



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B
13th & 14th November 2021

Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 15; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

What is a Deacon?

This weekend we welcome Deacon Andrew Rooney to our parish. Andrew was ordained deacon in December last year and since has assisted two parishes, namely in Greystanes and Stanhope-Gardens. Hopefully, St Finbars will be a community where he can bring his ministerial and pastoral gifts and talents to fruition.

The appointment of Andrew as assisting deacon to this parish gives me an opportunity to reflect on the role of deacon in the Bible and in the Church. Paul whose letters represent the oldest documents of the New Testament referred to Jesus as deacon: "Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a **deacon** (διακονον – diakonon – servant) to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers..." (Rom 15:8). Acts 6 confirmed the names of the first seven deacons of the Church. The letter to the Romans also knew of a deaconess called Phoebe whom Paul commended to the community in Rome: "I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a **deacon** of the church in Cenchreae. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me." (Rom 16:1-2) Needless to say there is currently a debate amongst the exegetes concerning Rom 16:1-2 (see Corrado Marucci, *The "Diaconate" of Phoebe according to Modern Exegesis*), even though female deacons were known in the Greek-Byzantine tradition and probably also in ancient Egypt.

Important, however, is the fact that a deacon is a "servant" or a "minister." The word, which appears at least 29 times in the New Testament, designates an appointed member of the local church who assists by **serving** other members and meeting material needs.

In our Catholic tradition, deacons are ordained men. There are permanent (mostly married) and transitional (not married) deacons, like Andrew who hopefully will be ordained a priest at a later stage. Both permanent and transitional deacons perform the same duties in the Church. Deacons aid Parish Priests in their parish duties by visiting the sick, providing spiritual guidance in the community and acting as a servant of God. In addition, deacons can witness marriages, perform baptisms, preside over funeral and burial services outside of Mass, distribute Holy Communion and preach the homily (a sermon given after the Gospel of Mass). Deacons cannot celebrate the Mass, hear confessions or anoint the sick. These are parts of priestly ministry. Deacons are also expected to pray the Liturgy of the Hours each day. These are taken from the 150 Psalms and Scriptural readings from the Old and New Testament that every cleric is expected to pray daily. One of the important elements of the rite of the ordination is the presentation of the candidate to the ordaining bishop. This rite includes the consultation of the people of God; and, that they have found the candidate to be worthy of the ministerial office. Hence, the people of God are part of the journey of the candidate.

And so, I would like to invite you to accompany Andrew in his journey with your charity, friendship and advice (and charitable appraisal if needed for the sake of growth and maturity in Andrew's ministry.)

Once again, welcome Andrew to St Finbar's.

Fr Joe

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SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Harry Wilson who is going to be Baptised after Mass this Sunday, and warmly welcomes him into our Faith Community.



5.30PM VIGIL MASS LIVE STREAMING LINK

<https://youtu.be/27eGYm6pUXY>

Hosts are no longer available to take 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.

PARISH CALENDAR

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

Sunday 14th November <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms <i>Father Joe is on his annual spiritual retreat until the 19th of November.</i>
Monday 15th November	No Mass. Office is closed
Tuesday 16th November	9.15am Communion Service 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C
Wednesday 17th November <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	9.15am Communion Service 9.30am Playgroup P/C 3.00pm SFNC NetSetGo Clinic
Thursday 18th November	9.15am Communion Service 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 4.00pm Organ & Concert Committee Meeting M/R 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 19th November <i>St Josaphat</i>	9.15am Communion Service 1.00pm Bowlers P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Saturday 20th November	9.15am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/Ea_vJnW3Dz0
Sunday 21st November <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm SFNC Presentation P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Youth Group P/C

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to welcome Deacon Andrew Rooney to our parish.

Andrew comes to us from John 23rd parish in Stanhope Gardens.

Here is a brief bio of Andrew:



My name is Deacon Andrew. I am somewhat of a local, as I grew up in Glenmore Park, not far from here. I am one of five children, and I am a twin. I make a mean Guinness pie and my favourite saint, besides Our Lady, is St John the Beloved. I like to read, watch movies and I love a good cup of coffee, so I think I'll feel right at home in Glenbrook. Some of you may remember me from my short stint at this parish in my early years of seminary, and I am very much looking forward to returning. Please keep me in your prayers and you will all be in mine.

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.

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.



BEING IN TOUCH WITH GOD THROUGH CREATION**AVRIL LLEWELLYN THANK YOU AND FAREWELL MORNING TEA SUNDAY 5TH OF DECEMBER AFTER THE 9.30AM MASS**

Please join us as we say thank you and farewell to Avril Llewellyn for all her help and support as she and her husband are moving to Bathurst in December.

An Active Parishioner who is on a pension, requires urgent accommodation. Can pay up to \$700 per month. Please contact the Parish office on 47426958 for further details.

2022 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

Franciscan & Columban calendars now on sale at the Wardens' table at \$6 Franciscan and \$10 Columban. Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Society.



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: 'That Catholic Shop' stocks a great supply of Christmas items to decorate your house or to gift to family and friends. The proceeds of your purchases go to support persecuted and suffering Christians throughout the world! Visit: www.thatcatholicshop.com/christmas.

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Positions Vacant:

- Digital Content Creator – 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.

2022 Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2022 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

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 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:

Sam Tehan (Maree Roach's Son in Law), 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:

Eileen O'Keefe, Amy Wood, Brenda Amaral, John Howling, Kathleen Roberts, Marjorie Fitzgibbons, Sheila Hammerton, Beverley Pembroke, Mary McGee, Kevin Sharp, George Tinning, Lillian Mitchell and Julie Stone.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 20TH & 21ST NOVEMBER 2021

NOTE: ALL MINSTERS MUST BE DOUBLE VACCINATED UNLESS EXEMPT

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	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Ann Keating	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Annis Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Joseph Wilson	Pat Watson
Gifts	Brian & Thea Robertson	Kay Whitty	Volunteers please
Communion	Pat Barrett	Terry Keogh	Irene Aligno
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	N/A		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Youth Group		
Hospitality	Please note that there will not be any Sunday Hospitality until further notice.		
Garden Club	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		



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