



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B
6th & 7th November 2021

1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 145; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

After more than two weeks after reopening, it seems that the rate of new infection has been stabilised. Hence, the NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet has announced that from 8th November new density limits of one person per 2sq m will apply and congregational singing has been given the green light in places of worship. Wearing of masks indoors is still mandatory till 15th December. Christmas celebration looks possible at this point of time. Yet, we still need to be cautious when we gather in the church for worship.

Some of you may have heard about the Synod of Bishops in Rome scheduled for 2023. Parishioners have asked what the difference is between Plenary Council and the Synod of Bishops in Rome? Well, the Plenary addresses specific questions relating to the life and pastoral situation of the Church in Australia, while the Synod of Bishops discusses pastoral issues concerning the universal Church. Synod of Bishops, in the [Roman Catholic Church](#), the institution of periodic meetings of bishops established in 1965 by Pope [Paul VI](#). According to the "Decree on the Bishops' Pastoral Office in the Church" issued by the [Second Vatican Council](#), the [synod](#) is convoked by the Pope with the intention of assisting him in [Church](#) government and of demonstrating the responsibility of bishops as a body for the universal Church in addition to their individual responsibility in their respective dioceses.

Pope Francis, however, modifies the process of decision making. Pope Francis and the bishops must listen not just to the faithful, but also to those who are on the margin or even outside of the Church. Hence, he encourages all people to speak loudly and boldly. Practically, Pope Francis said, this means not entering the discussion with the idea that there will be "winners" who get their way and "losers" who do not, but leaving agendas at the door, speaking with *parrhesia* (a Greek word that appears in the New Testament and means "frankness," "boldness" or "courage"), listening humbly and being open to others' ideas. In theory, no topic is off-limits, and disagreement is welcome.

By pulling the entire Church into this participative process, Pope Francis aims to give Catholics an experience of a Church that comes together instead of fragmenting, that discerns together instead of making decrees in isolation and that walks together (how the verbal form of the Greek word for "synod" is used in the New Testament). It is different from what most Catholics are used to, and by its nature involves disagreement. But it also involves mutual listening, courage, humility and respect— all virtues that today's Church could stand to grow in.

When speaking about the renewal of the Church, Pope Francis often alludes to the image of a dream. In the Old Testament, prophets encountered God in a dream. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Pope Francis portrays a path that renews the Church and indeed the whole human society for a better future. Indeed, Pope Francis invites and encourages us share to this dream, particular in a time full of uncertainties: "This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities—what we value, what we want, what we seek—and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of." In his characteristically pastoral way, Francis urges us to move out of this current crisis by seeing, judging, and acting with the Holy Spirit, responding to God's ever-present challenge: "Dare to create something new."

In time of personal trial and crisis, let us confidently trust the Holy Spirit in the hope that "Where the danger is, there grows the saving power." Have a wonderful weekend full of hopeful dreams. '

Fr Joe

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SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes Harry Wilson into our Faith Community who is going to be Baptised at our Parish next weekend. May God bless him.



5.30PM VIGIL MASS LIVE STREAMING LINK

<https://youtu.be/cNxMNCKQpJQ>

Hosts are no longer available to take home.

COLLECTION BASKETS AT MASS:

The wardens will pass around the collection baskets at the usual times, re-commencing from this weekend.

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 7th November <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 2.00pm St. Andrews Uniting Church Service 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Youth Group P/C
Monday 8th November	No Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
Tuesday 9th November <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9.15am Mass
Wednesday 10th November <i>St. Leo the Great</i>	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.30pm Rosary Via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/97589753258?pwd=amRZMj9jWW5iVmVVFjQKZFtcm82dz09 Meeting ID: 975 8975 3258 Passcode: 001266
Thursday 11th November <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	9.15am Mass 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 12th November <i>St Josaphat</i>	No Morning Mass (Father Attending the Funeral of Owen Rogers in Cranebrook) 1.00pm Bowlers P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Briony & Jesse Choir Practice 7.30pm Introduction to Theology https://zoom.us/j/91854370682?pwd=bkljMUg3UjJpRHBSaktZaXgvOEh6QT09 Meeting ID: 918 5437 0682 Passcode: 713522
Saturday 13th November	No Morning Mass 7.30am Men's Breakfast P/C 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 3.45pm Communion Preparation Sessions via Zoom 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass Live Streaming Mass link https://youtu.be/27eGYm6pUXY
Sunday 14th November <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms 3.00pm 1st Holy Communion Rehearsal

ST FINBAR'S CONFIRMATION

Last week the Parish celebrated two Confirmation Masses with 24 children in total receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The first Mass was on Wednesday the 27th and the second one was on Friday the 29th of October with Bishop Vincent Long officiating.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:**

Religious Christmas Cards are available for sale from the Warden's table or the Parish Office. A Pack of 8 cards for \$5. If you like to buy some please contact the Parish Office on 47398928.

EXCITING NEWS**ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Date - Saturday 13th November 2021

Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am

Venue - Parish hall

The parish is holding another Men's breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners and the community to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their sons, grandsons, neighbours and friends.

For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 7th November 2021. Please add your name to the list on the warden's table. Also please indicate on the sheet if you are able to help in the kitchen with cooking.

Any questions please contact the organisers,
Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or
John De Mattia 4739 6775

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

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance is on permanent display in the Sanctuary during the month of November. Parishioners can add the names of any family members or loved ones who have passed to eternal life.

Please do not enter any names that are already in the book.

NOVEMBER.

Is the month we especially remember our departed brothers and sisters, parents and family members.

Please pray for them and remember them in the Masses.

Special Mass Envelopes are available on the Warden's table.

EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE 2022

The (shortened!) Epiphany Pilgrimage will take place from January 2 - 3, 2022 to coincide with the Feast of the Epiphany. The pilgrimage will be a free, family friendly journey punctuated by activities, talks, Mass and prayer to help both children and adults enter into the journey of the Magi and contemplate the significance of this for their own lives and particularly for the year ahead. The pilgrimage will be held in Glenbrook, with overnight accommodation at St Finbar's Parish hall.

Thank you for the ways in which you have welcomed and celebrated with the Epiphany Pilgrimage groups over the past 6 years. We would love you to be involved in this year's Epiphany Pilgrimage (albeit, in a different way!) and so please let us know if you will be around and are keen to volunteer (or just come along as a pilgrim!).

We are currently in the planning stages for this and will provide more details in the coming weeks after we meet with the Blue Mountains Deanery Council in mid November.

SEASON OF CREATION PILGRIMAGE 2022

The Season of Creation is the annual ecumenical, Christian celebration of prayer and action for God's creation - it starts on 1 September (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends 4 October (Feast of St Francis). Pope Francis has encouraged Catholics around the world to embrace this opportunity to deepen our love for God and His creation, and to celebrate together with our Christian brothers and sisters from other denominations.

We are in very preliminary conversations with the Blue Mountains Deanery Council and the diocese about a Season of Creation Pilgrimage which might take place in the NSW Term 3 School Holidays (24 Sept - 9 Oct 2022: final pilgrimage dates TBC). Once again, we'll have more details about this later in the year and into 2022 - we'll keep you updated!

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Positions Vacant:

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

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Invitations are open to join the Diocesan Pastoral Council

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is inviting parishioners across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to apply for membership to the Diocesan Pastoral Council. If you feel called to serve in this way or know someone in your parish that would be a wonderful candidate, apply today by visiting parracatholic.org/diocesan-pastoral-council/. Applications close Monday 15 November.

CYP HSC Livestream: 7 November

Year 12 students, their families and supporters across the Diocese are invited to share in a LIFTED experience on Sunday 7 November at 8pm with Bishop Vincent. It will include a blessing, music and numerous messages of support from other students, parish priests and Catholic Youth Parramatta. Tune in at <https://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparra>

Synod of Bishops – Have your say

Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". Pope Francis has invited us to embark on this journey together, with the first step being to contribute our thoughts to the conversation. You can contribute to the conversation at bit.ly/listeningchurch and find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course 2022

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course 2022 which will commence early next year. For Ministers of the Word, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Communion for the sick and dying and Ministers of the Altar. The courses will be held on Thursdays at St. Nicholas of Myra Penrith. Forms are available on the Warden's table.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Deacon Owen Rogers (Martin Rogers' Father), Roger Hunt (Julie-Ann McLoughlin's Father), 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:

Sybil Mason, 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:

Clive McInnes, Ludo Bos, Rose Hughes, Mikaela Au, Monica Roebuck, Michele Tagg, Terence McGrath, Kevin O'Neill, Gregory Kelly, Therese Voorn, Patrick Broughan, Lorraine Tolhurst, Patrick Field, Alma Melville, Kenneth Hepburn, Ludgardia Way and Renee Belton-Webber.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 13TH & 14TH NOVEMBER 2021

NOTE: ALL MINSTERS MUST BE DOUBLE VACCINATED UNLESS EXEMPT

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server			
Warden	Ken Schneiders	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Allan Jones	Michelle Wilson	Richard Cutler
2 nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Geraldine Agahari	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	John Killeen	Joanne Stubbs
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Robyn Flynn	Pat Watson
Communion	Brian Robertson	Kath Tierney	Avril Llewellyn
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Children's Liturgy	Michelle		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Jessica Doherty, Dawn Willis & Amira Nassif		
Hospitality	Please note that there will not be any Sunday Hospitality until further notice.		



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