



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
30th & 31st July 2022

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Psalm 89; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Germany. Europe is experiencing a heatwave never seen before. Even the POMS and the Celts are now having a really hot "SUMMER" Not just climatic trouble, but there are talks also about an economic "tsunami". My little sister who lives in Munich has saved for a year, but the inflation has shattered her dream of having her own place. She shares the same experience with many Aussies!

The persisting drought has made bananas, greens and bread luxury items for many families. According to a recent statistic, Germans only shower every third day to save energy and water cost and surcharge. The European Union is now planning to curb the rise of energy consumption by rationing energy to private households. The gigantic rise of petrol price (a litre costs 2.80 AUD) has transformed Germany into a new Netherlands. The sale of bicycles exceeds the number of car sales. Germans are now pedal horse riders!

The airlines are struggling to take off with their union members calling on strike daily. As a traveller, I have already lost more than 1200 AUD on airfares. Rebooking a ticket does not automatically qualify to fly. It all depends on the strike.

Russian conflict continues to dominate the screens. The Russian bombs on Odessa (a port of Ukraine) prevent the export the millions of tons of grain, effectively putting more than 247 million people in the sub-Saharan region at risk of starvation.

Adding to the nightmare, I also have contracted the European variant of omicron and have been in isolation. Instead of joining my family for excursions and parties, I am writing this column in my room with a cup of lemon hot tea and *tasteless* food!

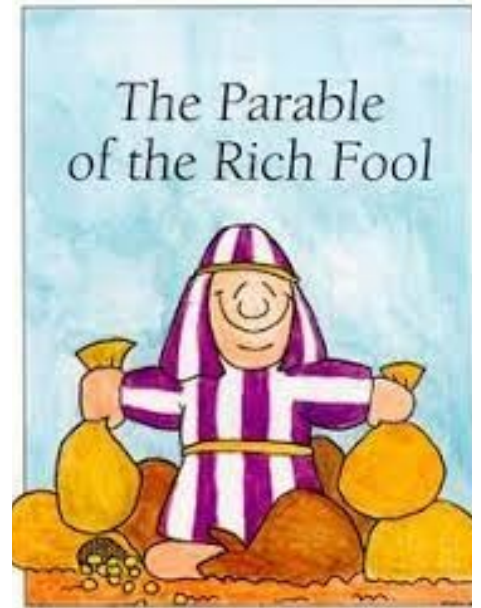
I want to celebrate Mass for my deceased Mum and visit her grave...but isolation.

Yet as I read the bible everyday and pray, I realise that a crisis is a good time for faith discernment, one that can bring new hope and deliberation.

Tomorrow's unknown crisis is not something to avoid in fear. It requires our attention and deliberation. We need to have the courage to face the truth of our uncertainty.

"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise." —Hebrews 10:23

See you soon
Fr Joe



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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 31st July <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</p>
<p>Monday 1st August <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i></p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 6.30pm Finnie's Choir Practice</p>
<p>Tuesday 2nd August</p>	<p>No Morning Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>
<p>Wednesday 3rd August <i>St Dominic</i></p>	<p>9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion followed by the Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 4th August <i>St John Vianney</i></p>	<p>1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 5.30pm Confirmation Preparation Meeting P/C 7.00pm Mass—Father John Sullivan</p>
<p>Friday 5th August</p>	<p>9.15am Mass—Father John Sullivan 1.00pm Bowlers</p>
<p>Saturday 6th August <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i></p>	<p>No Morning Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass—Father Bob Anderson Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/h1zh1c63QdQ</p>
<p>Sunday 7th August <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass—Father Bob Anderson 9.30am Mass—Father Bob Anderson 6.00pm Youth Mass—Father Michael Gathuku 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group</p>

CONFIRMATION

Preparation classes for our children who are to be confirmed this year (and also their parents) start on Thursday 4th August at 5:30pm. The children will be Confirmed on Sunday 4th September. Please pray for them.

DEACON ANDREW

Some good news was received from the Diocese - an announcement that Deacon Andrew, who recently spent time with us in this parish, is to be ordained a priest on Friday 26th August at 7:30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. Our congratulations and best wishes go out to Deacon Andrew.

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

The parish Trivia Night will be held in the parish hall on Saturday 27th August, starting after the vigil Mass. There are 20 tables available and already 11 of them have been fully booked. Add your name to a table on the lists in the church narthex. The cost is only \$5 per head, and all proceeds will go to our Catechists to purchase some new resources.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

All parishioners who do any parish activities where they work with children need to have a current WWCC. If yours is not current please get it updated immediately.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

BOOK OF REVELATION

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

REGISTRATION closes 15th August, 2022

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

Cost: Free ***

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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 on 29th July from 6:30pm. Gold coin entry.

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.



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PAPAL INVITATION TO WYD PILGRIMAGE 2023

Dear friends,

Pope Francis once again invites the young Church to join him at the 16th International World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal next August 2023. It is the third chapter in his Marian journey and features the theme; "Mary arose and went with haste" (LK 1:39) There is no doubt that this enriching experience of pilgrimage for young people has a profound impact on their relationship with Jesus, their prayer life, their lived mission and their relationships with others.

I am continually inspired by the witness of faith and vocation in our past pilgrims - many of whom I regularly see in my own journey around the Diocese. In this post-pandemic world, I see a great need for bringing young people intentionally together in formation and community towards this mountain-top experience knowing that its fruits are years in the making, well beyond a return to their school, parish, professional and personal lives.

The Diocese of Parramatta will lead one pilgrimage to Portugal. I have appointed James Camden, Head Mission Engagement (Chancery) and Mark Smith, Head Mission (CEDP) as joint Pilgrimage Co-ordinators to lead our team. Our encounter with Jesus, Mary and the Saints begins in France, travelling through Spain and onto Portugal before a time of retreat in Assisi, Italy. Our pilgrimage will total 22 days between 21 July - 11 August.

I encourage each parish and school community over the coming month to consider how they might identify and support two to three young pilgrims attending WYD23. All fundraising will be the responsibility of each pilgrim in lieu of a Diocesan raffle. Potential pilgrims, including clergy, aspiring group leaders and those interested in this significant youth engagement strategy are invited to attend the launch event with the team and I on Thursday 18 August from 7pm at St John XXIII Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens. More information and registration can be found at www.parrawyd.org

I pray that our young people, and those that accompany them on this journey, will be transformed by the lives of St Vincent de Paul, St Thérèse of Lisieux, Our Lady of Lourdes, St Ignatius of Loyola, St Teresa of Ávila, Our Lady of Fátima, St Francis of Assisi and St Clare over our 12 month pilgrimage.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

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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 3rd 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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM AT ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH CASTLE HILL COMMENCING 11TH 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 11th August and concludes on Thursday 22nd September 2022. **For further information and Registration:** Please Contact Rita Chater at Catholic care on 8843 2500 or rita.chater@ccss.org.au

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ellen Moffitt (Rodney’s mother), 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, 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, 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:

Frances Roberts, Leslie Cullen, Jeffrey Plim, Marian Wiecek, Brian Martland, Daisy Watterson, John Guerin, Gweneth Pinson, Carmel Harris, John Costello, Robert Murphy, Freda Weston, Robyn Connors and Eric Jeckeln.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 6TH & 7TH AUGUST 2022

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Joseph Sukkar
Junior Servers	Alex & Luc Nilsson	Volunteer please	Xavier Rajnoch & Patrick Sukkar
Warden	Vince Dobson	Volunteer please	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Michelle Wilson	Jessica Doherty
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	John Killeen	Steve Baird
Intercession	Elizabeth Rowe	Kevin Flynn	Martin Rogers
Music	Naomi’s Group		Jenny Long & Anne Hobbs
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Joseph Wilson	Patrick Watson
Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Volunteers Please
Communion	John Verhoeven	Kath Tierney	Garry Pursehouse
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children’s Liturgy	Elizabeth		
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Vicky Ang, Karen Sukkar & Tamar Alzened		
Garden Club	Volunteers please		

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