

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
29th & 30th January 2022

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 70; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Welcome back and Welcome home

Some will regret that the holiday month of January is over because they have to return to work. Others are quite happy for the ending of January because holidays can be exhausting. They are looking to have their children return to schools so they can enjoy their work. Yet parents may be anxious too because of the evolving situation of Omicron. The question: Will we ever be able to have complete safety? I can only pray that all teachers, children, employees, and parents stay safe. I would like to welcome our teachers, employees, and students back to our school. I hope that you have a safe and good school year.

The return of the school means also that our parish life resumes its "normality". During the holidays I had time to make some parish appointments for 2022. I am happy to announce that Annemaree Baird and Jessica Doherty have taken on the role of sacramental coordinators for 2022. Annemaree will be responsible for the Holy Communion, while Jessica will coordinate the sacrament of Confirmation. Peter McMahon and I will help children with the sacrament of Reconciliation. I also have reversed the sacramental curriculum: The Holy Communion will take place prior to the sacrament of Confirmation. This step makes sense given the fact that Confirmation is the sacrament that strengthen teenagers to live as Christians consciously and intentionally. It means that those who have received the Holy Communion last year will join those children who will undertake the sacrament of Confirmation in September. This means that the Confirmation this year will be quite big in numbers. I would like to thank Annemaree and Jessica for their commitment of faith. Likewise, I am grateful to Julie-Ann and Jim who have spearheaded the sacramental programs over many years. Their faith commitment has brought the sacraments to many children of our parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee are currently reviewing their membership and structure. There are some vacancies to be filled. After many years as chair of the PPC, Vince Dobson has decided to step down in favour of the election of a new chair. Vince will remain as member of the PPC. Thank you Vince, for your generosity and love for our parish. Hopefully this process will be complete soon. The Liturgy Committee will also welcome new members. Geraldine Agahari has been appointed to the Liturgy Committee. Terry Keogh has resigned for the chair of the committee due to ill health. He will remain as a member. Thank you Terry for your commitment. Due to his new employment in QLD, Matthew Philips has temporarily ceased with his music ministry in our parish. I am sure we will see him again. Thank you Matthew and God bless for your next phase of life.

We still need volunteers for live streaming and IT, music, and catechetical instruction in public schools. These are important ministries that assist people to celebrate the sacraments and encounter God through the Bible.

The Local Plenary has now finished the consultation process. It appears that the theme "Community-building" is one principal outcome. Martin Rogers, leader of the Local Plenary, will summarise the process for us and present it to the PPC for its implementation. Thank you, Martin for your hard work. *(Please continue reading on the next column)*

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Baptisms: By Appointment
Weddings: By Appointment

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Fr Joe's Musings (Continued)

I am currently working on a Faith Formation Program for 2022. Please put this date into your diary: Parish Annual Gathering 2022 on 27 February after the 9.30am Sunday Mass. The goal of the PAG is to inform you about pastoral activities, financial matters, and pastoral actions for 2022. It also will provide parishioners an opportunity to express their view and ideas.

Thank you and have a great weekend
Fr Joe

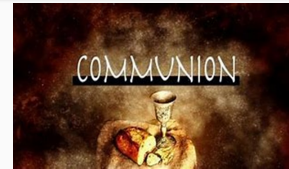
WELCOME all visitors to our church today. We extend our greetings to you. If you wish to join St Finbar's Parish, please make yourself known to one of our Wardens so we can give you our Parish Welcome Pack. Our Parish lies within the Traditional Country of the Darug people – The Aboriginal Custodians of our area.

PARISH CALENDAR

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

Sunday 30th January <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass
Monday 31st January <i>St. John Bosco</i>	No Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
Tuesday 1st February	9.15am Mass 10.30am Timeout Tuesday P/C 2.30pm Netball Registration and Uniform Fitting. P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Wednesday 2nd February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 3rd February	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Dance Group P/C
Friday 4th February	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 5th February <i>St Agatha</i>	8.30am Netball Registration and Uniform Fitting. 9.15am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/SW001q4xLx8
Sunday 6th February <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Youth Group P/C

LITURGY FORMATION DAY AT ST FINBAR



"The Mass – We go there, but we don't get it"

The Mass is supposed to be the "summit and climax of Christian life". We are also invited to participate actively and conscientiously. But how can we do it? Is the Mass not all about the priest saying and acting in the Mass? If you want to know, come and see!

Presenter: Very Rev. Peter Williams, VG of the Diocese of Parramatta and Lecturer in Liturgy at the Catholic Institute of Sydney.

When: Saturday 19th February, beginning with the morning Mass at 9.15am and ending at 1pm with Lunch.

Where: St Finbar Catholic Parish, 53 Levy Street, Glenbrook NSW 2773

Cost: Donation for catering purpose. Please RSVP by 15 February to secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Program: 9.15 am Mass presided by Fr Peter Williams – 10 am Coffee and Tea – 10.30am Talk by Fr Peter Williams, followed by Q & A – 11.30 am Coffee and Tea Break – 11.45 am – Discussion a) What is your impression about the way your parish conduct the liturgy (church's architecture, IT settings, music etc.)? b) What can we do to enable parishioners to actively participate in the liturgy? – 12.30 pm Midday prayer, followed by lunch

SHARE THE FAITH!

We are an enthusiastic team of Scripture Teachers who provide half-hour lessons once a week, for the students in our local primary schools. It is a very rewarding ministry. If you would like to know more about us, please call Beth on 0408317086.

CANTABILE CHOIR

Calling singers of all abilities! If you are interested in volunteering at St Finbars why not join Cantabile Choir. Minimal commitment is required, rehearsals 6-7pm Tues with Mass once per month. For inquiries please contact Bernadette on 0466942574

TIMEOUT TUESDAY

Will resume 1st February 10am -1pm St Finbar's Parish Centre.

Hope the new year started well for you, having a pleasant and restful time, before moving into other commitments.

For those who wish to join TIMEOUT TUESDAY - this group is exuberant and energising, nourishing your mind and body to relax and enjoy other companions, adult conversation and interactions.

A social morning for everyone and a great morning tea provided.

Flyer in the Narthex with more information.

Available for Advertising

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

CANCELLED: World Day of the Sick Mass 2022

Dear friends. Please be aware that due to the coronavirus, the World Day of the Sick Mass that was scheduled for 11 February 2022 at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown has now been cancelled. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact comms@parracatholic.org or (02) 8838 3400.

Positions Vacant:

- Project Officer – Parramatta Young Christian Workers
- Pastoral Formation Facilitator – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Synod of Bishops – Have your say

What would you say to Pope Francis if you had 10 minutes? Catholics across the world are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops. Find out how to send your message at parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2022

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will begin early in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

Youth Ministry Leadership Pathway

A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! Duc In Altum is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta designed to provide practical youth ministry training, build community between youth leaders across the Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and reflection. For more information and details to sign up visit parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/ or email gwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

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.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

PULPIT POINTS 30 JANUARY 2022

- Religious freedom at the crossroads
- Don't write off the Faith
- Djokovic ejection is our shame
- Catholic students soar in HSC
- Movie review: *Hotel Transylvania: Transformania*
- Sydneysiders receive papal awards



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YOUTH NIGHT

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EVERY 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6PM

MASS: 6PM SUPPER: 7PM
THE LOUNGE YOUTH GROUP: 7.30-8.30PM

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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) 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:

Jeremy Crawley, Paul Hammerton, Henriette Harrington, Monica Cashman, Peter Burrett, Fredrick Casey, John Halligan, Lillie Ferrie, Amanda McCulloch, Thomas Nolan and Stella Ryan.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 5TH & 6TH FEBRUARY 2022

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Joseph Sukkar
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Kevin Flynn	Volunteer Please
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Michelle Wilson	Jessica Doherty
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	John Killeen	Steve Baird
Intercession	Volunteer Please	Kevin Flynn	Martin Rogers
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Elizabeth Konza	Pat Watson
Music	Naomi's Group	N/A	Jenny Long & Anne Hobbs
Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Volunteers Please
Communion	John Verhoeven	John Killeen	Wendy Brown
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Children's Liturgy			
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins		
Church Care			
Hospitality	Please note that there will not be any Sunday Hospitality until further notice.		
Garden Club			



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