



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
12th & 13th February 2022

Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

The Year of the Tiger...

If you were born in 2022, 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962, 1950, 1938, then it is supposed to be your YEAR, the year of the Tiger. The Tiger is known as the king of all beasts in Southeast Asia. The zodiac sign Tiger is a symbol of strength, exorcising evils, and braveness. As part of the Lunar celebration, many Asian kids wear hats or shoes with a tiger image for good luck. So, congratulations to those who were born in the Year of the Tiger.

This Sunday's gospel of Luke heralds, however, a new and good beginning for those who live in faith for the sake of Christ and the world. Hence, Luke urged his readers that the good news of gratuitous salvation had to be brought into the world. People's salvation depended on hearing the message. How would one go about evangelizing the world?

I am convinced that all our Parish groups heed these words of Luke. Jesus chose twelve "disciples" and sent them to the poor, the hungry and the persecuted. Is it possible to evangelize the world in this way? Yes, in no other way!

The good news for our Parish is that Martin Rogers and Jesse Mowbray at the first PPC meeting in 2022 have been elected as Chair and Deputy of the Parish Pastoral Council for the period of one year. Please join me in thanksgiving to God for the talents and gifts that both will bring to our Parish. During this PPC meeting, Melissa McDonald and Martin Rogers were welcomed as ordinary members. Since last year, we have inducted a new model of PPC nomination and election. Parishioners nominate parishioners and an Election Committee of three members (Collen Fuller, Vince Dobson and Julian Khnouf) make recommendation to the Parish Priest who formally appoints the new members. We will reassess this model at a later stage to see whether it works for the benefit of our Parish. Furthermore, at the same meeting we also have discussed a new structure for PPC. Members of the PPC will now coordinate a particular "portfolio", such as Evangelization, Parish Social Wellbeing and Welfare, Social Justice and Ecology, Property and Maintenance, Education and Formation etc. These "portfolios" will be given an annual budget (under the direction of the Parish Finance Committee) that will cover activities done on behalf of our Parish.

Also, Martin Rogers reported on the outcome of the Parish Plenary. It seems that two complementary themes emerge from this process:

1) Community building and 2) Strong Parish Faith Formation. The PPC will explore ways to implement these themes.

In the meantime, a Parish Formation Calendar for 2022 has been completed. May I invite you to have a look at the calendar and reserve the dates in your diary. The first formation event will take place on 19 February on the topic "The Mass: We go every Sunday, but we don't get it". The day will be led by Fr Peter Williams AM, Vicar General of the Diocese and Lecturer in Liturgy at the Catholic Institute of Sydney.

I also would like to invite you to our first Parish Annual Gathering on 27/2 after the 9.30am Sunday Mass. This gathering will give us an opportunity to appreciate the missionary works that our Parish groups are undertaking on behalf of our Parish and to discuss and share the hope and future direction of Parish.

As always have a wonderful weekend

Fr. Joe

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SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Fynn & Vance Whiticker.

They will be Baptised after Mass this Sunday. We warmly welcome them into our Faith Community.



***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 13th February <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms
Monday 14th February <i>Sts Cyril & Methodius</i>	No Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVP Meeting M/R
Tuesday 15th February	9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Wednesday 16th February	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 17th February	10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Dance Group P/C
Friday 18th February	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 19th February	9.00am Liturgy Formation Day 9.15am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass Live Streaming link https://youtu.be/LQYjFP5Z-pc
Sunday 20th February <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C

Dear All,
It is my greatest pleasure to announce that at our first PPC meeting in 2022 Martin Rogers and Jesse Mowbray have been elected as Chair and Deputy of the Parish Pastoral Council for the period of one year. Please join me in thanksgiving to God for the talents and gifts that Martin and Jesse will bring to our parish. Congratulations and our prayers for both.



THANK YOU

The Parish would like to thank Noreen Taylor for her help and being part of the Church Care Group for 50 years. Noreen has just retired from her church cleaning duties. Wishing Noreen the best of God's blessings.

Consolation Singers are looking for singers and musicians to join their bereavement singing group. Please contact Dawn Willis on 0419564323

HOLY WEEK PASSOVER MEAL

The parish will be following in Jesus's footsteps this year by celebrating a Passover meal in the parish hall on **Tuesday 12th April**. Due to COVID, numbers will be capped at 100.

SACRAMENTS INFORMATION EVENING.

An Information Night for the parents of children who wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2021 will be held at the Parish Hall on Monday the 7th of March at 7.30pm. Dates and requirements for participation in each of the Sacramental journeys will be discussed and distributed at this meeting. Children need not attend.

ST FINBAR'S FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Fr Joe has mapped out a faith formation program for St Finbar's for 2022. It has various activities spread right throughout the year to help all parishioners grow in their personal faith as well as grow in faith with our community. If you do not have email you can collect a hard copy from the parish office.

Available for Advertising

DIocese of Parramatta Notices

Positions Vacant:

- Project Officer – Parramatta Young Christian Workers
- Graduate Accountant – Diocesan Development Fund, Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Synod 2023: Our Decision Making

Our aim is to make decisions by discerning what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community. How well do we do this and which Catholic discernment & decision-making methods include everyone? How can we do better?

Have a prayerful conversation with your family, friends or colleagues, and tell Bishop Vincent and Pope Francis what you find!

Online submissions close 26 February. Find out more at bit.ly/synod2023

Call Wendy 0427 863 149 or email MET@parracatholic.org if you need assistance

World Meeting of Families: 22 – 26 June 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally in Parishes and/or Deaneries and explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness". Stay tuned for exciting opportunities to participate with the Diocese of Parramatta in 2022

Caritas Project Compassion 2022 starts in 2 weeks

Caritas Australia's Lenten **Project Compassion** campaign will start on Project Compassion Sunday (27 February) and lead us all the way towards Easter. This year's theme **For All Future Generations** comes from the biblical story of the great flood (Genesis 9:12-15). It reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Find out more at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or contact our Diocesan Director of Caritas on Sebastian.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org or 0409 399 505.

Celebrating Holy Week formation workshop for Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar: 26 February

The Office For Worship is conducting a seminar for Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar on Saturday 26 February from 9:30 am to 3pm at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. The workshop will be an opportunity to refine one's skills in their ministry with a special focus on Holy Week celebrations. If you are interested or would like to RSVP, please contact the Office For Worship at anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or (02) 8838 3456.

RCIA Lenten Seminar 2022: 16 and 23 February

The Office For Worship will be conducting an RCIA Lenten Seminar on Wednesdays 16 and 23 February for RCIA coordinators and teams. This seminar will focus on the understanding of Lent, and will take a closer look at the Scrutiny Readings. To register or for more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org

LENT DEVOTIONAL

All She Had- Lent Devotional. \$35

Born of Fire- Men's Lent Devotional. \$32

Lent is a time of such incredible grace. Make this Lent an opportunity to enter more fully into this holy season. Journey with these beautiful devotionals and come to see God more fully. To buy one ring or email Jessica on 0403962181 email: jessica@doherty.com.au

NEW JUNIOR MASS SERVERS

The parish is trying to bolster the number of Junior Servers who are prepared to assist Fr Joe at weekend Masses. The need to have received their First Holy Communion and will need to be prepared to go on a roster once a month. If your children are interested, please contact the parish office with the children's names, your name, and the Mass they will be likely to attend.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Molly Hurley (Marie Hurley's sister), 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) and Shirley Williams.

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:

Daphne Klein, Ben Gibson, John Nethery, Margaret Meere, Beth Fehon, Cedric McNamara, Louise Marquardt, Alice McGoldrick and Sarah Frazer.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 19TH & 20TH FEBRUARY 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	Volunteers Please
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Kevin Flynn	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	John Killeen	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Andrew Teece	Gary Clune
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Frank Fitzpatrick
Music	Cantabile	N/A	N/A
IT Operators	Henry Hanco	Joseph Wilson	Susan Dowling
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family
Communion	Pat Barrett	Terry Keogh	Irene Aligno
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn & Ann & Ray Keating		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Volunteers please		
Hospitality	Please note that there will not be any Sunday Hospitality until further notice.		
Garden Club			



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WORKSHOP DETAILS

WORKSHOP 1 ~ HEAR THE CRY

Social Justice and Care of Creation presented by
Rob Feeney REC & Penola Catholic College Leaders

WORKSHOP 2 ~ CULTURAL CONNECTEDNESS

Catholic Cultural Connection through the
Sacramental Process presented by Maureen Ryan

WORKSHOP 3 ~ THE GOSPELS IN ACTION

Understanding the Gospels in Action. An Adult Faith
Formation experience presented by Laurie Woods

WORKSHOP 4 ~ MUSIC IN ACTION

Music within our liturgies presented by Chris Wilson

WORKSHOP 5 ~ COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Outreach in areas of need:
homelessness; domestic
violence; mental illness
presented by Catholic Care



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1PM - 4PM
ST THOMAS AQUINAS
SPRINGWOOD**