



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
13th & 14th August 2022

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 39; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Fr Joe sends his greetings from France, where he is eating hearty breakfasts and visiting the sights including the very glamorous Versailles Palace. He will return to us next Saturday and will say the vigil Mass on 20th and the Masses on 21st.

This weekend will be Fr Bob Anderson's last weekend with us. I think it is fitting that we acknowledge with thanks all the good work Fr Bob has put in in celebrating four weekends of Masses with us, as well as being there for Reconciliation and Baptisms.

We also acknowledge and thank Fr John Sullivan for being here over the same period and celebrating the Thursday night and Friday morning Masses with us as well as the Assumption Mass on Monday at 7pm.

To both Fr Bob and Fr John we extend our thanks and offer our prayers and best wishes for whatever the Lord asks you to undertake next.

Sunday Gospel Jesus said "I come to bring fire to the earth". These words from Luke are enshrined on the entrance door to our parish church. They indicate that Jesus was very enthusiastic about the mission on earth given to Him by the Father. Fire is the image he uses to speak of this great desire in his heart. But He knows that not everyone will be happy to receive His message and hence He knows that it will bring division in many relationships, but He has energy and passion to carry it out.

Jesus calls on us to continue that mission of bringing good news and healing to all despite the difficulty we will sometimes encounter in doing so.

What are you passionate about? Politics? Your footy team? Our environment? Can you become a passionate follower of Jesus? Can you share His passion in spreading the Kingdom to many? Pray for the grace to have clarity about what God is calling you to do, and do it with Jesus, with passion and with enthusiasm.

The Assumption On Monday we celebrate the great feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. This is a Holy Day of Obligation which means it is a day on which Catholics must attend Mass wherever possible and must refrain from unnecessary work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God.

The Church affirms that Mary did not suffer from original sin but was conceived full of grace. God's supernatural life dwelt in Mary from the very beginning of her existence, and God became man in Mary's womb. It is fitting therefore, that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven when the course of her earthly life was finished. John Paul II said that the Assumption truly was an event of love, in which Mary's ardent longing to be with her Son was finally fulfilled.

Let us pray to Mary on this feast day that she guides us towards our eternal destiny to see the face of God in heaven.

Peter McMahon
(on behalf of Fr Joe)

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday the 15th of August is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Mass on Monday evening at 7pm.

SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Georgia Marcia Brenner and Stella Jane Iaria 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

DIocese of Parramatta Notices

Sunday 14th August <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms 3.00pm Children's Choir Practice P/C
Monday 15th August <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity</i>	No Morning Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.00pm The Assumption Mass
Tuesday 16th August	No Morning Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Wednesday 17th August	9.15am Liturgy of the Word & Communion 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 18th August	1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 5.30pm Confirmation Preparation Meeting P/C No Evening Mass 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 19th August	No Morning Mass 1.00pm Bowlers
Saturday 20th August <i>St Bernard</i>	No Morning Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice No Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/vWmFH8JZyy8
Sunday 21st August <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group

Positions Vacant:

- ICT Service Desk Analyst (full-time, 6-12 months 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.**
- 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

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

Get #Active4Vocations and spur our City2Surf team and Holy Spirit Seminarians on



Becoming a priest requires an incredible leap of faith. We have a team of Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community members taking their own leap of faith in the 14km City2Surf this weekend, getting #Active4Vocations. Show your support and spur them on with a donation. Your generosity will go the distance in helping our seminarians to become priests. Scan this QR code to donate to our #Active4Vocations team members or visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations. **Thank you.**

Pastoral Formation Mission and Evangelisation Short Course: Starts 8 September

Looking for confidence to share your faith? Want to evangelise through life-giving faith conversations? On 3 Thursday nights (Sept 8, 15, 22) journey together with Maddy Forde, a life and faith leader in our Australian Church and representative to the Vatican in the area of youth. Face-to-face from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by August 21 via met@parracatholic.org OR via <https://pparra.org.au/signup/>



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ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

DIARY DATE



You are invited to a very special St Finbar's Feast Day!
Sunday September 25 - 9.30am Mass



Special focus this year is the 110th Anniversary of the blessing and opening of our first church here – a little wooden church, renamed as the Fr Thomas Barlow Centre in 2012

Our little church is our historic gem and is also highly significant in the history and development of Glenbrook and surrounds. The church was blessed and opened on Sunday 25th August 1912.

We are very privileged to still have this building.

We will celebrate through the Mass, a history display, morning tea, and community time. Please come!

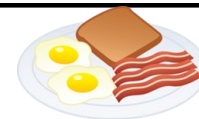


ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST

Date - Saturday 27th August 2022

Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am

Venue - Parish hall



The parish is holding another informal breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners and others to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their neighbours and friends.

For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 22nd August 2022.

Please add your name to the list on the warden's table. Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775

Thank you to all St Finbar's parishioners for their prayers, texts, phone calls and e-mails during my sickness. I really appreciate your concern and support. I feel a lot better now but still I have to rest and take it easy for my health to go back to normal. God bless you all. Juliana Khnouf

SEASON OF CREATION CAMPING TRIP

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the Christian community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with creation and our Creator.

When: Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2, 2022

Where: Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale

Cost: Individual campers: \$20; Camping couples: \$40; Family camping groups: \$50

For more information and to register visit: www.seasonofcreationcamping.org

KNOWING JESUS DAILY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS starting Monday 15 August

Join us as we seek to dive deep into the life of Jesus to expand our understanding of who He is and help us live and become more like Him. This FREE Daily Devotional series Knowing Jesus, is presented by Bruce Downes who is also known as The Catholic Guy. People have registered to receive our prayerful, inspirational resources in every state of the USA and in over 180 countries around the world by both Church attenders and those who are searching. **Sign up today:** BruceDownes.org/KnowingJesus/ or go to our website BruceDownes.org

THE CAMPION COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A MEDIEVAL MASQUERADE BALL.

10 September 2022

5.30pm Vigil Mass - 6.45pm Ball commences

8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie NSW 2146

Open to youth/young adults (ages 16-35) ... All welcome!

\$80 per person. Purchase your tickets at campion.edu.au/events



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Tony Watson (Patrick Watson's Cousin), 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:

Thomas Byrne, Thomas Walsh, Bernardina Bruinsma, James Rowe, John Gersbach, Leslie Slater, Annia Audet, Winifred Coyle, John Cloran and Betty Grange.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 20TH & 21ST AUGUST 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	Justin Dowling
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	John Killeen	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Margaret Dickson	Gary Clune
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Justin Dowling
Music	Cantabile		N/A
IT Operators	Thais Turner	Elizabeth Konza	Pat Watson
Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family
Communion	Pat Barrett	Terry Keogh	Irene Aligno
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Children's Liturgy	Pia		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Jessica Doherty, Dawn Willis & Amira Nassif		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene & Bert Adamson		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Helen Keogh & Kevin Goener		

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