



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
**The Baptism of the Lord**  
 8th & 9th January 2022

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 103; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

<b>Sunday</b> <b>9th January</b> <i>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>10th January</b>	<b>Office is closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>11th January</b>	<b>9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</b> 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>12th January</b>	<b>9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</b> <b>10.30am Don Cramer Funeral Service</b> 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>13th January</b>	<b>9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</b> 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>14th January</b>	<b>9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</b> 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Briony & Jesse Choir Practice
<b>Saturday</b> <b>15th January</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> <b>Live Streaming Mass Link</b> <a href="https://youtu.be/mW7WNHJJGfM">https://youtu.be/mW7WNHJJGfM</a>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>16th January</b> <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C

## THE NEW ROSTERS FOR 2022

Will be sent out this week to those who have emails. If you don't have an email, I will leave a copy for you on the Warden's table to collect. Thank you for all your help and support.

## Reflection on the Gospel

### The Baptism of the Lord

This weekend Fr Joe is on annual holidays, as is Deacon Andrew. We warmly welcome Fr Chris Dixon to celebrate our Vigil Mass and Fr Paul Marshall to celebrate our Sunday morning Masses.



With COVID-19 still very much present in the community, we welcome your continued use of masks while attending Mass, your continued use of QR codes or the written sheet to check in and check out, and your observance of social distancing where possible to try and keep all of us safe from the pandemic.

Today we celebrate the fact the Jesus, both God and man, chose to be Baptised. By this act the Son of God is identifying with the community of all humanity, with each one of us, and with our ultimate destiny of salvation. Jesus came to John the Baptist who baptised the Lord and submitted to His authority. John identified Jesus as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29).

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our own Baptism. For many of us it happened a long time ago, but it was the beginning of our continuing lifelong pilgrimage here on earth to become worthy to see the face of God in Heaven. The graces we receive from this Sacrament help us to grow into an active member of the Body of Christ.

Our Baptism needs to be a community experience. By this I mean that we need to join our fellow parishioners in being actively involved in the life of the church. We do not want to just drift along as passive members of our community, expecting the church to do everything for us. We need to decide what we can do for the church and use our time and talents to further the goals of the parish community. We might even ask ourselves if we have confirmed the Baptismal commitment that our Godparents made on our behalf at our Baptism?

Here is a thought that we might ponder on during the coming week: As baptised sisters and brothers of Christ, we are all the beloved daughters and sons of God. Do we really believe this? If not, what are the obstacles preventing us from doing so?

Finally, let us offer a prayer that both Fr Joe and Deacon Andrew both have a relaxing holiday and come back to us ready to take on 2022 and whatever it might bring into Glenbrook community.

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 .*

# PARISH INFORMATION

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**Sacraments**

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Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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## ROSTER FOR 15TH & 16TH JANUARY 2022

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
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maire Griffin	Volunteer Please	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Margaret Dickson	Annissa Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
I.T Operator	Henry Hanko	Joseph Wilson	Susan Dowling
Musician	<b>No Music</b>	<b>During Mass</b>	<b>In January</b>
Presentation of the Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Kay Whitty	Volunteers Please
Minister of Communion	Bernie Fisher	Jessica Tuller	Annissa Nilsson
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Cashier	Joe Grange		
Hospitality	Please note that there will not be any Sunday Hospitality until further notice.		
Church Care	Youth Group		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	<b>Not available during January</b>		

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

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' 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, 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 and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Patrick Dempster, Francis Amaral, Geoffrey Clayton, Robert Pope, Phillip Dowding, Lyndsay Walmsley, Patrick Egan, Lesly Whitford, Lachlan Turnbull, Olive O'Neill, Doris Gibson, Darcie Pizarro, James Mulvey, Maureen Ingram, Catherine Hagen and John Castor.