



# The Barra

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

4th Sunday of Easter

7th & 8th May 2022

**Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 99; Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30**

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS

### Introducing Members of the Parish Pastoral Council— Patrick Doherty.

Greetings fellow parishioners.

You may have been seen me around the Parish, or at Mass with my wife, Jessica and our six children (or combinations thereof). The ebb and flow of our family life means that my family regular floats between the Saturday vigil and Sunday Masses each weekend.



About me! I am a suburban lawyer practicing in Blacktown NSW, although, in recent years my office & workplace has frequently been the dining room table. I am married to Jessica, who is a primary schoolteacher, homemaker and podcaster extraordinaire. Jessica is one of the organisers of the "Shine" Woman's retreat at St Finbar's this weekend.

Jessica and I have been very fortunate in being born into families with deep Catholic faith. We were both raised in the Hills, Sydney's "bible belt", where we met, before marrying and then moving to Glenbrook where we purchased our first home. We have lived in Glenbrook since 2005 and are lucky that this was our landing place. Seeing the many young families at Sunday Mass is a reminder of our earlier years in the parish.

My role in the current PPC is focused on "Ecumenism & Interfaith."

When considering ecumenism, particularly within a Christian context, it is very difficult to ignore the significant impact that Christianity, and more particularly Catholicism, has played in the development of Western democracies and Australian society. Ecumenism can build on these foundation stones.

Interfaith connections, based on shared beliefs of loving thy neighbour, forgiveness, hope and redemption help strengthen communities. The success of the recent Lenten soup kitchen is a sign of the healthy relationship that St Finbar's has with the other local Christian churches.

I've put my hand up to be on the PPC because I'm of the firm view that a healthy parish is one with a robust connection between the laity and clergy. In many respects our parish is reflective of the cosmopolitan Australia, young and old, couples and singles, Australians from many backgrounds. It is important that the actions and considerations of the PPC are made with the entire parish in mind whilst always honouring the Papacy and upholding Catholic traditions, practices, and teachings. With any luck the PPC, Fr Joe, the parish committees, volunteers and many parishioners can maintain and build on the great church that we have!

*God Bless.  
Pat Doherty*

*Wishing all St.  
Finbar's Mums,  
Grandmothers, Great  
Grandmothers and Step  
Mothers a very Happy  
Mother's Day. May  
God bless you all.*



## PARISH INFORMATION

### **Parish Priest:** Fr Joseph Lam OSA

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calls only for Sickness or  
Death**).

### **Secretary:**

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### **Sacraments**

Confessions: Saturday 4.30 – 5.15pm

Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

### **Web:**

www.stfinbars.org.au

### **Facebook:**

Glenbrook Catholic  
Church St Finbars

### **Parish School:** Principal

Mrs Robyn Clarke

Phone: 4724 3600

## **SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME**

The Parish joyfully  
welcomes Penelope Joy  
Urban and Tallulah Rose  
Urban into our Faith  
Community.

They are going to be Baptised at our  
Parish next weekend.

May God bless them both.



*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

<b>Sunday 8th May</b> <i>4th Sunday of Easter Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b>
<b>Monday 9th May</b>	<b>No Mass. Office is closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 10th May</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Liturgy Committee Meeting M/R
<b>Wednesday 11th May</b>	<b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Thursday 12th May</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 5.30pm Reconciliation Preparation Session P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
<b>Friday 13th May</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bowlers
<b>Saturday 14th May</b> <i>St Matthias</i>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice <b>2.30pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> 4.30pm No Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 15th May</b> <i>5th Sunday of Easter Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>10.45am Baptisms</b> 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C

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## ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

### RAFFLE OF QUILT FOR UKRAINE

The raffle of the Beautiful QUILT, made by Sue Treble, the proceeds to UKRAINE, was won by Stan and Beryl Callaghan. TIMEOUT TUESDAY would like to thank all those who contributed to this worthy cause. \$500 was raised.

### PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

St Finbar's parish was able to forward \$4654.25 to Caritas Australia as the proceeds of the Project Compassion donations made in our parish this year. This will help Caritas make an impact on some of the world's most vulnerable communities. It will assist in the fight against poverty and help promote justice and dignity. May God's blessings be with all who donated so generously.

### PARISH LIBRARY

After months of preparation and cataloguing done by Gwen Cullinan (God blesses her for her incredible effort), the Parish library is now open for usage and borrowing.

Our Parish library contains books on biblical studies, theology, history, prayer, spirituality, Aboriginal, Australian and world literature, children and young adult novels, psychology, cooking.

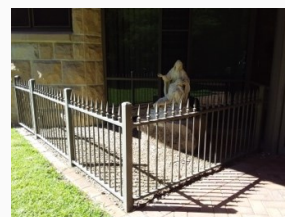
The library is open during the office hours between 10am - 3pm on weekdays, and on Sundays on request to Father Joe.

If you have books to donate, please call Fr Joe



### ST FINBAR'S PIETÀ STATUE AND CALVARY STATUE

**Two lots of Carers needed please! One for each statue.**



We need a person or family to 'adopt' one of the above statues on the north side of our church.

**Aim:** to keep the statue in a respectful state.

**Duties:**

**Fortnightly:** Check the cleanliness and physical appearance. Use a soft small broom to clean dirt and any spider webs. Pick up any weeds and litter and rake/collect any leaves anywhere inside the fence.

**Occasionally:** Rake the stones around the statue. Gently wash/hose the statue.

**Any problems found:** Inform the Parish Office. Please contact Kieran Murnane if you can help: 0419246972

## Positions Vacant:

### • Senior Administrative Support Co-Ordinator

The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking an experienced person for a full or part-time (4 days a week) role in our Governance, Risk, Compliance and Assurance team. You will have extensive experience in providing high-level administration support, and a customer-focused and 'can-do' attitude. If you would like to know more about the role and to obtain a copy of the Position Description, please contact Nevine Piperides at REACH Human Resources, [nevine@reachhr.com.au](mailto:nevine@reachhr.com.au) or 0418 698 327.

## 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.

## Peace Justice and Ecology Sharing on Zoom – Wednesday 11 May

Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings are quarterly online gatherings for everyone who is interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation or Global Peace. They are an opportunity to connect, meet like-minded people, find out and discuss what is currently happening in the Peace, Justice & Ecology space. This time, the sharing is also a chance to meet the new Peace, Justice, Ecology Facilitator James. You are invited to join the conversation, Wednesday 11 May, 6:30-8:00pm.

To receive a zoom link, please RSVP to [MET@parracatholic.org](mailto:MET@parracatholic.org)

## Diocesan Commissioning Mass for Liturgical Ministers 2022 – Thursday 26 May

The Commissioning Mass for Liturgical Ministers will be held on Thursday 26 May 2022 at 7.30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. During this Mass, Bishop Vincent will commission those who have completed their specific courses at the Liturgical Ministry Formation Course both previously and this year's and want to be commissioned. Please RSVP by Thursday 19 May to [anne.stanton@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org) with total numbers of those attending for catering purposes.

## 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](http://parracatholic.org/laudatosi) to download the launch video and for further information.

## Young Adult Faith Formation: 15 May

Young adults aged 18 to 35 are invited to a young adults faith formation session on Sunday 15 May at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy St, Minchinbury, starting from 7pm. George and Anne Stanton will lead discussion on scripture and the theme of Covenant. A donation of \$5 is suggested. Come along for fun, faith and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

## Springwood East Timor Support Group Trivia Night Fundraiser: 21 May

The Springwood East Timor Support Group invite you to the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary Trivia Night to aid the Timorese people with medical and educational initiatives. Join them for an evening of fun and flashes of brilliance on Saturday 21 May from 7pm for a 7.30pm start at St Thomas Aquinas School Hall, Springwood. Tickets are \$20 each, payable on entry, for tables of eight to ten. BYO nibbles and drinks. Pre-reservation of your attendance is essential to Dennis Farrar on 0425 209 840.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Mary Smith, 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:**

Jeannette Christie (Brendan Christie's Mother), 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:**

Michael Au, Joseph (William) Horneman, Laurence Brooks, Maureen Holmes, Emma Peters, Marjorie Aussel, Peter Buckley, Thomas Hannigan, Kathleen Scholfield and Michael Hughes.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 14TH & 15TH MAY 2022**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Stuart Sheary
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Joseph Sukkar
Junior Servers	Volunteers please		Zoe Wilson Dominic Sheary & Tim Kensey
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Kevin Goener	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maire Griffin	Geraldine Agahari	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Annis Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
Music	Cantabile		N/A
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Elizabeth Konza	Susan Dowling
Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family
Communion	Gwen Cullinan	Helen Keogh	Carmel Higgins
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Children's Liturgy	Elizabeth		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd & Beth Killeen		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene & Bert Adamson		



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