



The BARRA

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

Sunday of the Resurrection

16th & 17th April 2022

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Introducing Members of the Parish Pastoral Council

Greetings to all fellow parishioners.

It is with a humble heart that I begin this introduction by thanking each of you, the parishioners of St Finbar's Parish, for making it possible for me to serve as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council.



Currently I am assuming responsibility for coordinating the Portfolio titled **Parish Evangelisation, Formation & Renewal**.

Wow! Just reading this title even leaves me feeling nervous and humbled, all at the same time.

How will I co-ordinate this effectively while continuing to encourage a strong sense of belonging and inclusion within the ongoing Mission of Christ? I know that firstly this is through listening and discerning a way forward together, in the light of the gospel.

My reason for being a member of the PPC is to be an instrument of peace, purpose and reason while seeking to set myself and others free from that which binds us/ holds us back from becoming. As a member of the PPC I see my role as one of service and adding a presence from within the crowd; not outside it, or in front of the crowd. I see it as my response to the Universal Call to holiness, to goodness by being of service.

My dreams for this community are your dreams as together we continue to live as an intentional faith community where all are welcomed and invited on a journey with Christ, witnessed in the ordinary of each day.

Thank you for the opportunity to share a little information about who I am.

I am Colleen Fuller and I am one of twelve children; seven brothers and four sisters. Yes, a very large family which sounds astonishing, even to me. Twelve children! With the reality of such a large family, poverty was a integral part of my childhood. We lived a simple life in a small country town with a population of about 1100 people, in rural NSW.

I attended the local Catholic Primary School, St Joseph's and my year 6 teacher Sr Brendan, left a lasting impact on my life journey. Somehow she was able to reflect for me my goodness and the possibility of being more than I was able to dream. She became my advocate in a pathway of possibilities and set me on a trajectory to tertiary education- something totally foreign to my family.

I attended the local secular High School and was the only girl to complete Year 11 and 12. Fortunately another girl came from Brewarrina to complete her final two years while living with her grandparents. In total this was a class of eight. I attended a Catholic University. Currently I continue to serve as a teacher in a Diocesan Primary School. From my place of knowing, my commitment and contribution to Catholic Education has been significant as a life focus.

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Father Joe, Deacon Andrew and the Parish Staff wish you all a blessed, safe and Happy Easter. May the Risen Lord bless you all and your families.

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday the 19th of April.

PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

<p>Sunday 17th April <i>Sunday of the Resurrection</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</p>
<p>Monday 18th April <i>Monday within the Octave of Easter</i></p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p>
<p>Tuesday 19th April <i>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</i></p>	<p>No Morning Mass Office is closed 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Wednesday 20th April <i>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.00pm Te Deum Choir Practice- Church</p>
<p>Thursday 21st April <i>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</i></p>	<p>No Morning Mass 10.30am Shirley Conlon Funeral Mass 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Naomi's Group Choir Practice / Church</p>
<p>Friday 22nd April <i>Friday within the Octave of Easter</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd April <i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice / Church 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 24th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C</p>

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I was married in 1991 by Bishop Bede Heather who had been a personal friend, even before his time of living in a caravan in Mt Druitt as parishes and new schools were being established. This was in his time in priesthood before the Diocese had been formed.
My husband David Payne is my steadying, loyal supporter. At times we have struggled with the reality that we do not have children. Maybe this is why I am still teaching. This was not a conscious decision on our part. It is simply the reality. However we do have two small dogs who seem to define our daily activities to some degree; from dog walking to unlimited pats. As with all pets they offer us unconditional love and greeting with lots of tail wagging.
See you at 7:30am Mass.
*God bless,
Colleen Fuller*



Easter Sunrise Service Elizabeth Lookout Glenbrook



Date: Sunday, 17th April 2021

Time: 6am (sunrise is 6.18am)

Location: Elizabeth Lookout, Glenbrook. Gates open 5.30am – enter via vehicle track that branches off to the right on the Northern end of Barnett St (keep to the right on track).

Bring: Chair or rug. Morning tea. Easter egg hunt for kids.

*An initiative of The Glenbrook-Blaxland Inter-church Group.
This is an ecumenical, non-denominational service. All welcome.*

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation and Catholic Care thank you wholeheartedly for your generosity and support for Catholic Care's Community Drop-in Centres. Because of your kindness, Catholic Care can provide welcoming places for everyone in our community. And thanks to your compassion, Catholic Care can reach more of our vulnerable neighbours who may be isolated and in need of support.



Thank you for being a Good Samaritan and for loving your neighbours in need.

For anyone who hasn't yet had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code.

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

PRE-PRINTED ENVELOPES REPLACED BY REGULAR ONLINE PAYMENTS

Further to the item in the last Barra, the parish will be discontinuing the use of pre-printed envelopes for the second collection as at 30th June 2022.

The parish's preferred option is that you establish an online payment plan before 1st July 2022. This is very easy to do. You do not need a computer or a smart phone or any special skills, and if you are in any doubt about what to do, please contact me after Mass or in the parish office and I will guide you through the process.

There are two ways to make regular online payments happen automatically without you having to remember to do anything:

- The first option is to authorise the parish to make a regular monthly (or weekly) deduction from your nominated bank account. To do this you just need to complete the Direct Debit form available on the parish website under the Mass & Sacraments heading (<https://stfinbars.org.au/#masstimes>) and either email it to me (admin@stfinbars.org.au) or give it to Fr Joe or drop it into the parish office. If this is a problem, you can collect a paper copy of this form from the Wardens' Table. You can change the amount you give anytime you want to, or terminate the payment anytime.
- The second option is to authorise the parish to make a regular monthly (or weekly) deduction from your nominated credit card. To do this you just need to complete the Credit Card form which is also available on the parish website under the same Mass & Sacraments heading (<https://stfinbars.org.au/#masstimes>) and either email it to me (admin@stfinbars.org.au) or give it to Fr Joe or drop it in to the parish office. If this is a problem, you can collect a paper copy of this form from the Wardens' Table. You can change the amount you give anytime you want to, or terminate the payment anytime.

There are other options (less desirable from the parish's point of view) that you can use, but they require you to remember to make the payments on a regular basis:

- a. Make a payment using the Make a Payment button at the top of the front page of the parish website – if you do this please scroll down and select the Biller Code 1001887
- b. Place cash in a plain envelope (which the parish will supply) and place the envelope in the second collection.
- c. Place loose cash directly into the second collection.

The parish thanks you for your generous contributions to date and hopes you will embrace this change to secure the future of the parish.

Peter McMahon

On behalf of

Fr Joe and the Parish Finance Committee

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Shirley Conlon, Sybil Mason, Monica Hampson, Shirley Hardie (Brian Robertson's Sister), Eunice Knox (Carolyn Watson's Mother), Molly Hurley (Marie Hurley's sister), Reg Moore, Don Cramer, Joe Lopez and Anthony Crimston.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Joan Pace & Dorothy Collins (Janice Smith's Cousins), Chris Paine, Margaret Stevens, Lyn Beltran, Margaret Christensen, Joan Paine, Mark Bates, Colleen Nolan, Lyn Downes, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Joanne Macrae, Sophie Hollies, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Pam Clyne and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Max Callaghan, Mathieu Fransen, Patricia Young, Leonard Mott, Rein Bruinsma, Benjamin Lowe, Baby Gwen Fielden, Eleanor Morgan, Grace Walkley, Alan Bryan, Madge Boylan and Raymond Merchant.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 23RD & 24TH APRIL 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
Warden	Huia Kingi	Kevin Goener	Gary Clune
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
2 nd Reading	Eileen Jones	Margaret Dickson	Irene Aligno
Intercession	Volunteers Please	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
Music	Te Deum's	N/A	Holy Light
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Elizabeth Konza	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Ann & Ray Keating	The Young Family
Communion	Vince Dobson	Brian Grech	Elizabeth Rowe
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Ian Dickson, Heather Lee & Wendy Bohan		
Hospitality	Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Garden Club			



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