



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C  
23rd & 24th July 2022

**Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 137; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13**

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Last Monday Fr Joe departed for Europe on his well-earned annual leave. He will visit his father in Germany whom he has not seen for several years. He will also give a retreat for a week in Sweden as well as complete further Doctoral studies. He will return to us in mid-August.

While he is away, he has arranged Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings at 9:15am, for priests to say Mass on most Thursday evenings at 7pm and most Friday mornings at 9:15am. He has also arranged priests to say Mass on all weekends at the usual times. He has done his bit in organising all this - it is up to each of us to do our bit and keep our parish running smoothly while he is away.

The Parish Finance Committee (PFC) met during this past week to review our financial situation, to discuss some proposals for the upkeep of our parish, and to formulate advice to guide Fr Joe as he considers any appropriate expenditure. The PFC has placed some information on the noticeboard in the church narthex that show some of our key financial indicators. The PFC would like to thank all those parishioners who have "bitten the bullet" and converted from envelopes to electronic weekly or monthly donations to the parish.

The Gospel for today's Mass talks about the importance of prayer in our lives, and Luke recalls how, when one of the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, Jesus suggested the words we know today as the "Our Father". This is a prayer we all probably know very well, and probably say every day.

If we take prayer a step further, we might consider whether we spend time praying every day. It is likely that we do not pray regularly for all sorts of reasons. I think one of the main reasons is that we are always too busy with life, or too stressed or too tired or too preoccupied. Life demands a lot from us these days, and the day simply takes hold of us, consumes us, drains us of energy, and leaves us in its wake.

Also, prayer is not easy. God's reality, while massively real, and the basis of the whole universe, is not tangible and physical like the things of the world. What we experience in prayer is just as real as the physical world, but we must persevere in prayer long enough to realise this. We often give up too soon. This week we could resolve to try and pray at least once every day, and call on the Holy Spirit to help us improve our prayer life.

**Peter McMahon**  
(On behalf of Fr Joe)

## PARISH INFORMATION

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### **Sacraments**

Confessions: Saturday 4.30 – 5.15pm  
Baptisms: By Appointment  
Weddings: By Appointment

### **Web:**

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### **Facebook:**

Glenbrook Catholic  
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### **Parish School:**

Principal  
Mrs Robyn Clarke  
Phone: 4724 3600

## SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of August Frederick Neill and Sophia Mary Egan and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community. They will be Baptised after Mass this Sunday.



***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.*

# PARISH CALENDAR

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

<b>Sunday</b> <b>24th July</b> <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>10.45am Baptisms</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>25th July</b> <i>St James</i>	<b>No Mass. Office is closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>26th July</b> <i>Sts Joachim and Anne</i>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm August Baptisms Preparation Meeting M/R 7.30pm Netball Club Meeting P/C
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>27th July</b>	<b>9.15am Liturgy of the Word &amp; Communion followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>28th July</b>	1.00pm Bridge Club P/C <b>7.00pm Mass—Father John Sullivan OSA</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>29th July</b> <i>Sts Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</i>	<b>9.15am Mass—Father John Sullivan OSA</b> 1.00pm Bowlers
<b>Saturday</b> <b>30th July</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass—Father Bob Anderson</b> Live Streaming Link <a href="https://youtu.be/g6IUw9RWIIM">https://youtu.be/g6IUw9RWIIM</a>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>31st July</b> <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass—Father Bob Anderson</b> <b>9.30am Mass— Father Bob Anderson</b>

## ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

### BOOK OF REVELATION

Mondays at 7.30pm-9.00pm September, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, and October, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

Venue: Meeting Room, St Finbar's, Glenbrook.

Cost: Free \*\*\***REGISTRATION closes 15th**

**August, 2022** : St Finbar's Office :

[secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au) or 4742 6958

or St Andrews Office

[standrews@glenbrook.unitingchurch.org.com](mailto:standrews@glenbrook.unitingchurch.org.com)

4739 6295

## ART EXHIBITION IN SUPPORT OF A NEW SCHOOL IN CAMBODIA

Please support our parishioner, Michael Harriden who is having an art exhibition at Glenbrook Theatre next weekend. The monies raised will be used for a new school in Cambodia. Please see the notice board in the Narthex for full particulars. Thanks again for all your support.



## Diocese of Parramatta Notices

### Positions Vacant:

- 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](mailto:careers@ccss.org.au)

### 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)

### Soul Food Podcast – Pastoral Formation

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## BLUE MOUNTAINS DEANERY NOTICES

### The Synod on Synodality

There is still time for any of us to let Pope Francis know what our experience of being a member of the Catholic Church has meant for each of us.

**So we are all encouraged to make either individual or group submissions to Sr Nathalie [n.becquart@synod.va](mailto:n.becquart@synod.va)**

1. As a starting point please refer to Parramatta Diocese's Final Synthesis which is our diocese's contribution to the Synod. This document has many very good recommendations and it may well resonate with you or your group.
2. Families, particularly parents, could also include some further information about **family involvement in the Synod**. Families are encouraged to contribute to the synodal process. **"The family is a model of synodality."** (from one of the Synod resource documents). Another extract from the resource documents is one of the guiding questions: **"What can the Church learn from the family?"**
3. Most of the members of the Mountains Deanery Pastoral council met a few weeks ago to share our experiences of belonging to the Church. We were asked three questions
  - **What is positive and meaningful in the Church community?**
  - **What are your hurts and disappointments in belonging to the Church community?**
  - **What do you think needs to happen for the Church to thrive?**

We shared our experiences and our ideas for the future, then we reached a consensus regarding our submission and it was sent to Sr Nathalie Becquart, the undersecretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops. Our submission was acknowledged and the reply included a commitment to take our submission into account.

You could use any of the above as a way of framing your submission. Please keep it brief, perhaps in a simple point form. It is advisable to introduce yourself and your parish and/or group involvement in the main body of the email. It would also be advisable to make your submissions to Sr Nathalie by mid August. Please also send a copy of your submission to Parramatta Diocese.

We are reminded that **we are all members of the Body of Christ having been baptised into the body by the Holy Spirit** (from 1 Cor 12:13) and as members we are encouraged to share our experiences as Pope Francis is inviting us to do.

### ANNULMENT INFORMATION WEBINAR

Each year the Tribunal of the Catholic Church, Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Care WSBM Solo Parent Services present an Information Webinar to help people understand the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church. Questions are answered in detail on all aspects of the Annulment process. The event will be held online via Zoom. **Date:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 **Time:** 7pm -9pm. **Registration is Essential:** For further details and to register, please call the Tribunal office on PH: 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org)

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM AT ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH CASTLE HILL COMMENCING 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Catholic Care Western Sydney and Blue Mountains is commencing a 7 session Bereavement Support Program for men and women whose spouse or partner have died. Each week a different topic will be presented on how grief impacts lives after the death of a spouse or partner. It will be held on Thursdays over 7 weeks at St. Bernadette's Parish from 10am – 12pm. The program commences on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August and concludes on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022. **For further information and Registration:** Please Contact Rita Chater at Catholic care on 8843 2500 or [rita.chater@ccss.org.au](mailto:rita.chater@ccss.org.au)

**Natural Fertility Awareness Week this year is August 22 -28.** Is dedicated to helping women understand their fertility and manage it without the need for drugs, devices or invasive techniques. Once learned, fertility awareness can be used throughout a woman's reproductive life, even when her cycles are not regular. The theme for Natural Fertility Awareness Week 2022 is **"Fertility Literacy – Get the Know How"** Monitoring your fertility health is easy when you know how to do it accurately. Visit [www.billings.life](http://www.billings.life) for more information on events in your area.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

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:**

Mabel Barry, Ruby Howling, Doris Ball, Peter Roebuck, Arthur Hibberd, Paul Treble, Janet Tulk, David McSorley, Anthony Visser, Peter Bryant, Bernard Wilson, Anni Grundschoettel and Danuta Ryan.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 30TH & 31ST JULY 2022**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Lukas Rajnoch
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Lukas Rajnoch
Junior Servers	Volunteers Please		Volunteers Please
Warden	Huia Kingi	Kevin Goener	Gary Clune
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	John Killeen	Volunteer Please
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Katy Ferris	Michelle Wilson	Cecilia Zammit
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John De Mattia	Martin Rogers
Music	Men's Choir		Youth Choir
IT Operators	Henry Hanco	Volunteer Please	Patrick Watson
Gifts	Parishioners are	Invited to offer to	Bring up the gifts
Communion	Volunteer Please	Margaret Dickson	Irene Aligno
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	Cate		
Piety Stall	Noreen Taylor		
Church Care			
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Martin & Lyndal Rogers.		
Garden Club	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch.		



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