



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
16th & 17th July 2022

Genesis 18:1-10; Psalm 14; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Historic and Landmark Decisions?

After a long week of debates and controversies, the Fifth Australian Plenary Council concluded on the 9th of July 2022 with a Solemn Mass at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney. During the week, the Plenary has made headlines because it failed to endorse the equal right of women. In his reflection, Archbishop Fisher described the Plenary as "a week of positives and negatives", while other Bishops quickly labelled the Plenary week as historic and hailed its landmark decisions that would have great impact not only the Church in Australia, but also for every parish: "Australia's historic Plenary Council assembly – the first in more than 80 years – has voted to promote the role of women in the Church, including motions that could lead the country changing existing decision-making structures, and accepting women deacons." (*Catholic Leader*, Brisbane).

According to the Archbishop of Sydney, there was an under presentation of "ordinary Catholics that was also potentially distorting". There were around 17,000 submissions by 220,000 Catholics. This means that less than 5% of the total Catholic population in Australia participated in the Plenary process.

In my view, it comes down to the sole question: What is the Church? It is still a Sacrament of Christ: "The Church, in Christ, is like a Sacrament — a sign and instrument, that is, of communion with God and of unity among all people." (CCC, no. 775) Or, is it just the People of God?

As a Theologian, I will not join and share the Plenary's enthusiasm yet. Paul's advice is my guide in this regard: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Rom 12:2) Here, Paul used the Greek word *euareston* to define what is to be considered good: "By *euareston* (acceptable) he underlines the fact that the goodness which is in question is no anthropocentric goodness but a goodness determined by the revelation of God's will, a matter of obedience to God's commandments." When Paul says that we should be transformed in the renewal of our minds so that we can discern and do what is the will of God, he means the revealed will of God and its proper applications to life. *He does not mean: try to figure out God's sovereign plan and do it.* That is God's secret. We are to do his revealed will and leave the sovereign running of the universe to him.

The future will tell whether the Plenary was conducted with obedience to the Will of God, or whether it was done with a political intention to replace God's sovereign plan with that of human idea!

However, 18 children together with their parents have discerned in the last 5 weeks about the unconditional love of God. They are now ready to receive for the first time the Body and Blood of Christ on this Sunday 17/7 during the 9.30am Mass.

I would like to thank *Annemaree Baird* for her leadership in accompanying our children through the catechetical preparation.

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CONGRATULATIONS

To all the children who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday. We pray that the Body and Blood of Christ may graciously nourish them and help them grow more like Jesus each day of their lives. Please note that this Saturday's Confession is reserved for the children only. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Fr Joe

SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes August Frederick Neill and Sophia Mary Egan into our Faith Community. They will be Baptised in our Parish next weekend. May God bless them both.



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>Sunday 17th July</p> <p><i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p>Monday 18th July</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 19th July</p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Finance Committee Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Wednesday 20th July</p>	<p>9.15am Liturgy of the Word & Communion followed by Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 21st July</p>	<p>1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folks Dance P/C 7.00pm Mass- Father John Sullivan OSA</p>
<p>Friday 22nd July St Mary Magdalene</p>	<p>9.15am Mass -Father John Sullivan</p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd July</p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 2.00pm Martial Arts P/C 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass- Father Bob Anderson Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/VbLwaN7J6SQ</p>
<p>Sunday 24th July</p> <p><i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass-Father Bob Anderson 9.30am Mass-Father Bob Anderson 10.45am Baptism</p>

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 May God bless you for everything you do for our children. It was nice to see the serenity and commitment of our children and parents to the faith. Don't forget the upcoming Trivia night in our parish hall. Registration is now open. Entry fee is \$5 per person. All proceeds will support our catechists to buy resources for children of our public schools. I will be taking my annual leave from 18/7 to 18/8 to visit my dad and to pray at the grave of my beloved mother. I was not able to do so any earlier because of COVID. While in Germany I will also endeavour to complete my third doctorate. Studying keeps me free from mischief!
 During my absence, Fr John Sullivan OSA and Fr Bob Anderson will celebrate Masses for us, while Peter McMahon who is an Acolyte will lead the Liturgical Service of the Word with Holy Communion.
 Thank you! Please welcome Fr John and Fr Bob.

Fr Joe

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 received a best quote of \$16,500 (excluding GST). Beside the reduction of our energy bill, it will also minimize the Parish Carbon Footprint and hence contribute to the preservation of the environment.
 We welcome all contributions from parishioners towards this worthwhile project. Anyone interested in making a donation (no matter how large or small) please contact the Parish Office, or use one of the special envelopes on the Wardens' Table. Thanking you all for your ongoing generosity.

Carl Moll
Finance Committee Chairperson

PENRITH CITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR SINGING DAY
 Inviting boys and girls 7 – 13 years, **Sunday 14 August 3.00 – 5.00pm** at St Finbar's Church Hall. If you love to sing, join us. *Children from St Finbar's Parish are being offered a reduced fee. Mention this when applying.* Check the church notice boards for further details.

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.



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5th Plenary Council Outcome

Following the conclusion of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia on Saturday 9 July, a range of articles and resources on the continuing journey can be found on the ‘Plenary Council’ heading on *Catholic Outlook* and via parracatholic.org/plenary

Positions Vacant:

- Credo Youth Groups Coordinator – St Patrick’s Cathedral Parish, Parramatta – **Applications close Friday 22 July at 5pm.** More details at: parracatholic.org/employment
- Garden Crew Supervisor – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Support Worker – Domestic Assistance – 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

Catholic Outlook Ordinary Time/Winter 2022 edition out now!

Catholic Outlook Ordinary Time/Winter 2022 edition is out now and free to all parishioners. We feature a range of articles on the World Meeting of Families, our Diocesan outreach to Refugees and People Seeking Asylum and nurturing the God-seed within all of us. Pick up your free copy from the Wardens’ Table today.

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening: 20 July

You are invited to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers, including Bishop Vincent Long. This Tri-Diocesan event is hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay: **Wednesday 20 July, 6–9pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills.** For more information and to register, visit parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan by 17 July.

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

Building Safe Parishes Together in 2022: An Update from the Office for Safeguarding

Take a look at our newly upgraded Mandatory Safeguarding Training Platform...

Would you like to complete your Mandatory or Elective Safeguarding Modules independently and at times convenient to you? Our newly upgraded online training platform is now live.

If you haven’t had a chance as yet, you can access the LearnWorlds platform at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

On this platform you are able to register yourself and choose the Safeguarding Modules that are relevant to you. The three mandatory modules [Compliance Training – tagged gold] are:

- Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards
- Legal Compliance and Safeguarding: Risk of Significant Harm and Reportable Conduct
- Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries

Existing users may have received a Welcome courtesy email from the platform. Mandatory Training is valid for two years. There is no need to review previously completed modules unless you wish to push your renewal date further back. Those with coordinator and leadership roles within the parish are also asked to complete two elective modules. You will find these Leadership Elective Modules tagged blue on the platform.

New users are invited to ‘sign up’ onto the platform using their unique email address, identifying their parish and naming their role in the parish. Once logged into the platform, click on the ‘Modules’ link to locate the mandatory compliance modules as well as the elective modules. Click on ‘Enrol’ to begin each module.

Once again, we are very grateful for your continuing support of this training and for all you do in ministry for your parish community.

If you have any further questions please contact Maria Kervin, Community Education and Education Officer at maria.kervin@parracatholic.edu.au

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Janet Noonan, Esther Crambrook, Hazel Caldwell, Patricia Mungovan, Mike Sayer, Mary Smith, Shirley Conlon, Sybil Mason and Monica Hampson.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Pat Bell, 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:

Kevin Bohan, Waclaw Zajicek, Thomas Binns, Kevin O'Donnell, Peter Nash, Kathleen O'Connor, Rita Cloran, William Worthington, Thomas Brooks, Antonio Favaloro, Winnifred Jackson, Annie Gillian, Ivan Kucic, Mary Rivas and Roberto Di Nucci.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 23RD & 24TH JULY 2022

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahan	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahan	Stephen Brown
Junior Servers	Harrison Bohan		Benjamin Grus & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Huia Kingi	Kevin Goener	Gary Clune
1 st Reading	Eileen Jones	Volunteer Please	Cecilia Zammit
2 nd Reading	Philomena Watkins	Geraldine Agahari	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Elizabeth Konza	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Te Deum's		Holy Light
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Patrick Watson	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Steve & Heather Lee	Rivas Family	The Young Family
Communion	Noreen Taylor	Brian Grech	Mila Svehla
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Children's Liturgy	Colin		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd & Beth Killeen		
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