

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
6th & 7th August 2022

Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 32; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

The last I heard from Fr Joe was that his COVID isolation period had ended and that he was out and about, making up for time lost due to the disease. He has sent some pictures from his travels, including of the Archdiocese of Bamberg and some of its treasures, the tomb of Emperor St Henry and his wife, and one of a Venice-like canal in Germany. Let us pray that he is fully recovered and that he enjoys the rest of his holidays.

Earlier this week the last of the 2022 Sacramental programs got underway. You might remember that our eligible children made their first Reconciliation back in May, and those who were ready received their first Holy Communion last month.

Now it is time for the sacrament of Confirmation, and the first of the preparation sessions began on the Thursday just gone. There were about 30 children, together with their parents, who started learning what this sacrament is all about.

The sacrament of Confirmation binds the baptized Christians more perfectly to the church and enriches them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, namely Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord.

We can all take part in this preparation by making a point of praying for these children over the next five weeks, asking the Holy Spirit to come into their hearts and strengthen the faith that God has given to each of them.

Our readings at Mass today remind us yet again to be watchful and ready for the inevitable call of the Lord. We need to make sure we are awake and ready when the master comes. We need to ask for his help not to live a distracted life, so that when Jesus comes into our life, in a way and at a time we do not expect, He finds us ready to welcome him.

One way to do this is to take time to look at your day. You can look at your day so far, or look at yesterday, and see how aware you have been of God in your life. You can ask for the grace not to be deaf to his call. You can do a good examination of your conscience to see what more you can do to keep Christ and his interests at the top of your priorities in this earthly life. In that way you will be ready to enjoy the heavenly life when your invitation comes.

Peter McMahon
(on behalf of Fr Joe)

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SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes Stella Jane Iaria and Georgia

Marcia Brenner into our Faith Community. They are going to be Baptised at 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.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 7th August <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Year C</i>	7.30am Mass—Father Bob Anderson 9.30am Mass—Father Bob Anderson 6 pm Youth Mass—Fr Michael 7.00pm “The Lounge” Senior Youth Group
Monday 8th August <i>St Mary of the Cross</i>	No Mass. Office is closed
Tuesday 9th August	No Morning Mass 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting M/R
Wednesday 10th August <i>St Lawrence</i>	9.15am Liturgy of the Word & Communion 9.30am Playgroup P/C 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 11th August <i>St Clare</i>	1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 5.30pm Confirmation Preparation Meeting P/C 7.00pm Mass—Fr John Sullivan 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 12th August	9.15am Mass—Fr John Sullivan 1.00pm Bowlers
Saturday 13th August	No Morning Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass—Father Bob Anderson
Sunday 14th August <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms

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AUGUST CALENDER

- 11th at 5.30pm - Confirmation Preparation Session
- 15th at 7pm - The Assumption Mass
- 20th - Father Joe returns
- 27th at 7.30am - Men's Breakfast.
- 27th at 6.30pm - Trivia Night



“Looking for a third female housemate to join us in our Catholic Women’s Share house in the Lower Blue Mountains, only a short drive to Penrith.

For further details please contact Erin on 0408756511”

OLMC PARRAMATTA - CLASS OF '90, '91 & '92 30 YEAR REUNION

Reunion Function Saturday 17th September

Parramatta Park Royal Tickets and details via this [link](#). Come and join your old schoolmates and teachers for a reunion for the Classes of 1990, 1991 and 1992. There will be roaming canapés throughout the evening, with an on-consumption bar and a live DJ to dance the night away.

OLMC Alumnae Day Sunday 18th September

10am Mass in the Chapel followed by College Tours. 12:30pm High Tea at Lachlan's Restaurant, Old Government House Click on the link to secure your ticket! <https://bit.ly/3nOIPD3>

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. You can find the invitation to the Parish on the church noticeboards.



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Positions Vacant:

- ICT Service Desk Analyst (full-time, 6-12 initial contract) – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 14 August.**
- Credo Youth Groups Coordinator – St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta – **Applications close Friday 19 August at 5pm.**
- Administration Support – Office for Worship, Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Monday 8 August.**
- Accounts Officer – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 21 August 2022.**
- Chaplaincy Coordinator – CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 28 August**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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

The Diocese of Parramatta is heading to WYD23 in Lisbon

Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at www.parrawyd.org and register for the upcoming Launch Event featuring Fr Rob Galea on August 18. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – james.camden@parracatholic.org

Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharing: 10 August

"Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings" are quarterly online gatherings for everyone who is interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation or Global Peace. They are an opportunity to connect, meet like-minded people, find out and discuss what is currently happening in the Peace, Justice & Ecology space. You are invited to join the conversation on Wednesday 10 August from 6:30pm to 8pm. To receive a Zoom link, please RSVP to sebastian.salaske-lentern@parracatholic.org

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 15 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.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joseph Planeta (a relative of Mila), 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:

Reginald Hambilton, Michael Cahill, William Mathew, Mark Roebuck, Maree Whitton, Anne Griffin, Marion Nardi, Norma Bardwell-Cook and Alban O'Loughlin.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 13TH & 14TH AUGUST 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
1st Reading	Gideon Goosen	Carl Moll	Irene Aligno
2nd Reading	Eileen Jones	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Bernadette & Sam Phillips		Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Robyn Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Thea Robertson	Gwen Cullinan	Gerard Egan
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	Michelle		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care			
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Daren & Liz Dukes		



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