



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B
25th & 26th September 2021

Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 18; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Have Changes Become the New Post-Covid Reality?

From the daily press conferences on the state of Covid 19 we have learned but one thing: Leaders persistently urge us to be prepared to live with the constant changes caused by the fluctuating nature of the Delta variant. Some people are born to love change, innovate, adapt quickly, and seek new experiences while others are genetically predisposed to stick with a routine and follow the way it's always been done. Neither is right or wrong and most people fall somewhere in the middle. It's just how our brains come wired.

I believe that we have adapted to changes very well. During the three months of lockdown, we have moved to and embraced opportunities that come along with the visual online world. They have helped us to stay connected and perhaps even allowed us to experience a sort of normality. I have heard some parishioners say that online meetings were occasions to personally relate to other parishioners and to appreciate their talents.

If there were no pandemic, we would have celebrated this weekend our St Finbar's Feast Day which falls on 25 September. We had prepared for it, games, spit roast, face painting, music etc. I would like to thank Jeanine Ashbee for her organisational talent. For sure, we will celebrate our Patron Saint later. How quickly we were able to adapt! Instead, we will have a Trivia Night via Zoom on Friday 24th October at 7.30pm. Thank you, Martin and his family (the Rogers family) for your organisation.

However, things will soon change again. Probably NSW will reopen in the first week of October. We all welcome it and can't wait to visit or to have visitors in our homes again. Yet, there are still uncertainties since we are still waiting to learn the details of the reopening. It is still to be decided who can do what. As you can imagine, such decisions are not just medical, but also political.

At this stage, we are still waiting for details and instructions by the NSW government and our diocese. The NSW bishops are currently in talks with the NSW government concerning the status of vaccination for the reopening of places of worship.

As your pastor, I am looking forward to the reopening with nervousness. How am I to navigate between the various political views and the pastoral care for every parishioner? Will I be forced to police certain issues and hence exclude others? How to keep our parishioners safe and yet welcome everyone to our liturgy? Do I need to be an authoritarian leader, or can I also be a good Samaritan stitching the wounds of the vulnerable?

As a pastor, I welcome all. I am not the judge of personal choices. Like Jesus, I pledge to care for all. Irrespective of personal views, I am called not to exclude or to divide. I would like to appeal to you: Please act responsibly and respect the safety of all parishioners! We know that the reopening will bring risks. If we look after each other in a responsible and respectful way, then I am convinced that we can keep everything going. Let us all act like good Samaritans!

In the next weeks, the parish staff will have to plan well and prepare various scenarios for the reopening of our parish. There are many things that we need to consider.

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St Finbar's parish is making plans to re-open as soon as the Government Health Orders allow this to happen. Everyone will be welcome subject to the wearing of masks, to signing in (up to 75 capacity) and the practising of social distancing. Please fully inform yourself on these matters by visiting <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/greater-sydney>

5.30PM VIGIL MASS LIVE STREAMING LINK

https://youtu.be/0_TlDMqyis

Fr Joe will be available at the Church 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.

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

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Hence we need all our concentration and energy for this planning phase. As a result, we will reduce our online offerings. Masses will still be offered Tuesday to Friday at 12.30pm for a small group of five in attendance (outdoor) and via Zoom for those who can't attend in person. Rosary will be prayed every Wednesday at 7.30pm via Zoom. From 1st October at 7pm onwards (fortnightly) a six-week course on Theology will be offered by Fr Joe via Zoom. There are many enrolments for this course across the dioceses of Parramatta, Broken Bay and Sydney. Places are capped at 100!

One other important upcoming event is the Australian Plenary Council in October. This Council is open for all faithful and must be considered as the most important event for the Australian Catholic Church in the recent history. If you want to inform yourself, please go to <https://parracatholic.org/agenda-and-response/>

Fr. Joseph Lam, PhD STD

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

New training dates scheduled for the Mandatory Safeguarding Training via Zoom to start in November:

Module 1 - Introduction to Safeguarding:

Tuesday 9th November at 9.30am or 2.00pm

Module 2 – Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct

Tuesday 16th November at 9.30am or 2.00pm

Module 3 – Safeguarding Adults at Risk

Tuesday 23rd November at 9.30am or 2.00pm

Registering for Online Safeguarding Training Modules on the Pointsbuild Website

Parishioners are registered with an email address. They will log into the Members Area via a single sign-on process using Google, Facebook or Microsoft.

So what email address should I supply to the Parish Office for my Registration for Mandatory Online Training?

- If I have a gmail email –
I should sign in through 'Google'. (If you are concerned about privacy this is a good email to create as a single use email for this purpose.)

What if I don't have any of these email addresses?

- Do I have a Office 365 Account for my Office (Word, Excel etc) Applications?
 - o Supply the email address you use for this account and then sign in through 'Microsoft'.
 - o Do I have a Facebook Account?
Supply the email address you use for Facebook and then sign in through 'Facebook'.

What if I don't have any of these email addresses or accounts?

Create a free Gmail account and use this email for your online training."

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Maria Kervin

Community Engagement and Education Officer

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MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY 2021: 26 SEPTEMBER

On 26 September, the Catholic Church around the world celebrates the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (also known as Migrant and Refugee Sunday). Pope Francis invites us to work *Towards an ever wider "we"* and embrace the resilience and contribution of Migrants and Refugees to the church and society. The "Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees" team invites you to a **Virtual Diocesan Conversation with Refugees** on 26 September from 3pm to 4.15pm. RSVP via www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee. Find more information and resources at migrants-refugees.va and acmro.catholic.org.au.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 26th September <i>26th Sunday in Ord Time Year B</i>	No Mass
Monday 27th September <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	No Mass. Office is closed
Tuesday 28th September	12.30pm Mass https://zoom.us/j/93191145238? pwd=MO9jMSt4UEl3ckxCMmYldVJWSElQdz09 Meeting ID: 931 9114 5238 Passcode: 090857
Wednesday 29th September <i>Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels</i>	12.30pm Mass https://zoom.us/j/98467239654? pwd=RjNKMjdUbWdaZFUwQkx0Ees3ekFzZz09 Meeting ID: 984 6723 9654 Passcode: 402447 7.30pm Rosary https://zoom.us/j/93536295358? pwd=ellRzZUV0tDNVkiS3pnWWpsMQQ4QT09 Meeting ID: 935 3629 5358 Passcode: 877148
Thursday 30th September <i>St Jerome</i>	12.30pm Mass https://zoom.us/j/95492718770? pwd=aWRTcUtiakk3NUtXajE4eThiYUVxUT09 Meeting ID: 954 9271 8770 Passcode: 463086
Friday 1st October <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	12.30pm Mass https://zoom.us/j/96447404215? pwd=RU5jZzB1c2ovQ08xUGp3WWNLdGs3QT09 Meeting ID: 964 4740 4215 Passcode: 804197
Saturday 2nd October <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	5.30pm Live Streaming Mass https://youtu.be/PIKefC-GnxY
Sunday 3rd October <i>27th Sunday in Ord Time Year B</i>	No Mass

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT:

- Human Resources Partner – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited, Diocese of Parramatta
- Human Resources Manager – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited, Diocese of Parramatta
- Accountant (General)/Analyst – Diocese of Parramatta. **Applications close 10pm Sunday 26 September**
- Digital Content Creator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Monday 4 October**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE – WE ARE WITH YOU. “I am with you always” Matthew 28:20.

The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people.

The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION:

You are invited to join parishioners of the Blue Mountains Deanery in prayer for the Care of Creation. Pope Francis calls us all to celebrate this time to reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation. Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath is hosting the event via Zoom on **Thursday September 30th, 7:30pm-8:30pm.**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87566721891?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87566721891?pwd=KlUvQk9qYXFXSFczRlRlFem8lWVHVQQT09)

[pwd=KlUvQk9qYXFXSFczRlRlFem8lWVHVQQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87566721891?pwd=KlUvQk9qYXFXSFczRlRlFem8lWVHVQQT09)

Meeting ID: 875 6672 1891

Passcode: 761026

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Marian Dickinson, Anton Goosen (Gideon's brother), Roberto Di Nucci, Adam Carlyon (Theresa Luczak's Son in Law), John Dent, Joan Lohrey, Barbara Higginson (Ragan), Karen Bishop and Maria James.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

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, Michael McMahon (Peter's brother) and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Thelma Dwyer, Shirley Glover, Thomas Beattie, Paul Morgan, Francis Luland, Anthony Cunningham, Rodney Mulvey, Kenneth Kelly, Joyce Richards, Donald King and Barry Ward.

PROVISIONAL ROSTER FOR 2ND/3RD OCTOBER

**NOTE THAT THIS ROSTER WILL NOT BE IN FORCE UNLESS
THE GOVERNMENT ALLOWS CHURCHES TO RE-OPEN BY THIS DATE**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Joseph Sukkar
Junior Server	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Steve Newton
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Michelle Wilson	Jessica Doherty
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	John Killeen	Steve Baird
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Kevin Flynn	Martin Rogers
Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Volunteers Please	Volunteers please
Communion	John Verhoeven	Colleen Fuller	Bernie Fisher
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, Elizabeth Brazier & St. Finbar's Playgroup		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Vicky Ang, Tamar Alzened & Karen Sukkar		



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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