



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C  
9th & 10th July 2022

**Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 68; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37**

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS

When did you last visit your father?

Due to the international border closure, I was not able to visit my elderly father. More than that. Since the death of my mum, I was not able to visit her grave! You can imagine how excited I am as I am now able to visit my dad, siblings, and their families and above all to pray at the graveside of my beloved mother. So, I will be travelling to Germany from 18/7 to 18/8. While I am away, Fr John Sullivan OSA will celebrate the weekday Masses on Thursdays at 7pm and on Friday at 9.15am. On Wednesdays, Peter McMahon will celebrate the liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. Fr Bob Anderson will preside at the weekend Masses at the usual hours. Thank you for your understanding.

The end of financial year gives me the opportunity to thank you for your generous contribution which has assisted us to care for the physical and spiritual needs of our parish. I know that money does not grow on the tree. Hence, the PFC and I will always endeavour to spend wisely. In this context, we are hoping to make our parish more sustainable for the future. We would like to install batteries that can store solar energy for usage of our parish buildings. This measure just makes sense for the environment and will reduce our electricity bill. We estimate the cost for the installation of new batteries around \$18,000. Of course, we would be very grateful if you can assist us in this regard. If you want to know about the details, please contact Carl Moll who is the PFC chair.

We are not just an inward-looking parish! We also look outward, and we are a missionary parish reaching to the vulnerable in our community. We hope to be able to provide temporary accommodation for some refugees, and those who need a short-term shelters and refuge. Hopefully, the diocesan office will speed up this approval process allowing us to convert the independent living unit in the presbytery for this purpose. This unit is currently occupied by Fr Shinto who is Assistant Priest to Springwood parish. Bishop Vincent promised that Springwood parish will soon be able to provide accommodation for Fr Shinto. This complies with the Canon Law which requires that priests must reside in their own parishes! St Finbar has provided hospitality to the AP of Springwood for over decade now!

As it stands, the unit does not have a washing machine. If you know someone who is upgrading and has a spare used one, please contact us via the parish office. We may need some furniture as well. I will donate a TV which can be used for the unit.

I am pleased to congratulate Bill West who has just published a new book entitled "Riddles of the Shroud. Questions Science Can't Answer". A veteran journalist and editor, Bill - after years of research - has written an introduction for the ordinary people to what he believes is the "most profound puzzle of all time." As a parishioner, Bill might be able to give us a discount on the purchase of his new book. Well done, Bill!

A Thank You goes also to Matthew Phillips who has composed a Marian hymn "Ave Maris Stela" which he dedicated to St Finbar's. Matthew is an accomplished musician who earlier was our parish music coordinator and has led two parish choirs. As you can see, our parish has many talents. I am just proud to be part of it. Thank you all for your generosity. Have a great weekend.

## PARISH INFORMATION

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**Sacraments**  
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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'S BAPTISMS:**

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Evelynn Jean Webster, Jeb Nicholo Andreallo and Seraphina Virginia Twyford and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community. They will be Baptised after Mass this Sunday. 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> 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>
<p><b>Monday</b> 11th July</p> <p><i>St Benedict</i></p>	<p><b>No Mass. Office is closed</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 12th July</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 13th July</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b></p> <p>10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> 14th July</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>1.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>5.00pm Communion Rehearsal—Church</p> <p>7.30pm Blue Mountains Folks Dance P/C</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> 15th July</p> <p><i>St Bonaventure</i></p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> 16th 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><b>Live Streaming Link</b></p> <p><a href="https://youtu.be/PURewGn6DVc">https://youtu.be/PURewGn6DVc</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> 17th July</p> <p><i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am 1st Holy Communion Mass</b></p> <p>1.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p><b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b></p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>

**SECOND COLLECTION**

Thank you to the many parishioners who have assisted the parish by converting their St Finbar's regular second collection donations from envelopes to either credit card or direct debit electronic donations. This will reduce parish costs and make them all easier to administer.

You will be aware that from 1<sup>st</sup> July we no longer have individual envelopes. If you have not yet converted to electronic giving please take a form from the Wardens' table and complete it, or call in at the parish office and we will help you complete it. (We do have anonymous envelopes available in case you do not have access to any electronic giving).

Just to clarify that all second collection donations stay in the parish and are used to maintain the parish and support various parish ministries. All first collection donations go to the Diocese to support the living expenses of the priests (and so we get some of it back to support Fr Joe). Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

*Peter*

Dear Parishioners,

St Finbars Parish Finance Committee is continuing to review all cost saving measures. Although Solar panels were installed in recent years, we believe installing a Tesla Powerwall 2 battery with 135KW/hr storage will significantly reduce our power costs. This battery will offset a lot of power use in the hall and office building. We have a received a best quote of \$16500 (excluding GST). Beside the reduction of energy bill, it will also minimize the Parish Carbon Footprint and hence contribute to the preservation of the environment. We welcome any contribution from parishioners towards this worthwhile project. Anyone interested in making a donation ( no matter how small) please contact the Parish Office. Thanking you all for your ongoing support and generosity.

*Carl Moll*  
**Finance Committee Chairperson**

**PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT**

The Parish Trivia night will be held on Saturday the 27th of August in the Hall at 6.30pm (for a 7pm start). The cost will be \$5 per person and there will be room for 8 people on each table. All the profit will go to the Catechists to purchase more resources. BYO drinks and nibbles. A table has been set up in the narthex please write the names of the people on your table. Payment can be made at the door.

**GLENBROOK BRIDGE CLUB**

The Club holds Bridge sessions in the church hall on Wednesdays at 7.00pm, Thursdays at 1.00pm and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 1.00pm. New players, no matter their level of ability, are welcome to play in a friendly, social environment. Lessons for beginners will commence on 4<sup>th</sup> August. For further information, contact Frank on 0419 426 606.



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Dear Friends of St Finbars,

I am writing concerning the two signages that Trish Murnane has proposed on the occasion of 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first church building.

While the proposal has its merits and deserves a broader discussion in our parish, I need to apologize to Trish and to you all because I have not taken care of due process.

With the new PPC structure, each PPC member is responsible for a portfolio. Hence, all proposals ought to go through the portfolio coordinator first, the coordinator then presents it to the PPC for discussion. In the final stage, the PPC will then present it to the parish community for broader consultation.

This means that the proposal for the two signages needs to follow the process as outlined above.

Again, my sincere apologies to Trish and to you all.

*Fr Joe*

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### **Aboriginal Catholic Services NAIDOC Week Celebration: 11 July**

Catholic Care's Aboriginal Catholic Services is hosting a community celebration to commemorate NAIDOC Week on Monday 11 July from 10am to 2pm at the Holy Family site in Emerton. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations with a variety of entertainment, music, rides, stalls and more. Show your solidarity and have some family fun with members of our local Aboriginal community.

### **2022 Faith in Marriage Seminar: 12 August**

Guest speaker Robert Haddad will discuss "Living marriage, living faith, ideas to inspire your children" at the Faith in Marriage Seminar hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta's MET - Marriage team. The seminar will be held on Friday 12 August at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7.30pm. The event is free, but booking is required. Free parking is available in the lower ground car park and on neighbouring streets. Please register your attendance to (02) 8838 3460 or [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org)

**Sunday 10 July marks Sea Sunday** – a day in the Australian Church calendar to remember, celebrate, pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work.

### **Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening: 20 July**

You're invited to the Annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening to be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills from 6pm. This year we explore how people across our region have responded to the "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor" – the 2021-22 Social Justice Statement. For more information and to register visit - <https://parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan/>

### **The FaithFeed Conversations Event: 15 July**

Looking for an event to engage those in their mid 20s-40s in life and faith conversation? On the evening of Friday 15 July, The FaithFeed is on as a diocese-wide networking opportunity, offering an organic initial connection for this age group to your parish community. Invite those in their mid 20s-40s to register and find out more by signing up via: <https://fb.me/e/1PAVFKal7> or emailing [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)



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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:**

Leon Smith, Lorraine Grant, Jack Roles, Garry Thew, Thomas Boyle, Scott Grzonkowski, Geraldine James (Boyle), John Kelly, Margaret Frost, Kim Nolan, Joan Lohrey and Jean Cottier.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 16TH & 17TH JULY 2022**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Stuart Sheary
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Servers			Zoe Wilson, Dominic Sheary & Tim Kensey
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Kevin Goener	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maire Griffin	Geraldine Agahari	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Annis Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
Music	Cantabile		N/A
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Elizabeth Konza	Patrick Watson
Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	Kay Whitty	Volunteers Please
Communion	Bernie Fisher	Jean Di Nucci	Annis Nilsson
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
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