday in Ord Time Year B</i>	6.00pm Youth Mass
Monday 20th September <i>Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions</i>	No Mass. Office is closed
Tuesday 21st September <i>St Matthew</i>	10.30am Cuppa with the Parishioners https://zoom.us/j/91417574988? pwd=VUZnakozeXkrZVFCT2tOUzJNUGJndzO9 Meeting ID: 914 1757 4988 Passcode: 546154 12.30pm Mass https://zoom.us/j/99344972304? pwd=dXp2MGdidWdPcjBPRnFKZkNhcldTQT09 Meeting ID: 993 4497 2304 Passcode: 084923 7.30pm Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday 22nd September	12.30pm Mass https://zoom.us/j/99064886065? pwd=SlAlclBWTGFDb1pmSWZMQzRiMHJ3ZzO9 Meeting ID: 990 6488 6065 Passcode: 820362 7.30pm Prayer Group prepared by SRE Team https://zoom.us/j/96039731037? pwd=Rit5K2l1bnJnSkZwbjFBdElxejFIQT09 Meeting ID: 960 3973 1037 Passcode: 215212
Thursday 23rd September <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	12.30pm Mass https://zoom.us/j/94336182315? pwd=RWRsSEoINGlxUVJKcmxwbQdQbWFOZzO9 Meeting ID: 943 3618 2315 Passcode: 194597 7.30pm "Modern Life Slavery" Talk by Steve Baird https://zoom.us/j/96739783102? pwd=QU5IROVUdFhhQVd3LIKSGpRMHZZzO9 Meeting ID: 967 3978 3102 Passcode: 779802
Friday 24th September	12.30 Mass https://zoom.us/j/94277435337? pwd=bStnbDIWeVRiYWhmWfPIMDEOZGlxUT09 Meeting ID: 942 7743 5337 Passcode: 181841 7.30pm Parish Trivia Night
Saturday 25th September <i>St Finbar</i>	5.30pm Live Streaming Mass https://youtu.be/O_TiOMqyis
Sunday 26th September <i>26th Sunday in Ord Time Year B</i>	No Mass

THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR OUR RETIRED CLERGY

Thanks to your kind and compassionate support, the [Clergy Support Foundation](#) can continue to ensure our priests' physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing is nurtured. And, where needed, support our ageing priests' daily living, health care and medical expenses, along with home comforts and essentials for living well. The Clergy Foundation Committee is very grateful for your generous donations over the last few weeks, both via online portal and by mail, which have raised just on \$60,000 as of Thursday 9 September, about a third of our way to our target. Hopefully we will soon be able to hold the appeal in our parishes. Thanks again and if you haven't yet made a donation and would like to, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or call (02) 8838 3482.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIRST COLLECTION WHILE IN LOCKDOWN

With the continued lockdown of our Church, you may wish to make an EFT contribution to support your Clergy, i.e. what you would normally place on the first collection. To do, please use the following details:
BSB 067950 Account No 00004265 Account Name Diocesan Clergy Reference 6011 (followed by) your name. This will enable us to credit your donation to your parish. Thank you for your contributions – they are much appreciated.

FAN THE FLAME – TOWARDS PLENARY ASSEMBLY ONE OCTOBER 2021

“This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.”

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Unless we train ministers capable of warming people's hearts, of walking with them in the night, of dialoguing with their hopes and disappointments, of mending their brokenness, what hope can we have for our present and future journey? (*Pope Francis, Meeting with the Bishops of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, 28 July 2013*)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

BIBLICAL-THEOLOGICAL ESSAYS ON THE PANDEMIC

Seeing how distressed his parishioners were at being locked out of their church, Fr Joseph (Joe) Lam, parish priest of St Finbar's Parish in Glenbrook has written a book of reflections to help them cope and even find goodness that might come from the pandemic. He's donating the proceeds of the book to *the Diocese of Parramatta's Clergy Support Foundation*. Contact the Parish Office to buy a copy for just \$10 each.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Terry McIlvenna (Peter McIlvenna's brother), Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Marian Dickinson, Anton Goosen (Gideon's brother) and Roberto Di Nucci.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Michael McMahon (Peter's brother), Chris Paine, Colleen McHardy, Margaret Stevens, Lyn Beltran, Christine McGillion, Ryder Lopez, Margaret Christensen, Joan Paine, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Joanne Macrae, Sophie Hollies, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Maddison Farrugia, Colleen Nolan, Pam Clyne and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Thomas Charles, Baby Amber Jenkins, Pamela Cottee, Rosina Merchant, Victorio Girgenti, John Nolan, Philomena Quinn, Ethel Cornish, Eileen Gillian, Sylvia Bourke, Maria Boehm, Marie Hill, Christopher McNamara, Mary Heaver, Grace Chambers, Roch Cunningham, Mary O'Connor, Kathleen Rowe and Patricia Nagle.

ROSTERS SUSPENDED UNTIL AFTER THE LOCKDOWN

CEDP TEACHERS WHO VOLUNTEER WITHIN PARISHES:

The Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse's Child Safe Standard 7 states:

Staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through continual education and training

As a result, each organisation has an obligation and responsibility to ensure its workers (paid and volunteer) undertake mandatory safeguarding training.

Within the Diocese of Parramatta there is an agreement with Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) in regards to the Safeguarding Training of its teachers who volunteer in their parish communities.

We ask that teachers working within CEDP schools in the Diocese present their current (last 12 months) certificates of completion for their child protection training.

Their Parish Office will note that training and its date for their records and acknowledge the satisfactory completion of Mandatory Modules 1 and 2.

Teachers within CEDP schools will then be asked to complete the third mandatory module 'Safeguarding Adults at Risk'.

Completion of diocesan safeguarding training is required every two years.

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YOUTH NIGHT

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH, GLENBROOK



EVERY 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6PM

MASS: 6PM

SUPPER: 7PM

THE LOUNGE YOUTH GROUP: 7.30-8.30PM

Introduction to Theology for Parishioners



Are you an accountant, an employee, a lawyer, a medical professional or a tradie or perhaps a home-manager or student?

Whichever profession you are practicing, you know that you need certain grade of competency if you want to advance your professional career.

Being a Catholic is not an occupation and having faith may not advance your career, even though it contributes to your spiritual and mental well-being.

No matter what your profession is, as a believer you reflect and think “informally” about God. Also, there is a formal way to think and reflect. It is called theology which is a more traditional task, a task performed by people who make a concerted and well-informed effort in a particular discipline of faith.

Theology is not just a task for professional or academic theologians. Rather, every baptised Christian is called to be a theologian, if the goal of theology is the understanding of God’s word in its profundity.

The course over six weeks aims to introduce you to the basic theological thoughts and concepts crucial for the understanding of the Bible, Catholic faith and doctrines and liturgy.

This course will help you to achieve:

1. An understanding of the major areas in the discipline of Theology—biblical studies, historical or comparative studies, systematic theology, ethics, and spirituality.
1. Familiarity with the variety of religious experiences and traditions
3. An understanding of how religious morality and justice are integrated with faith
4. The ability to apply difficult theological concepts and ideas within their writing, research, or in field experiences.
5. The ability to reflect on their own experiences in light of theological perspectives.

When: Friday 1st October, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom (thereafter fortnightly except for the 3rd session will be held on Thursday the 28th of October at 7pm).

Requirement: Nothing, except your faith and enthusiasm

Cost: Free (except contribution to cover cost of materials)

For registration: joseph.lam@parracatholic.org or secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Upon registration, you will receive the link to ZOOM classroom

Presenter: Fr Joe Lam, PP of Glenbrook.

Fr Joe has been a Professor of Theology in Rome (Pontifical Patristic Institute, Lateran University) and a Senior Lecturer at the Australian Catholic University. He has published seven books and over 60 peer review articles in German, English, French, Italian and Spanish and Dutch.

Season of Creation - Cecilia Zammit

The Season of Creation was first celebrated in 1989 when the Patriarch of Constantinople pronounced a time of praying for all of Creation. Since this time all the various Christian denominations joined the Orthodox Church in prayer and produced various resources to aid congregations become aware of the interdependence of all parts of creation -air land sea plants animals and people.

In 2015 Pope Francis gave us the document *Laudato Si* in which we were reminded to 'Praise God' and to consider ways we might change our attitudes and practices towards the earth and each other such that all might have life abundantly.

In 2021 the *Season of Creation* began on September 1 with a World day of Prayer and will end on October 4, the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of nature.

It has been suggested that in these remaining 3 weeks the parishioners at St Finbars might consider adopting a 'Healthy Habit for a Health Planet'.

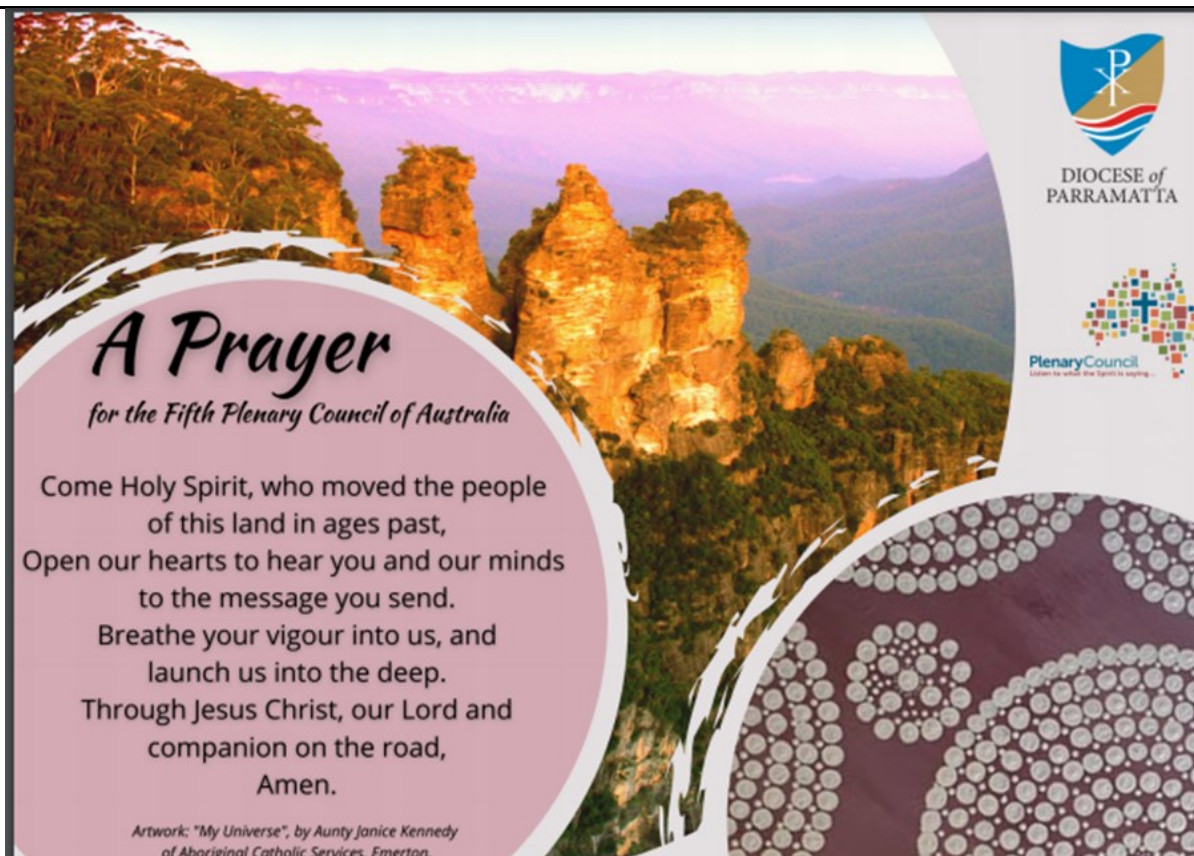
Fr Joe suggested on the weekend that we not use **cling wrap over dishes to warm food in the microwave but instead use a plate.**

We could reduce the use of plastic further by always placing leftovers in washable containers.

Buckets in the shower to collect water for the garden is another idea and buying only enough food to reduce waste.

Contacting someone who is isolated, or greeting people as you walk, builds community and this is also important.

Check out the Diocese of Parramatta website for other ideas. <https://parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation/>



BLUE MOUNTAINS DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Last week we drew your attention to the Australian Bishop's Social Justice Statement *Cry of the Poor, Cry of the Earth* and provided a link to that document.

This week we would like to highlight the appeals being made by the House of Welcome and Jesuit Refugee Service. While we appreciate that everyone is doing it tough in this pandemic, many refugee families are in a perilous situation.

This is an opportunity for us to put the sentiments of the *Cry of the Poor, Cry of the Earth* document into practice in our parish.

Due to the current lockdown cash donations are the preferred way this support can be provided.

We would also encourage you to pray the Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor Prayer. (See over page).

Cash donations can be made in the following ways:

House of Welcome

Online donation (credit card) <https://www.stfrancis.org.au/house-of-welcome/make-donation-house-welcome> → Put "Foodbank" into "Message" field.

EFT / bank transfer: Account Name: St Francis Social Services – House of Welcome BSB: 062 220 Acc. no.: 1018 3326 Reference: Foodbank + your name & email or address

By phone: Please call (02) 97279290 and leave a voice message. HoW will call back to take your details.

By post (cheque): House of Welcome. PO Box 10, Granville NSW 2142

Jesuit Refugee Service

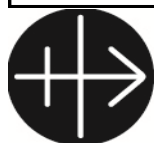
Online donation (credit card): <https://aus.jrs.net/en/donate>

EFT / bank transfer: Account Name: Jesuit Refugee Service BSB: 062 014 Acc. no.: 0080 1043

Reference: Foodbank + your name & email or address

By phone:

Please call (02) 9356 3888.



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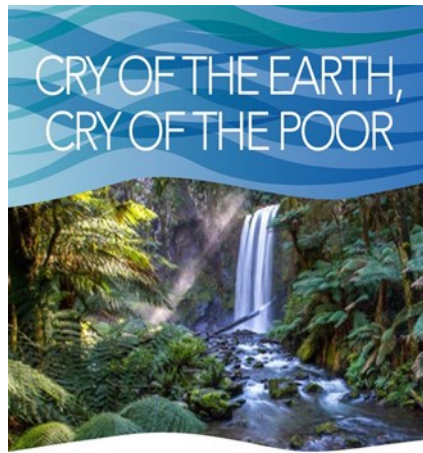
A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:

One Million Children Praying the Rosary:

ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October.

Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at

www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children



Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:
the bush grown more silent,
the birdsong less vibrant,
the stream's sluggish ripple.
Have mercy and open our ears.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:
the soil depleted,
the sky smudged,
the oceans rubbished and the great currents slowed.
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:
the workers who struggle to get by,
the women subjected to violence,
the people who are excluded.
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:
the sound of hungry children,
the distress of the mentally ill,
the silent pain of homeless women and men.
Have mercy and open our ears.

Send your Spirit upon us Lord to renew our sight,
to restore our hearing,
and to reclaim your reign of justice for all people
and peace for creation.

AMEN