



# The Barra

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

5th Sunday of Easter - Year C

14th & 15th May 2022

**Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 144; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35**

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Introducing Members of the Parish Pastoral Council—

#### Anaru Veitch

Hello!

My name is Anaru Veitch, & I am a member of this year's Parish Pastoral Council.

My Mother & I are long-term Parishioners here at St Finbar's, & over the last nearly 21 years of my life the community here have definitely helped shape who I am today as a person, through childhood, adolescence & now into adulthood.



For the first time in its history, the Parish Pastoral Council have appointed a Youth Representative onto their council, & I have the distinct honour & privilege of being its inaugural member.

I've been a part of St Finbar's Youth now for nearly 10 years. From its launch in 2011, St Finbar's Youth, otherwise known as 'The Lounge', have been ministering to the younger community here at St Finbar's for over a decade, through the sacred celebration of the Eucharist & Mass, music, & our Youth Group, where connections, fellowships & friendships are made. I have been fortunate enough to be a part of this group, through High School as a member, & now as a member of our Youth Leadership Team, where I get the blessing of serving alongside life-long friends, bringing Christ's message of love & joy to our younger community.

The St Finbar's Community has given me a lot of opportunities to grow in my Faith. Most notably, I was beyond blessed to represent St Finbar's, on a World Youth Day Pilgrimage in 2019 where myself & 2 others from St Finbar's along with a nearly 1,000,000 young people from around the world, were able to travel overseas, & experience God's awe & epicness, on a global, international scale. I give thanks for the opportunity that the St Finbar's community gave me & am forever thankful for your support.

My tenure on the Parish Council is only for a year, but I look forward to working closely with Fr Joe, Martin, Jesse & the rest of the Council, as we collaborate & work together to make St Finbar's a more enjoyable, reliable community for all. Please keep us in your prayers, as you will be in ours.

*God bless!*

*Anaru Veitch*

**R.I.P Mike Saver.** Mike along with his late wife Pam were long time members of our Parish. Pam sadly passed away 11 months ago, and Mike passed away peacefully in his sleep last Tuesday. Mike was an early president of St Vincent de Paul, and both were very involved in the Parish. He will be missed by his 5 children, their partners, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mike's funeral will be Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 11.00am at Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains.

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Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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### Parish School: Principal

Mrs Robyn Clarke

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## SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

### AND BAPTISMS:

The Parish announces the Baptism of Penelope Joy Urban and Tallulah Rose Urban. They will be Baptised after Mass this Sunday. We warmly welcome them into our Faith Community.



The Parish also welcomes Marley George Hunt & Eleanor Margo Mowbray into our Faith Community. They are going to be Baptised next weekend.



*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

<p><b>Sunday</b> 15th May</p> <p><i>5th Sunday of Easter Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am PPC Commissioning Mass</b></p> <p><b>10.45am Baptisms</b></p> <p>1.30pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p><b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b></p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> 16th May</p>	<p><b>No Mass. Office is closed</b></p> <p>5.00pm SVP Meeting M/R</p> <p>7.30pm Genesis Bible Study M/R</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 17th May</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday M/R</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.00pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting M/R</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 18th May</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b></p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> 19th May</p>	<p><b>9.15am Healing Mass followed by Morning Tea</b></p> <p>1.30pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>4.30pm Concert Committee Meeting M/R</p> <p>7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> 20th May</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> 21st May</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice</p> <p>4.30pm Confessions</p> <p><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> 22nd May</p> <p><i>6th Sunday of Easter Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>10.45am Baptisms</b></p>

## PHASING OUT OF ENVELOPES FOR SECOND COLLECTION

You are reminded that the use of numbered envelopes for the second collection will be phased out between now and 30<sup>th</sup> June.

We are encouraging all parishioners to change over to either a monthly donation via credit card, or a regular donation by direct payment from their bank. Either option is simple to set up and just requires the appropriate form, now available at the Wardens' table, to be completed and the parish will do the rest.

Please collect your form after Mass today. You can return the completed form to the parish office anytime, or electronically to me at [admin@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:admin@stfinbars.org.au) or at Mass the following weekend.

The parish looks forward to your co-operation in this matter.

*Peter McMahon  
Parish Admin Officer*

## NEW ROSTERS

I am in the process of preparing the new rosters, August to February 2023.

The parish is in need of more Mass Readers as well as Ministers of Holy Communion.

If you are able to help can you please ring or email the parish office.

Thanking you all for all your help and support.

Juliana Khnouf/Parish Secretary

## BLUE MOUNTAINS DEANERY

The **Diocese of Parramatta** is embarking on a seven-year journey towards achieving seven **Laudato Si' Goals**, which means to care more deeply for God's creation and our sisters and brothers in need. This commitment is made in response to the invitation from **Pope Francis** and the **Australian Catholic Bishops** to embark on such a journey.

So the Parishes in the Blue Mountains invite the whole community to find out more about this week by connecting to the Laudato Si Action Video [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3YkNMuj7\\_0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3YkNMuj7_0)

You are also invited to join in the **easy Fairfax Heritage Track Walk** commencing at **Blue Mountains National Park Heritage Centre** 270 G0vett's Leap Road Blackheath on **Monday May 16th at 10.30am**. This will be followed by **BYO picnic lunch and discussion** in the grounds of **Sacred Heart Catholic Church** 18 Inconstant St Blackheath.

There will also be a further **reflection about the Laudato Si Goals** followed by a **BYO picnic lunch** on **Tuesday May 24th in Gloria Park** at the end of Bonnie View Avenue in **Hazelbrook** from 10.30am.

There is still more that you can join in with. Contact Julie 'Keeffe' [julesongodson@bigpond.com](mailto:julesongodson@bigpond.com)

*Carol and Maureen  
Deanery PC*

*Available for Advertising*

# DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

## Positions Vacant:

- Senior Administrative Support Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta
- 2 x Project Coordinator (part time) – Catholic Youth Parramatta, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 29 May.**

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://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.

## LIFTED Live featuring Gen Bryant

Friday May 20, 7:30-10pm, WEST HQ, Rooty Hill, Youth, young adults and families are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta for a Holy Spirit inspired night of praise and worship.

Register at <https://parracatholic.org/liftedlive/>

## Bishop Vincent Presents Sr Patricia Fox NDS

Friday May 27, 7-9pm, Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, Ministering to the poor and marginalised in the Philippines for close to 30 years, Sr Pat Fox was arrested at her convent in northeast Manila and accused by the Filipino president of taking part in illegal political activities and of speaking out against the government. Join us for her compelling presentation, a short response from Bishop Vincent Long, Q&A and light canapes and drinks.

LIMITED SEATS - Bookings essential via email at [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## \*SAVE THE DATE\* Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening: 20 July

The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers. Let's reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22. The reflection evening will be held on Wednesday 20 July from 6pm to 9pm – more details will follow in June.

## View the Diocesan synthesis for the Synod of Bishops

All are invited to **VIEW** the online version of the synthesis from the Diocese of Parramatta Writing Committee for the Synod of Bishops 2023. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/> and email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) with your reflections. The Diocese of Parramatta is a 'listening Church' we invite continued dialogue through both the website and direct email address.

## Catholic schools across the Diocese are enrolling now!

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are enrolling now for 2023. To learn more please contact your local Catholic school or visit our website [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school).

## CAMPION COLLEGE—WINTER PROGRAM

Registration for the Campion College Winter Program is now open! If you know a 16–20-year-old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for our immersive four-day program from 5-8 July 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website: <https://www.campion.edu.au/event/winter-program/>

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Michael Sharpe (Son of Bridget), Mike Sayer, Mary Smith, Ann Hastings (Pearse Cremin’s Sister), Shirley Conlon, Sybil Mason and Monica Hampson.

**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:**

John Appleton, Anita Dyson, Michael Moelroy, Paul Zoeller, Claire Fisher, Dennis Barron, Cyril Fitzjohn, Millicent Grant, Moira Holmes, Denis Smith, Michael Klein, Hilder Ahrenfeld, William Osborne, Irena Chambers, Vincent Noonan, Clare Konza and Betty McSweeney.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 21ST & 22ND MAY 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
Junior Servers	Harrison & Emelie Bohan		Benjamin Grus & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Huia Kingi	Kevin Goener	Gary Clune
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Volunteer Please	Cecilia Zammit
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Philomena Watkins	Geraldine Agahari	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Elizabeth Konza	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Te Deum		Holy Light
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Terry Keogh	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Steve & Heather Lee	Rivas Family	The Young Family
Communion	Lorraine Brown	Jean Di Nucci	Greg Rowe
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children’s Liturgy	Carolyn		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Youth Group		
Hospitality	Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Garden Club			



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