



The Barbra

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

30th April & 1st May 2022

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalm 29; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Introducing Members of the Parish Pastoral Council

Hello everyone, My name is Melissa McDonald and I am your Parish Pastoral Council liaison for Social Justice and Ecology.

I have been a parishioner of St Finbar's since moving to Glenbrook with my husband Colin in 2004 just before my eldest daughter Alaina was born. She is now in Year 12 at St Columba's College and her sister Sophia has just started in there in Year 7.

At first I didn't experience much connection to parish life, but that has grown over time and I find myself increasingly involved with various ministries including the Catechist ministry (since 2015 as Blue Mountains Regional Coordinator); and as Coordinator of the Music ministry, at Fr Jolly's request. (It hard to mention these ministries without saying – 'Come join us'... so I hope that's ok!?)

I grew up on the North Shore and my first parish was Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in West Pymble and then my mum and siblings attended Sacred Heart, Pymble through my teen years and early 20s. We lived near bushland which was our playground as kids – we had a lot more freedom, for better or worse. I love the bush and am happy to be living so close to it again, now in Blaxland. I was blessed to develop strong friendships at my Pymble parish with likeminded young Catholics in the Antioch group and when we were too old and a bit over that format, we formed our own group called Patmos. It was a space where we could learn, question and grow in the faith together. I remember the PP at Sacred Heart would groan when he'd see a friend and I approach him as he knew we came with questions! But for me a faith which does not ask questions is not growing – I love when my Scripture students have questions. It tells me they are thinking.

I have found the Plenary process inspiring so far. I am not sure it will achieve all that I'd like to see change in the Church but it already has achieved much in bringing people together to think and dream about how things in the Church could be better. People may have differing dreams for the Church but the Holy Spirit can bring forth the harmony amongst the voices. Just being able to listen to the voice of God in one another is an end in itself too. Sometimes I have felt disconnected from Church and parish life but the Eucharist and the Scriptures always sustain me – where else can we go for the 'words of eternal life'.

I feel blessed to be a part of this community of people of God. I hope we can continue to inspire each other as fellow sojourners. I am grateful to Fr Joe for the opportunity to part of the PPC (with my 'L' plates on) and I hope I can make a contribution to my portfolio areas of Ecology and Social justice which are so very important to our faith life.

**God bless all,
Melissa**



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Confessions: Saturday 4.30 – 5.15pm

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Unfortunately, we have to cancel the faith formation event "Living the Faith authentically: faith, ecology and social justice" scheduled for 3rd May 2022 at 7pm. The presenter, Dr Sebastian Lentern, was unable to travel to Glenbrook. Instead, this faith event will take place in September.

Next Faith Formation events at St Finbar's:

Saturday 7th May - Shine Day Retreat for Women including worship, talks and eucharistic adoration. Morning Tea and Lunch are provided. Cost: \$85 pp.

Wednesday 25 May, 7pm - 8.30pm: Faith and Politics. A Conversation with Mark Greenhill OAM, Mayor of the Blue Mountains City Council

***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.*

Sunday 1st May <i>3rd Sunday of Easter Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C
Monday 2nd May <i>St Athanasius</i>	No Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 6.30pm Finnie's Choir Practice
Tuesday 3rd May <i>Sts Philip & James</i>	9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Wednesday 4th May	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 5th May	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 5.30pm Reconciliation Preparation Session P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folks Dance P/C
Friday 6th May	9.15am Mother's Day School Mass 1.30pm Bowlers
Saturday 7th May	8.30am Shine Retreat 9.15am Mass 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 8th May <i>4th Sunday of Easter Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass

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SHINE 2022 - Women's Retreat

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Register: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1aXFJOrcI85Z5nj4qsqx9NLagdszqJC5Yyfv1uHppJnY/edit>

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY THE BOOK OF GENESIS.

Mondays at 7.30pm-9.00pm, May 16th, 23th, 30th and 6th June. Gideon Goosen. Cost: Free.

REGISTRATION by 27th April is Necessary :
 St Finbar's Office : secretary@stfinbars.org.au or 4742 6958 or St Andrews Office standrews@glenbrook.unitingchurch.org.com
 Or Call 4739 6295. Venue to be announced.

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BISHOP'S APPEAL APRIL 2022

The parishioners of Glenbrook this year donated \$5,115 to the recent Bishop's Good Samaritan appeal conducted by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation.

This is a wonderful result, and is proof that the parishioners of St Finbar's are truly loving their neighbours.

Your money will go to help Catholic Care offer love and support to those who are isolated or have no one to turn to.

Thank you, and may God's blessings be with you all.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

PULPIT POINTS 1 May 2022

- Factory of Faith. When politicians find faith convenient.
- Who's your Parish Hero? New series starts this week.
- Relics come to Broken Bay. Two new shrines to open.
- I chose the church.
- Book review: *Books we should all read at least once before this life ends*
- Art shines in jail



Positions Vacant:

- Administrative Support Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Fundraising Campaigns Manager – Put Your Faith Into Action For The Common Good

Parramatta Catholic Foundation is seeking a dynamic Fundraising Campaigns Manager, following Bronwyn Muir's retirement. This is a heart-warming, for-purpose vocational opportunity to put your faith into action, supporting our mission to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all. The role is pivotal to nurturing faith, hope and charity throughout Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains through the Diocese of Parramatta's ministries including our Holy Spirit Seminary, Clergy Support Foundation (caring for retired and ill priests), Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (Special Religious Education) and Catholic Care's social welfare services. For information please call Dianne Wigan, Head of Fundraising on 0408 922 478.

Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign"

On Friday 22 April, the annual Earth Day, the Diocese of Parramatta responded to the *cry of the earth and the cry of the poor* by launching a Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign". Via a video message, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv invited all Catholic parishes, schools, families, and organisations across the Diocese to participate. Please visit parracatholic.org/laudatosi to download the launch video and for further information.

Pastoral Formation offering leadership and formation courses in 2022

In 2022, we can still deepen our community connections and growth in faith! To encourage this, Pastoral Formation – Diocese of Parramatta has two programs FOR YOU – all offered in a COVID-safe manner.

- 1) Ministry Leadership Program: Perfect for current and aspiring ministry leaders. 10 or 20 sessions (\$10/session).
- 2) Themes of Faith Program: Ideal for people interested in asking life & faith questions in discussion groups. 10 sessions (\$5/session).

See our website pfparra.org.au or email met@parracatholic.org for more details

Donate to Caritas Australia's Ukraine Appeal



Caritas Australia's long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground providing shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support. Donate now to help the people of Ukraine. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on how Caritas agencies are responding to this crisis by visiting www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news

MGL Sisters Pentecost Intensive Retreat: 1 – 5 June

Join the MGL Sisters as we deepen together in the experience of Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Come for a five-day intensive retreat from 1 to 5 June at Carmel House, Varroville, in the lead-up to Pentecost and be encouraged in discipleship, activating the charismatic gifts and being equipped for mission through inputs, discussion, prayer and practical workshops. To book, please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BWMJI>. For enquiries, please contact mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

"SPRINGWOOD EAST TIMOR SUPPORT GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT"

will take place at St Thomas Aquinas School hall on SATURDAY 21st May from 7:30pm. Only \$20 per head. Simply call DENNIS on 0425209840 to book a table of eight or reserve a ticket. Numbers will be limited, so book in early. Payments via credit card can be made on the night. This a COVID - aware event! "

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ann Hastings (Pearse Cremin's Sister), 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 Crameri, 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:

Ray Smith, Dennis Lohan, Marjorie Aussel, Angela Pereira, David Apps, Tadeusz Bojec, Jonathan Baines, Michael Wilcox, Edna Mooney, Alexander Laing, George Paine and Peter Smith.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 7TH & 8TH MAY 2022

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Warden	Allan Jones	Kevin Goener	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Maureen Tulk	Michelle Wilson	Richard Cutler
2 nd Reading	Volunteer Please	Carl Moll	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Killeen	Joanne Stubbs
Music	Sam & Bernadette Phillips		Finnie's Choir
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Robyn Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Thea Robertson	Gwen Cullinan	Gerard Egan
Cashiers	Jo Grange		
Children's Liturgy	Michelle		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, Elizabeth Brazier & St Finbar's Playgroup		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Liz & Daren Dukes		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Michael Lloyd & John Killeen		



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