



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

15th & 16th January 2022

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 95; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

Sunday 16th January <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C	FR JOE'S MUSINGS This weekend we welcome home both Fr Joe and Deacon Andrew from their respective holidays. We hope you both had a good break and are ready to tackle the affairs of the parish. We are also saddened by the death of our long term parishioner Reg Moore, who was dedicated to this parish and was very generous with his time fixing whatever needed to be fixed, but was mostly seen climbing on roofs. We ask that God has mercy on his soul, and we pray for his wife Margaret and their family. Our readings this weekend give affirmation to the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. The reading from Isaiah compares Yahweh to a young man who marries a virgin. His love transforms her. She used to be called "forsaken" by society at the time, but this changed to "my delight". Likewise, the Gospel reading from St John shows Christ's approval of marriage as He accedes to the request of Mary and performs His first miracle by changing water into wine. There are many lessons we can learn from the Gospel reading today, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christ became man to redeem us, but He is also interested in our so many and varied activities during the course of our journey to heaven. Thus, when we pray, we should not hesitate to make known to Him our temporal as well as our spiritual needs. Remember He said, "ask and you shall receive", and we should expect to be granted all our requests provided they will not impede us on our journey to heaven.• We also learn from this reading that Christians are meant to enjoy life. Our Christian religion is a religion of joy. Thus, we see Christ enjoying the village wedding with friends and then turning all six water pots into good quality wine. Each pot could hold about 750 litres – that is an awful lot of wine, and so it would have been a very joyful wedding!• This miracle also demonstrates Christ's generosity to His friend by saving him from the embarrassment of running out of wine at his own wedding. Christ will be just as generous to you and me if only we remember to ask Him.• The intercessory power of Mary, our blessed Mother is also shown here. It was through her sensitive awareness that she asked Jesus to sort out the problem with the wine. We should ask her everyday to intercede for us with Christ Jesus and ask Him to grant our requests. May God protect us all from COVID as we negotiate these difficult times together.
Monday 17th January <i>St Anthony</i>	Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	
Tuesday 18th January	9.15am Mass 7.30pm Finance Committee meeting M/R	
Wednesday 19th January	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C	
Thursday 20th January	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C	
Friday 21st January <i>St Agnes</i>	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers	
Saturday 22nd January	9.15am Mass 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass Live Streaming Mass Link https://youtu.be/vFfF67zcm70	
Sunday 23rd January <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass	
Reg Moore. Reg Moore passed away last Sunday. His funeral will be held on Tuesday the 25th of January at 10.30am. Please keep Margaret and the family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.		
Joe Lopez. <i>Thank you to Father Joe and parishioners who attended Joe's Funeral Mass on 21st December. Your presence, kindness expressed via cards, flowers and practical help meant a lot to our children and me especially.</i> Ryder Lopez. <i>He was diagnosed with cancer in Year 1 for 2 years he had chemo and has been in remission since then. This year he will be in year 5. On behalf of his family, thank you for your continued prayers for him. We are very grateful.</i>		
<div>Mary Lopez</div> <div>Peter McMahon</div>		

Peter McMahon

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 .

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**CHURCH CARE ROSTERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED, PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR YOUR COPY.
 MANY THANKS. HEATHER LEE**

ROSTER FOR 22ND & 23RD JANUARY 2022

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	Volunteers Please		Volunteers please
Warden	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
1 st Reading	Eileen Jones	Leanne Brown	Cecilia Zammit
2 nd Reading	Philomena Watkins	Geraldine Agahari	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	John Killeen	Yvonne Scanlan
I.T Operator	Robyn Flynn/Anne Hobbs	Pat Watson	Joanne Stubbs
Musician	No Music	During Mass	In January
Presentation of the Gifts	Steve & Heather Lee	Rivas Family	The Young Family
Minister of Communion	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Todd Stanford
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Cashier	Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Please note that there will not be any Sunday Hospitality until further notice.		
Church Care			
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Not available during January		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Reg Moore, Don Crameri, Ray Cremin (Pearse Cremin's Brother), John Okalebo (Susan Dowling's father), Frances Lynch (Daniel Lynch Grandmother), Joe Lopez, Anthony Crimston, Patricia Borland (Mary Lopez's sister), Shirley Williams, Stanko Barach (Chris Barach's Father), Marie Watson (Patrick Watson's Sister), Gary Shackleton, Michael McMahon (Peter's brother) and Colleen McHardy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Sybil Mason, Chris Paine, Margaret Stevens, Lyn Beltran, Margaret Christensen, Joan Paine, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, 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:

Daniel O'Keefe, Marie Boyle, James Barrett, Thelma Johnstone, Guisppe Nardi, Angela McGregor, Kathleen McFadden, Bruce Oxford, Philip Mason, John Castor, Phillip Coburn and Patrick Egan.