



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C  
2nd & 3rd July 2022

**Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 65; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

On Sunday 3rd July, we celebrate National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday, a day when the Australian Catholic Bishops and our National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council invite us to give thanks for the gifts that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples bring to our Church and our nation and to reflect on our journey together.

Hence, we acknowledge that Darug and Gundungurra Traditional Owners have a continuous and deep connection to their Country and that this is of great cultural significance to Aboriginal people, both locally and in the region.

The Gospel of this Sunday speaks about the rich harvest and about the labourers that God will send to the fields. Hence the evangelist Luke recognises the importance of the care for the land and soil as well. We are reminded of our responsibility for the earth and for its ecological sustainability. As a result, the PPC has taken an important step to register St Finbar's as a Catholic Earthcare Parish. I invite you to enter into an ecological dialogue with the purpose to care for our common home. If you have questions about the *Catholic Earthcare program*, please contact Melissa McDonald who is our PPC coordinator of the portfolio: "Social Justice and Ecology".

The overall theme of the Gospel of this Sunday is the hospitality that God offers to all creatures. The ancient custom of hospitality revolved around the practice of welcoming strangers or travellers into one's home while promising to provide them with provisions and protection. Luke's emphasis on hospitality can be found in three passages that are unique to his work: Luke 10:1-16, Luke 24:13-35, and Acts 9:43-10:48. In essence, Jesus forbids his disciples from evaluating their hosts based on the status they hold in society. To carry out their mission properly, Jesus' disciples must form deep and loyal bonds with those whom they encounter along the way. Christian guests cannot constantly be looking for better offers and more advantageous hosts.

The burning question in this passage is: Why does Jesus take on the form of a stranger? Hospitality becomes the vehicle through which the evangelization and incorporation of the Gentiles into the life of the Christian community are first realized. Hence, Luke creates a direct link between the custom of hospitality, which bridges the gap between people of different regions and cultures in antiquity, and the integration of the Gentiles into the life of the Church. Jesus' disciples must not allow cultural differences (e.g., food laws) to blind them to the work of God. The cross-cultural practice of hospitality provides an ideal vehicle for sharing the gospel with unbelievers and unifying the Christian Church despite its disparate membership. By entering into an alliance or covenant with those from cultures that are foreign to them, Jesus' disciples are forced both to give and to receive benefits from those God has called them to love. Acts 9:43- 10:48 demonstrates how they are to function as host and guest in a reciprocal hospitality relationship.

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## SATURDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Leon Fitzpatrick, Isabella and Amelia Rodriguez-Marton and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community. They will be Baptised on Saturday morning the 2nd of July.

## SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes Evelyn Jean Webster, Jeb Nicholo Andreallo and Seraphina Twyford into our Faith Community. They are going to be Baptised at our Parish next weekend. May God bless them all.



*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> 3rd July</p> <p><i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Catechist Commissioning Mass</b></p> <p><b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b></p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> 4th July</p>	<p><b>No Mass. Office is closed</b></p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p> <p>6.30pm Finnie's Choir Practice</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 5th July</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>Wednesday</b> 6th July</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b></p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> 7th July</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>1.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>5.30pm Communion Preparation Session</p> <p>7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> 8th July</p>	<p><b>9.15am No Morning Mass</b></p> <p><b>10.30am Esther Crambrook Funeral Mass</b></p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> 9th July</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice</p> <p>2.00pm Martial Arts Class P/C</p> <p>4.30pm Confessions</p> <p><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p> <p>Live Streaming Link</p> <p><a href="https://youtu.be/qCVNd82d6dU">https://youtu.be/qCVNd82d6dU</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> 10th July</p> <p><i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>10.45am Baptism</b></p> <p>2.00pm Kanimbla Quartet Concert</p>

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Peter moves seamlessly from guest to host and back to guest again while God provides the “gift” that seals the permanent relationship among those who worship him.  
These Lukan hospitality texts remain relevant for Christians today. Even more than in the ancient world, we encounter travellers and strangers from vastly different regions and cultures. Some are traveling by choice (e.g., students and immigrants), while others travel by necessity (e.g., evacuees from natural disasters and refugees from war-torn regions). In Luke’s writings, we hear a call to extend hospitality to these strangers in creative ways.  
At St Finbar’s we are currently in dialogue with Bishop Vincent, whose vision of welcoming the refugees seems to reflect the Lukan hospitality, to convert the independent living unit in the presbytery to offer hospitality to refugees who live in our local community.

**WORKING BEE THANK YOU**

Thank you to Joanne, Kevin, Kieran, Tricia & Vince, for their fabulous mulching work on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June. The presbytery gardens now look terrific!  
Thank you to Brian, Frank, Gabe, Greg, Jim, Kevin, Kieran, Melissa, Michael, Peter, Tim & Tricia for your excellent work last Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Such a relief to get so much church garden mulched! Thanks to Fr Joe for a delicious morning tea. Much appreciated.



**JULY'S CALENDER**

- 3rd at 9.30am Mass - Catechists Commissioning Mass
- 10th at 2pm - Kanimbla Quartet Concert
- 14th at 5pm - 1st Holy Communion Rehearsal
- 17th at 9.30am Mass - 1st Holy Communion.
- From 18th July - Father Joe is on his Annual Leave.

**BUSH SCHOOL CONCERT**

Warmest thanks to all parishioners who attended our concert last Saturday night or who otherwise generously supported Bush School Cambodia. The concert was very successful and raised important funds for the continuation of the school in 2023. We thank Fr Joe and the Parish for making the hall available for this 7<sup>th</sup> Bush School concert at St Finbar's.

*Doug Frewer*

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN OUR PARISH**

I am in the process of updating the Justices of Peace list in our parish. Can you please let me know if you are registered as a Justice of Peace, so I can update the list. Thank you all for all your help and support. Please email the parish office at [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)



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# DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

## **ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER THIS SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY**

Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. Today, we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. For interesting information about First Nations people and the Catholic Church go to [http://www.natsicc.org.au/assets/natsicc\\_a4-booklet\\_digital.pdf](http://www.natsicc.org.au/assets/natsicc_a4-booklet_digital.pdf)

## **SPRINGWOOD PARISH IS HIRING! PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT**

St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood, is seeking a parish office administration assistant to work 12 hours a week on a Thursday and Friday. The role requires compassion, discretion, complete confidentiality and a 'can do' attitude and a willingness to work autonomously. Duties include answering all enquiries at the door and on the phone, maintaining parish databases and records and creating the parish bulletin. Applications should include a cover letter, resume and at least two reference. Please send applications by Monday 4 July to [springwood@parracatholic.org](mailto:springwood@parracatholic.org)

## **FREE LECTURE - THE OUTSIDER POPE: WHERE IS FRANCIS LEADING OUR CHURCH?**

Tuesday 5 July 7.30pm - Novotel Parramatta, 350 Church St Parramatta.

Vatican correspondent from the international *The Tablet* magazine, author and speaker Christopher Lamb will present a free lecture reflecting on Pope Francis' battle to renew the Church and Pope Francis as a human being. RSVP essential by 2 July to [mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org](mailto:mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org)

## **FORMATION FOR MISSION AND MISSION ENGAGEMENT**

The Second Assembly of the Plenary Council, to be held in Sydney, begins with the Opening Mass this Sunday 3 July. Over the next six days, the 277 Plenary Council members will consider the motions that have emerged from the national journey which aims to renew the life and mission of the Church in Australia.

The strength of the Plenary Council, which aims to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying, has come from the support of the Catholic community in Australia. Our parishes and parishioners have played an intrinsic role, contributing valuable input throughout the discernment process and the First Assembly. Now there are still opportunities to be involved, through prayer, following the events of the Second Assembly, and sending messages of support to the Members of the Plenary Council.

### **Opportunities for parishioner involvement**

**Prayer:** Parish communities are encouraged to pray the Plenary Council prayer for the Diocese of Parramatta which was developed by the Members of the Plenary Council.

**Follow the livestreams:** A livestream will take place each day from the Plenary Council from 8.30am 4 to 8 July, and 9am on 8 July. The daily Masses will also be livestreamed.

**Direct messages to the members:** The Plenary Council will feature a message board at the assembly venue where Members can read the prayers, hope and messages of support from parishioners around Australia.

**Attend the closing Mass:** The Catholic community is invited to attend the closing Mass of the Second Assembly on Saturday 9 July at 10.30am at St Mary's Cathedral.

To help your parishioners follow the events of the Second Assembly, the Diocese of Parramatta will feature useful links on the website page [parracatholic.org/plenary](http://parracatholic.org/plenary).

## **WANTED Female Travel Companion:**

I am a parishioner travelling to Italy, would like a female travel companion from 10 December 2022 to early January 2023 meeting in Rimini. We would travel throughout northern Italy, across to Cinque Terre, then to Rome for Christmas, taking beautiful photos along the way. You would then have the option of going to England with me until mid February, or flying back home.

Please email Dawn Willis on [777dawn7willis.7@protonmail.com](mailto:777dawn7willis.7@protonmail.com) for details.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Esther Crambrook, Jeannette Christie (Brendan Christie's Mother), Luis Trujillo (Carl Moll's Nephew), Hazel Caldwell, Patricia Mungovan, Mike Sayer, Mary Smith, 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:**

Karen Bishop, Rita O'Malley, Charley Allen, Dr. Christopher Kohlenberg, John Bowden, Eliza Nolan, Hellen Lum, Kathleen Higgins, John Coyle, Pining Brown, Raymond Heaver, Joan Sisson, Jean McMillan, Kathryn Hazell, Harry Taylor, Aloysius McGlynn, Mildred Jordan, David Aitken, Kathleen O'Connor, Ric Baradinsky, Danielle Archer and Victor Baker.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 9TH & 10TH JULY 2022**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Servers	Quentin Lynch & Matilda Howard		Emily Dowling & Leia Agahari
Warden	Allan Jones	Kevin Goener	Patricia Murnane
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maureen Tulk	Michelle Wilson	Richard Cutler
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dawn Willis	Carl Moll	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Volunteer Please	John Killeen	Joanne Stubbs
Music	Bernadette & Sam Phillips		Finnie's Choir
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Robyn Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Volunteer Please	Kath Tierney	Yvonne Scanlan
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, Elizabeth Brazier & St Finbar's Playgroup		
Hospitality	Ann King, Lynne Atkinson, Daren and Liz Dukes		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Michael Lloyd & John Killeen		

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