



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B
9th & 10th October 2021

Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 89; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit...

The holy Scripture describes the Holy Spirit in personal terms, not as an impersonal force, when it says that He teaches, guides, comforts and intercedes. He possesses emotions, intellect and will. The Holy Spirit spoke to Philip and gave counsel to the church at Jerusalem. The Acts of the Apostles relates to the Holy Spirit the gift of sharing not just of life, but of the **FAITH** as well: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, 278 delegates across Australia have gathered online for the Fifth Plenary Council which is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country and has legislative and governance authority. The **Assembly** aims to respond to the abuse crisis that has rocked the Church over the past decades through **CONVERSION** and **RENEWAL**. Archbishop Tim Costelloe, the President of the Plenary Council, said in his homily that the Australian Catholic Church needs to gaze on Jesus Christ and to return to Him and His "ongoing fidelity to the promise that the Holy Spirit who is sent to us by the Father, will be with us teaching us everything, and reminding us of all that Jesus has said to us."

Let us pray that the hearts and minds of the delegates are focussed on Christ, rather than advancing political agendas. The Catholic Church in Australia needs renewal, and we are not afraid of changes since the Lord Himself comforts us: "*Take courage, I am with you. There is no need to be afraid.*" (Mt 14:27)

There are many theories advocating for institutional and structural changes. However, changes are the effects of the Holy Spirit, rather than the adaptation of external organizational models which may be alienated to the nature and identity of the Church. We need to be reminded that the Church is a Sacrament and not just an institution or a corporation. This means the Church is a visible sign of Christ in the world today! A sign and instrument of grace in the world, that emphasizes the visible (human) and invisible (Divine) nature of the Church. According to Pope Francis, the sacramental encounter is at the heart of true discipleship since mercy and justice and peace outflow from this encounter.

I am so pleased that **soon** we can reopen our church for Masses. We need to do it cautiously to minimise the risk. The parish office has elaborated a plan for the reopening. Once again, I appeal to you to be disciplined and to always adhere to the COVID safety measures when you are on the parish premises. Please be respectful to those who are vulnerable. I still need to seek advice from health experts on the ventilation and air circulation in the church. While I am confident that the size, structure, and height of the church would not expose parishioners to additional risk, it is important to consider all possibilities and to exercise best practice and duty of care. I would not want to be negligent in this regard.

Until the Bishop allows churches to re-open for Masses, we can open the church for private prayer only and we will do this from Tuesday 12th October.

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5.30PM VIGIL MASS LIVE STREAMING LINK

<https://youtu.be/ipy9RZyqm18>

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.

INTRODUCTION TO SAFEGUARDING

Congratulations to all who participated in the Safeguarding course that was run in the hall on the 22nd of June. The

Parish office has received the certificates for you. Please come and pick up your certificate.

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

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

Fr Joe's Musings , Continued from page 1

Just a personal note on the election of the New Premier. I am a little confused by the comments of many reporters who seem to focus more on the Catholic faith of the new Premier than the gifts and talents of his leadership. Is there a perceived and continued discrimination against Catholics in politics?

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the new phase of life in the weeks to come!

Fr. Joseph Lam, PhD STD

A GREETING CARD RECEIVED FROM BRONWYN SUTHERLAND BLAXLAND UNITING CHURCH

Dear Father Lam,

On behalf of Blaxland Uniting Church I would like to assure you and St. Finbars Church of our prayers as you prepare for the Plenary Council Meetings. May all discussion, decisions and actions be guided by God's leading. May God continue to bless you all as you serve Him and His people.

Bronwyn Sutherland
For Blaxland Uniting Church.

This prayer was written by Rev'd John Hughes, a Uniting Church Minister in Adelaide.

Let us pray:

Creator God, in your great love you have given us the gift of your Spirit. As the Roman Catholic Church in Australia enters this time of discernment, we pray that your Spirit would guide and encourage those involved in the Plenary Council. May we all stand together as we seek to be your people on the way of the Jesus. We pray this through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

ALL SOULS MASS:

Mass this year will be celebrated on Tuesday the 2nd of November, 2021 at 7pm. The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered for all the faithful departed with special remembrance of those whose funeral took place at St. Finbar's during the past year. Also invited to participate in the liturgy are parishioners who have lost a close relative during the past year and whose funeral was conducted outside the Parish. A candle ceremony will be part of the celebration so if you would like your loved one remembered by lighting a candle (which your family member will place on the sanctuary during the Mass), please contact the Parish Office on 47426958 before the 25th of October. A small framed photo of your loved one could also be placed on the sanctuary before the commencement of Mass.

Images from the Parish Picnic with the Lord— Friday the 1st of October

26 Parishioners joined Father Joe for Mass and breakfast on Friday the 1st of October at Elizabeth Lookout.



OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH

In two weeks, Catholic Mission will share with us the powerful story of Churai*, a mother who found her way to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, during a desperate time in her life.



The Good Shepherd Sisters' mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

Freecall: 1800257296 or visit catholicmission.org.au/thailand



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For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:20

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 10th October <i>28th Sunday in Ord Time Year B</i>	No Mass
Monday 11th October	No Mass. Office is closed
Tuesday 12th October	12.30pm Mass https://zoom.us/j/99806649519? pwd=UlcvbHJ3aS94MlI4MERnVGRPQ0I5Zz09 Meeting ID: 998 0664 9519 Passcode: 426836 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 13th October	10.30am Dirkje Vleeskens Funeral Mass 12.30pm Mass https://zoom.us/j/98050147108? pwd=cDhiNytCMUQ0VDEQWHk2aUJlUQIISQTO9 Meeting ID: 980 5014 7108 Passcode: 351760 7.30pm Rosary https://zoom.us/j/97867741876? pwd=TFZLZFBXTVkyVXJ4d3dBeHl5SQ0QZz09 Meeting ID: 978 6774 1876 Passcode: 067578
Thursday 14th October	12.30pm Mass https://zoom.us/j/99848913989? pwd=Ylo2UjdSeG5jTG5TZEYqc25EY29KUT09 Meeting ID: 998 4891 3989 Passcode: 050640
Friday 15th October <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	12.30pm Mass https://zoom.us/j/94432403120? pwd=Nml3Q0t6bDtyNFNBYjlxUTVwUHU0Q0TO9 Meeting ID: 944 3240 3120 Passcode: 771530
Saturday 16th October	5.30pm Live Streaming Mass https://youtu.be/fVH8yGokouk
Sunday 17th October <i>29th Sunday in Ord Time Year B</i>	No Mass

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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

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Enrichment Weekend: 22 – 24 October

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is hosting a virtual Marriage Enrichment Weekend on 22 to 24 October via Zoom. Open to married couples, priests and religious, this is an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Caring for the Earth Retreat: 29 – 31 October

You are invited to attend a Caring for the Earth retreat at the Guntawang Environmental Bush Retreat in Oakdale, NSW, from 7pm Friday 29 October to 2pm Sunday 31 October. The retreat, 'Quantum Spirit in Creation' will explore the ecological approach, called for by Pope Francis, to transform our way of living in the world. The retreat is \$95 for adults. For a camp brochure or enquiries, visit www.guntawang.org.au or contact Br Frank Richardson fms on 0429 595 231 or antiphon1@gmail.com



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dirkje Vleeskens, Valarie Goodridge (Jim Tierney's sister), 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:

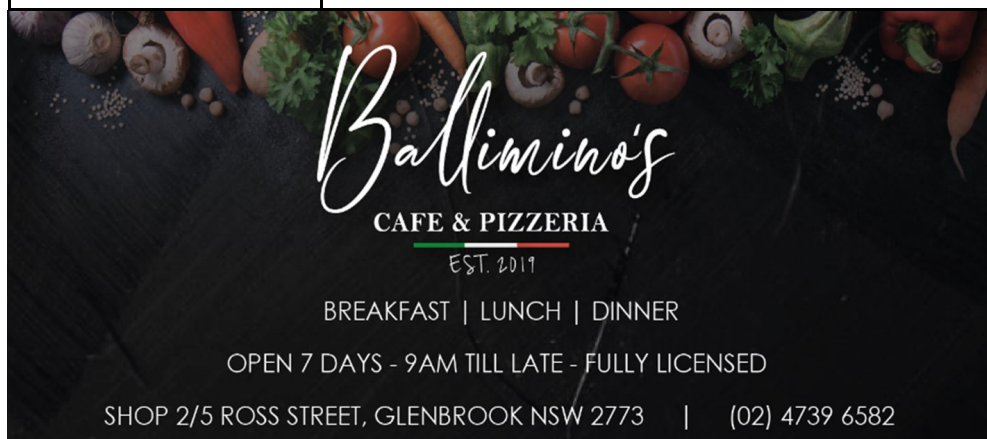
Thomas Doyle, Albert Petty, John Webber, Michael Harris, Jeffrey Hunt, Julie Grech, Verlie Gapps, Clifford McHardy, Terrence Judge, Robert Agnew, Ronald Groves, Peter Smith, Daniel McGrath, Kevin Taylor, Nellie Stanborough, Christine Frewer, Reginald Bailey, Rose Barrett and Hope Williams.

PROVISIONAL ROSTER FOR 16TH & 17TH OCTOBER

**FATHER JOE STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT ONLY DOUBLE VACCINATED PARISHIONERS
CAN ACT AS LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Stuart Sheary
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji & Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers & Leia Agahari
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	John Killeen	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Gary Clune
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operators	Henry Hanco	Joseph Wilson	Susan Dowling
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Kay Whitty	Volunteers Please
Communion	Bernie Fisher	Jessica Tuller	Annis Nilsson
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Children's Liturgy	Colin		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd & Beth Killeen		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggid Trevena, Irene & Bert Aligno		



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