

# The Barra

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

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR C**

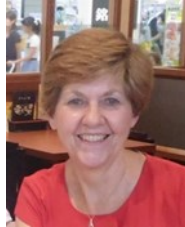
18th & 19th June 2022

**Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 109; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17**

## Introducing Members of the Parish Finance Committee -

### Tricia Murnane

My name is Patricia Murnane. I've been a member of the Finance Committee (PFC) since 2015. My parents Lew and Shirley Konza were already parishioners here when I was born. Thus, this place easily feels like my homeland. My sister Elizabeth Konza is also a parishioner but our other five siblings found their lives leading elsewhere around Australia. My husband Kieran and I raised four children some of whom live locally which is terrific for us. We have one grandchild still at St Finbar's School in year 6 so this means that 3 generations from 1959 to 2022 end their connection to the school. I worked as a teacher for over 40 years in the Western Suburbs, including 13 years at St Finbar's School. Apart from the PFC I have financial accounts experience from my 20 years on the executive and council of my union, as well as acting as treasurer for a number of local groups over the years. I did a major in economics in my initial degree about 1000 years ago. The best learnings from that course did inspire me to believe that money used at its best is a tool to help us all to flourish. This is the fundamental reason for the PFC's existence. The PFC can assist the parish community to 'live'.



Presently I help in the parish ministries and activities of PFC, reader, warden, music and gardening. I am also very interested in the story of our Catholic Community from its humble beginnings in the 1900s and the building of our little wooden church in 1912 and its relationship with the historic railway events of the time in Glenbrook. I think that we are here because of those Irish people who turned up in numbers to work on the railway construction and the generosity of others who lived here already. While 1965 marks the inauguration of St Finbar's Catholic Community as a parish in its own right, no longer belonging to Springwood Parish, we really began as an identified Catholic Community around 1910. I wrote a parish history in 2015 and much has occurred since then – nearly time for an update! Additionally, it is the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the wooden church this year. Another proud achievement for us!

Since the formation of the new PFC committee in 2015, we've been working to reduce the parish debt that had accrued during the years of 2006 to 2012 due to the necessary building of the presbytery and the renovation and improvements to the parish hall, including asbestos removal. It is very pleasing to know that, in cooperation and with solid support of Father Jolly Chacko and now Fr Joe Lam, all the parishioners have pulled together. You donated, and forewent some material wishes for our community, in order to have our finances under control, live up to our financial responsibilities and set ourselves up for future needs.

St Finbar's first Parish Finance Committee was created in 1990 and I was on that initial committee chaired by Frank Fitzpatrick. A key 'numbers person' was Gary Clune. I remember the work he did to gather information about our finances at the time and amalgamate accounts. From that point we've had a more organised and methodical approach to record keeping and financial tracking. Parishioners from the 1960s through to the 1990s by dint of generosity and hard work had saved the money to fund the building of our sandstone church.

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## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Priest: Fr Joseph Lam OSA

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Confessions: Saturday 4.30 – 5.15pm

Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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Glenbrook Catholic Church St Finbars

### Parish School: Principal

Mrs Robyn Clarke

Phone: 4724 3600

## SAVE THE DATES

1. Parish Trivia Night is on Saturday the 27th of August at 7pm.
2. Parish Formal Dinner Party is on Saturday the 8th of October at 7pm.

## SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes Zoe Marie McMurray into our Faith Community.

She is going to be Baptised at our Parish next weekend. May God bless her.



*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.*

<p><b>Sunday</b> 19th June</p> <p><i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i></p> <p><i>Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</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>
<p><b>Monday</b> 20th June</p>	<p><b>No Mass. Office is closed</b></p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 21st June</p> <p><i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i></p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p><b>7.00pm I love you Jesus! But why do i need to the Church? Youth and Faith presentation</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 22nd June</p> <p><i>Sts John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</i></p>	<p><b>No Morning Mass</b></p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> 23rd June</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>1.30pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>5.30pm Communion Preparation Session</p> <p>7.30pm Blue Mountains Folks Dance P/C</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> 24th June</p> <p><i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i></p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers</p> <p><b>7.30pm Adoration</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> 25th June</p> <p><i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i></p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p><b>10.30am Baptisms</b></p> <p>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice</p> <p>4.30pm Confessions</p> <p><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass—Senior Servers Commissioning Mass</b></p> <p>Live Streaming Link <a href="https://youtu.be/akX6DRibCWQ">https://youtu.be/akX6DRibCWQ</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> 26th June</p> <p><i>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p><i>Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass—Senior Servers Commissioning Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass—Senior Servers Commissioning Mass</b></p> <p>2.00pm Blue Mountains Concert Band</p>

**Introducing Members of the Parish Finance Committee - Tricia Murnane.**

It's wonderful to know that a significant number of those parishioners are still members of our parish today. This includes Stan Callaghan who was chairperson of the first PPC and also chairperson of the building committee of our church. All of them modest about their actions, they are people to be cherished. In 1990 we were able to support the work of many people in the parish to begin the work towards the building of the church and community at that time, as did the committees that followed.

Why do I say this? Because, just as in 1965 with our parish formation, and in 1990 with the beginning of the work to build our present church, the clearing of our bank debt allows us to rejoice once more in a new beginning. New and contemporary actions can happen. As with all life, we grow on the shoulders of others. Thank you for your continued support.

**Faith Formation at St Finbars**

*"I love Jesus. But why do I need the Church? Family, Youth and Faith"*



For many young Catholics, the love for Jesus is not a problem. Yet, it is a different matter when it comes to the Church.

Increasingly, young people are disillusioned and hence become "unchurched".

We invite you to attend our discussion on "I love Jesus. But why do I need the church? Family, Youth and Faith".

Where: St Finbar Catholic Parish,  
52 Levy Street, Glenbrook NSW 2773

When: 21 June 2022, at 7pm

Organisers: St Finbar's Catholic Youth and Connect Group of Young Families

**The Ecumenical Bible Study group**



# DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

## Positions Vacant:

- Senior Administrative Support Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta
- Youth Minister/Coordinator (part-time) – St Bernadette’s Parish, Castle Hill
- Regional Coordinator – Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 26 June**, More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)
- Disability Support Worker – Garden Crew – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.
- Community Outreach Worker – Aboriginal Identified – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.
- Family Preservation Caseworker – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

More details at: <https://www.seek.com.au/jobs?advertiserid=39387017> or by emailing [careers@ccss.org.au](mailto:careers@ccss.org.au)

## Office for Worship RCIA Seminar Series: Beginning 3 August

The Office For Worship will be running a series for RCIA coordinators & teams and anyone who might be interested in understanding the RCIA process. Topics to be covered include: The Fundamentals of RCIA, Ecclesiology, Social Teaching of the Church, and the journey of Mystagogia. The workshops will run on five Wednesday evenings from 3 to 31 August at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact [anne.stanton@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org) or at (02) 8838 3456.

## Sing in Solidarity Fundraising event: 18 June

Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, in solidarity with singer and songwriter Pat Drummond, are holding a fundraising event on Saturday 18 June from 7 – 9pm to support a child seeking asylum to have access to childcare. Come along and enjoy music performances and show your support for refugees and people seeking asylum. Entry is free with donations encouraged at the door. RSVP and purchase your ticket via <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sing-in-solidarity-tickets-341005435437?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

## Refugee Week Prayer Service: 20 June

Join the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace for an online prayers service on World Refugee Day, 20 June from 6pm AEST. Join them as they reflect on this year’s Refugee Week theme of ‘healing’ and how we can draw upon shared hardships to heal wounds and learn from each other. Register for the prayer service via <https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers>. For more information, contact the Diocesan Peace, Justice and Ecology Facilitator - [James.Atanasious@parracatholic.org](mailto:James.Atanasious@parracatholic.org)

## HELPERS WANTED!



## WORKING BEE: SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

**TIME: 9am to 12noon**

**TASK: Mulching gardens**

A large mound of high-quality cypress pine mulch has been donated to the parish for our garden!

We need help to distribute the mulch on garden areas that have recently been weeded. The aim is to limit weeds & keep plants healthy

**Will you help us at planned working bee please?**

The more people the better. Age & gender no barrier!!

A limited supply of relevant tools will be available so it would be great if you can bring any of these tools: **wheelbarrow, rake, shovel, bucket/s.**

For your own comfort and protection please **bring/wear long-sleeve shirt, hat, sunscreen, gloves, water.**

**Tea/coffee and snack will be provided.**



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**For more information, please contact Kieran Murnane 0419246972.**

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jeannette Christie (Brendan Christie's Mother), Luis Trujillo (Carl Moll's Nephew), 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:

Laurie Rivas, Barry Wylie, Jeanette Russell (Margaret Rivas' Friend), 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:

Louis Dupressoir, Kathleen O'Donnell, Shirley Davison, Lawrence Lutton, William Connell, Baby John Castor, Brian Walsh, Leo Wathen, Julia Redler, Neville Fogarty, Ellen Gillian, James Smith, Margaret Burley, Leonard Rowan, Nancy Cassidy, Emma Gleeson, Betty Pain and Mario Carboni.

## LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 25TH & 26TH JUNE 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 Server	Harrison Bohan		Benjamin Grus & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Huia Kingi	Kevin Goener	Gary Clune
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Beth Culliver	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Margaret Dickson	Irene Aligno
Intercession	Volunteer Please	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
Music	Te Deum		Holy Light
IT Operators	Thais Turner	Robyn Flynn	Pat Watson
Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Ann & Ray Keating	The Young Family
Communion	Allan Jones	Margaret Dickson	Todd Stanford
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Children's Liturgy	Danielle		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Ian Dickson, Heather Lee & Wendy Bohan		
Hospitality	Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Garden Club			



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