



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B
16th & 17th October 2021

Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 32; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Selective Hearing...

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honour when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honour they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

To hear Jesus' teaching, we need to be able to gather in the church as a community of Jesus' disciples. Fortunately, we may be able to reopen our church to everyone by next week after having achieved 80% of double dose of vaccination. Hence, we will return to our normal schedule of Masses: From Tuesday to Friday at 9.15am, Saturday Confessions from 4.30-5.15pm followed by Vigil Mass at 5.30pm, Sunday at 7.30am and at 9.30am. To comply with 1 per 4sqm rule, the number of Mass attendance is limited to 85 indoors, while additional seats will be made available outdoors. Please adhere to the seating plan that is displayed on the notice board. ***All liturgical ministers should be double vaccinated!***

Once we reach this milestone vaccination rate, all parish groups can return and use the parish facilities. Please make sure that you abide to the COVID rules.

Masks are still mandatory as well as the registration via QR and hand sanitation. Among other COVID safety measures, may I suggest that we sanitize our hands before the reception of the Holy Communion? To ensure everybody's safety, the collection plates are located at the back of the church until further notice. Please also use the Tap & Go facilities in the narthex of the church.

We will continue with our live streaming of the Vigil Mass until we can return to full capacity which is scheduled for the first week of December.

As you know, I have written to our local MPs advocating for the expansion of palliative care, instead of just focusing on legalising Euthanasia. Mrs. Trish Doyle has replied, and I have made her response available for your information in this Barra.

Before the lockdown, we had successfully organized many concerts. The biggest event was the Christmas Carols which we hope to have again this year. I will wait for further advice from the concert committee. Another important social event is scheduled for the Saturday 11th of December after the Vigil mass at 5.30pm. I would like to invite all parish volunteers to a Christmas Thank You Volunteers Party. Jeannine Ashbee and Juliana Khnouf have taken the lead of organizing this party for volunteers. If you have suggestions for the party, please contact Jeannine or Juliana.

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TO SERVE IS TO LEAD

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5.30PM VIGIL MASS LIVE STREAMING LINK

<https://youtu.be/fVH8yGokouk>

Fr Joe will be available outside 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.

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.

Sunday 17th October <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	No Mass
Monday 18th October <i>St Luke</i>	No Mass. Office is closed 7.00pm Plenary Update P/C
Tuesday 19th October	9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C
Wednesday 20th October	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.30pm Rosary Via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/97589753258?pwd=amRZMi9jWW5iVmVFMjQKzFtcM82dz09 Meeting ID: 975 8975 3258 Passcode: 001266
Thursday 21st October	10.00am Healing Mass followed by Morning Tea 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 22nd October	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers P/C 6.30pm Confirmation Rehearsal
Saturday 23rd October	No Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 3.45pm Communion Preparation Sessions via Zoom 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass Live Streaming Mass link https://youtu.be/T42y5UHSunc
Sunday 24th October <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms

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At our recent Parish Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council meetings, we decided to renew the memberships of these two important committees. These are leadership roles and are crucial for the parish governance and management. If you are interested in these vacancies, please contact Carl Moll (chair of parish finance committee) or Vince Dobson (chair of parish pastoral council) for details.

To continue with the reflection on the Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

This alone shows how important the work of volunteers is for our parish. Thank you for all you do for our parish.

Fr. Joseph Lam, PhD STD

ALL SOULS MASS:

Mass this year will be celebrated on Tuesday the 2nd of November 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.





OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH

Catholic Mission invites you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai*, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.

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Please come with an open and generous heart.

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For we **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD** ACTS 4:20



Catholic Mission is seeking applications for a **Donor Relations Officer** role. Full-time or Part- Time, the role is based in North Sydney in NSW and incorporates supporting Catholic Dioceses in NSW & ACT. This is an exceptional opportunity to join the international mission agency of the Catholic Church in Australia, which supports children, communities and church leaders both in Australia and overseas.

For more information, please visit <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>

Positions Vacant:

- Human Resources Partner – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited, Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

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

Diocese of Parramatta launches Plenary Council resource website

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. Beyond the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more as we move into a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development.

Office for Safeguarding offering online training to keep our parishes safe

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout October and November. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or

maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

Vinnies Support Centres are still available to those in need

St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centres in Blacktown on (02) 8861 9777, Harris Park on (02) 8861 9757 and Penrith on (02) 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

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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:

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:

Bruce Macbeth, Johanna Williams, Oliver Pinson, Margaret Corbin, Norval Thyrd (Jnr), Peter Jeans, Margaret Collins, Robert Weston, Maurice Scaramuzzi, Mary Murray, Margaret Plim, Daphne Grange, Thelma Taylor, Eileen Burrowes, Arthur Kachel, Kathleen Graham, Monica Moffitt & Peter Brown.

PROVISIONAL ROSTER FOR 23RD & 24TH OCTOBER

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	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	Beth Culliver	Leanne Brown	Patricia Murnane
2 nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Margaret Dickson	Irene Aligno
Intercession	Allan Jones	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Terry Keogh	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Ann & Ray Keating	The Young Family
Communion	Allan Jones	Ann Keating	Todd Stanford
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	Danielle		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Hospitality	Kerry & Peter Herborn & Marie Nassif		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Helen Keogh & Volunteer Please.		



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