



The Barra

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

The Ascension of the Lord - Year C

28th & 29th May 2022

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

Introducing Members of the Parish Finance Committee - Briony

Mowbray

Hello fellow Finbarians!

My name's Briony and I am a member of our parish Finance Committee. I usually attend either 9.30am Mass or the youth Mass with my husband Jesse – you might recognise us as the tall-short couple because there's a bit of a height difference between us. Jesse and I have been parishioners at Finnies for about 10 years now and we thoroughly love being a part of such a wonderful faith community.



I grew up in a Catholic family and am very thankful to my parents for raising me in the faith of the Church. In my late teens I joined the Antioch Youth Group at Springwood and it was there that my relationship with Jesus deepened and I came to a greater desire to know and love God more. I made some wonderful friends of faith in those formative years, not only at Antioch but also at my home parish up at Lawson, as well as through my university studies. Jesse and I met at Our Lady of the Nativity Parish when I was 16 years old. He and his family have also been a wonderful source of encouragement and support for me as I have journeyed in my relationship with Christ.

From 2007 until the end of 2021 I was a high school teacher in both the public and Catholic education systems. For 14 years I taught Mathematics, Science and Religion and was most recently the Math's Leader of Learning at Emmaus College in Kemps Creek. Life has taken a different direction in 2022, and I am currently studying Conservation and Ecosystem Management. It has been quite a change to move from teacher to student, but I am really enjoying it. I love encountering God in creation, and every day of learning brings me an even greater sense of awe and wonder of our Creator. I feel very privileged to have had lots of different opportunities to deepen my relationship with God and also become actively involved in the missionary activities of the Church. As members of the young adults' group at St Nicholas of Myra Parish in Penrith, Jesse and I attended World Youth Day in Sydney, and then a few years later we headed on pilgrimage to the Holy Land and World Youth Day in Madrid – needless to say that this had a profound impact on my faith, and particularly my love of Scripture.

Pilgrimage has continued to be an important part of my life ever since: you may have heard of the Epiphany Pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which I help to organise and love to walk at the beginning of each year. It helps me to remember to always give the first fruits of my life to God – something that I often fail to do, but aim for nevertheless! I am also a member of the Finnies Second Sunday Singers (9.30am Mass) and thoroughly delight in making a joyful noise unto the Lord each month when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist.

I want to say a huge thank you to the very generous parishioners of St Finbars who have contributed financially to our community over many years. In my time at the parish and in more recent years as a member of the Finance Committee, I have witnessed the steady decline of our parish debt which has made other opportunities such as the building of the Columbarium and support of the many different ministry groups possible. As we continue to grow in our love of Christ and one another, it is my sincere hope that we will continue to not only live as responsible stewards in our community but also use our resources to reach out to those around us.

*God Bless
Briony Mowbray*

PARISH INFORMATION

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We welcome Fr Tuan An who is a Vietnamese born Augustinian with residence in Brookvale, Northern Beaches. Fr Tuan An was ordained last year in Brisbane by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.



Fr Tuan An will stay in the presbytery and will celebrate the weekday Masses from Tuesday to Friday at 9.15am while Fr Joe is on his mission trip to the lepers.

We also welcome Fr Bob Anderson whom you all know. Fr Bob will preside at the weekend 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.

Sunday 29th May <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Workshop on Parish Masterplan P/C
Monday 30th May	No Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.30pm Genesis Bible Study M/R
Tuesday 31st May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.15am Mass—Father Tuan An 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm June Baptisms Preparation Meeting M/R
Wednesday 1st June <i>St Justin</i>	9.15am Mass—Father Tuan An 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 2nd June	9.15am Mass—Father Tuan An 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C
Friday 3rd June <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	9.15am Mass—Father Tuan An 1.30pm Bowlers
Saturday 4th June	7.30am Men's Breakfast No Morning Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass—Father Bob Anderson Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/GifncGWw9xE
Sunday 5th June <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	7.30am Mass—Father Bob Anderson 9.30am Mass—Father Bob Anderson No Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C

PARISH AUDIT

The results of the parish financial audit for 2020-2021 have just been received. Generally, our parish finances are in a healthy state, and the auditors made the following points:

- There was an increase in our parish operating revenue for the 20-21 financial year due mainly to our receiving the Jobkeeper Subsidy and to our Columbarium donations.
- The parish operating expenditure increased by nearly 30% during the same period due to rises in church maintenance and insurance costs.
- We had an operating surplus of about \$220,000 for the financial year, and an outstanding loan of about \$90,000.
- Our first collection (for pastoral revenue) decreased by about 15% for the financial year.

Thank you to all those parishioners who give regularly to support our parish.

TRAINING FOR ACOLYTES, SENIOR SERVERS and JUNIOR SERVERS

This is to advise that all Acolytes and Senior Servers who wish to be commissioned to minister in St Finbar's parish are invited to Mass and a training session on Saturday 18th June. It will go from about 9am to about 10:30am.

Fr Joe is keen for all to realize the great honour they have in serving on the Altar, and to always conduct their ministry with the utmost reverence and respect.

ST FINBARS**MENS BREAKFAST**

Date - Saturday 4th June 2022

Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am

Venue - Parish hall

The parish is holding an informal breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another.

This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their neighbours and friends.

For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by this Sunday 29th May 2022.

Please add your name to the list on the warden's table.

Any questions please contact the organisers,
Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or
John De Mattia 4739 6775

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.

Workshop for Children's liturgy of the Word

The Office for Worship is conducting a workshop for parish teams who are running or are interested in running Children's Liturgy of the Word on the **9th June, 2022** at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre. This workshop will include planning and leading, a look at diocesan guidelines and practicing safe ministry. If you are interested, please contact 8838 3456, or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians in Harris Park

Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is carrying out its mission to prepare men who have been called by God to be good shepherds and beacons of Christ's light. Will you be their extended formation community and support seminarians on their important spiritual journey to be formed as priests after the heart of Christ? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal which will be held at all **Masses this weekend**. You can also donate at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. **Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their journeys.**



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.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on 5th June 2022 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Greystanes. The theme is "We are one in the Spirit", with Prayer & Praise at 1.30pm followed by Mass celebrated by Fr. Brian Steele MGL and then Prayer Ministry concluding at 4.30pm. Enquiries email@ccrnsw.org.au or 0411404090 or 0431778476.

RE: PARISH MASTERPLAN WORKSHOP: LOOKING TOWARD AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE ON SUNDAY THE 29TH OF 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:

Hazel Caldwell, 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:

Jeanette Russell (Margaret Rivas' Friend), 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:

Greg Masters, Annie Breakspear, Michael Flynn, Stephen Grundschoettel, Matthew Fisher, Charles Martin, Stephen Skinner, Florence McSorley, James Tighe, Norma Bennett, James Schultz, Thomas Oxley, Rosemary McCaffrey, Rose Torrance and Maria Dinale.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 4TH & 5TH JUNE 2022

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Joseph Sukkar
Junior Servers	Alex & Luc Nilsson		Xavier Rajnoch & Patrick Sukkar
Warden	Vince Dobson	Kevin Goener	Justin Dowling
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Michelle Wilson	Jessica Doherty
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	John Killeen	Steve Baird
Intercession	Volunteer Please	Kevin Flynn	Martin Rogers
Music	Naomi's Group		Jenny Long & Anne Hobbs
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Joseph Wilson	Pat Watson
Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Volunteers Please
Communion	John Verhoeven	John Killeen	Mila Svehla
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	Melissa		
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins		
Church Care			
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Vicky Ang, Tamar Alzened & Karen Sukkar		
Garden Club			

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