



The Barra

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

6th Sunday of Easter

21st & 22nd May 2022

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66; Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Introducing Members of the Parish Finance Committee -

Carl Moll

My name is Carl Moll, and I am the Chair of St Finbar's Finance committee.

I am the first son of German/Austrian parents who arrived in Adelaide in early 1952. While my father was Lutheran, my mother was a devout Catholic.



As one of 4 children I grew up in a multicultural society (Italian, Greek, Dutch, Latvian, and more).

Within the Catholic church, my early schooling was by the nuns of the Mercy and the St Joseph orders and senior years with the Christian Brothers.

In my early years I was an altar boy and a children's choir member, and later active in the YCA and many other parish activities.

My wife Helen and I built our house in 2005 in Glenbrook after 28 years raising our 4 children in Merrylands.

In 2017 I proposed to Father Jolly that we introduce a Men's Breakfast every three months as a community event.

As well as assisting with the running of that, I am a 7.30 Mass attendee, Senior Server and Reader.

Having had an extensive career in retail and wholesale industries, including the roles as a training and personnel manager, I was approached by Fr Jolly in 2017 to join the Parish Finance committee.

Being the Chair has been a wonderful experience, especially working with other members of the committee and broadly with the community to develop strategies to reduce the Parish Debt.

The building of the Columbarium has been a wonderful Parish achievement amongst others.

We strive to assist the Parish community while we continue in our faith journey.

With the help of the Finance committee and the support of the parish I see a wonderful future for our parish community without carrying a burden of debt.

My mission is that we support many parish ministries including our youth, outreach etc.

This is our parish, so it is up to all of us to make it thrive into the future.

I look forward to meeting more parishioners as we continue our faith journey.

In Christ we live.

Carl Moll

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Weddings: By Appointment

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SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY 4TH OF JUNE. MEN'S BREAKFAST. MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK.

SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptisms of Eleanor Margo Mowbray & Marley George Hunt. They will be Baptised after Mass this Sunday. The Parish warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.



LIVE STREAMING MASS

Due to the risk of infection through the increase COVID cases and the winter flu for elderly parishioners, we will resume the live streaming of the weekend Mass beginning from Saturday 28th May.

Also, I would like to remind you that Bishop Vincent has lifted the dispensation for Sunday Masses. Hence, the live streaming Mass is intended only for those unable to attend in person the Sunday Masses.

***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 22nd May <i>6th Sunday of Easter Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms
Monday 23rd May	No Mass. Office is closed 7.30pm Genesis Bible Study M/R
Tuesday 24th May <i>Our Lady Help of Christians</i>	9.15am Mass 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm St Finbar's Netball Club M/R
Wednesday 25th May	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Faith & Politics Conversation with the Mayor of the BMCC P/C
Thursday 26th May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folks Dance P/C 7.30pm Naomi's Group Choir Practice
Friday 27th May	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers 7.00pm Adoration
Saturday 28th May	9.15am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass Live Streaming Mass Link https://youtu.be/tIWMzMYqCPg
Sunday 29th May <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Workshop on Parish Masterplan P/C

FAITH & POLITICS CONVERSATION WITH THE MAYOR OF THE BMCC

The well-known author Mark Twain once said: "I am quite sure now that often, very often, in matters concerning religion and politics a man's reasoning powers are not above the monkey's."

We may not all agree with Mark Twain. However, it is true that in a more and more secularized society religion has lost its place in public forum. We are lucky to have Mayor Mark Greenhill OAM as a parishioner who will talk about the role of faith in public affairs.

Please join us for a conversation on "Faith and Politics" on 25th May 2022 at 7pm, St Finbar's Catholic Parish, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook.



SCISSORS LIFT

The parish has the need to carry out a few tasks at or near the ceiling of the church, and for this we need the use of a scissors lift (or similar device). If any parishioner has access to such a device (and is licensed to use it), could you advise Fr Joe or the parish office so that we might make some arrangements to use it. Thank you.

SCRIPTURE TEACHING COURSE

Our Level 1 Scripture Teaching Course will be held on Mondays and is **commencing at 9.30am -2.30pm Monday 25th July at St. Marys**. If you would like to join our wonderful team of teachers, providing half-hour scripture lessons, once a week, to the students in our local primary schools. Please call Beth on 0408317086.

Support our seminarians to become beacons of Christ's light



PARANATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal
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FAREWELL MASS AND MORNING TEA FOR DEACON ANDREW ROONEY

Please note that on Sunday the 12th June at the 9.30am Mass Deacon Andrew will be joining us for a special farewell Mass and morning tea. Can you please bring a plate to share on the day.

NEW ROSTERS

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

The parish is in need of more Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion and gifts. Training will be provided. 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

Available for Advertising

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

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.

Laudato Si' Week

A celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and a call to action for Catholics around the world, is being celebrated 16-24 May.

Picture in your mind the favelas on barren Peruvian hillsides, a diminishing Amazon rainforest, mines displacing people from their land, mudslides destroying houses in Bangladesh, and closer to home, rising tides displacing villages and threatening whole low-lying islands in the Pacific. Throughout Laudato Si' runs Pope Francis' constant commitment "I will point to the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet" (LS n. 16).

The cries of the earth and of the poor have always been intertwined in our land. Sometimes these cries are loud and obvious, for example when floods and fires claim lives and livelihoods. However other cries often go unnoticed. They include the cries of incarcerated children, asylum seekers held in indefinite detention, of people seeking to escape abusive relationships, and of the First Peoples seeking justice.

Pope Francis constantly invites us to cultivate a culture of encounter, moving beyond our comfort zones to draw close to those pushed to the edges.

Prayer

God of mercy, you draw near to hear the cry of the poor. From the edges, hear our cry. From women in abusive relationships, hear our cry. From parents struggling to care for children, hear our cry. From those dispossessed of land and lore, hear our cry. From those excluded from public spaces and policy, hear our cry. From those made poor by unjust structures and systems, hear our cry. From our humble hearts, hear our cry. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our risen Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Patricia Mungovan from Warrimoo died last Saturday. A gravesite service will be held at Springwood Cemetery on Friday the 3rd June at 10.30am. May she rest in peace.

RE: PARISH MASTERPLAN WORKSHOP: LOOKING TOWARD AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE ON SUNDAY THE 29 MAY 2022

Following the local outcomes of our ongoing plenary process and the introduction of a Parish masterplan concept at the Parish Annual Gathering, the parish would like to invite all interested parishioners to a Parish Masterplan Workshop on Sunday 29 May after 9.30am Mass. This is an opportunity to look towards and contribute to the future of the physical environment of our parish. We have received a number of comments and feedback to the stimulus material electronically (many thanks to all who have taken the time to send through detailed feedback). This is an opportunity for those who have not yet contributed, as well as those who would like to participate in a forum type workshop. All are welcome! The reference stimulus material can be found in the narthex of the church or at <https://tinyurl.com/Finnies-Masterplan>

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patricia Mungovan, 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:

Peter Stapleton (1980), Winifred Shindorfer, Stanley Sharp, Michael Seymour, Derek Elliott, Harry Nolan, Matthew Ingram, Thomas Etherington, Franciscus Van De Weyer, Fredrick Charlton, Maria Fransen and Irene Flynn.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 28TH & 29TH MAY 2022

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Lukas Rajnoch
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Lukas Rajnoch
Junior Servers	Volunteers Please		Volunteers Please
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Kevin Goener	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 st Reading	Eileen Jones	John Killeen	Volunteer Please
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Michelle Wilson	Cecilia Zammit
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John De Mattia	Martin Rogers
Music	Men's Choir		Holy Light
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Robyn Flynn	Pat Watson
Gifts	Parishioners are invited	To offer to	Bring up the gifts
Communion	Brian Robertson	Jessica Tuller	Irene Aligno
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Children's Liturgy	Pia		
Piety Stall	Noreen Taylor		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa & Wayne Gillard.		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Martin & Lyndal Rogers		
Garden Club	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		



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