



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
20th & 21st August 2022

Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 116; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Welcome Home

We all welcome you back home to Glenbrook, Fr Joe, after your holiday in Germany, France and other places. We are delighted that you got to see your family and visit the grave of your mother.

Although we were well looked after by Fr Bob, Fr John and Fr Paul during your absence, we are delighted that you have returned to us, and we look forward to working with you again as our Parish Priest.

With the return of Fr Joe, our weekday Mass schedule will return to a regular Mass every morning, Tuesday to Saturday, at 9:15am.

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the Gospel of today's Mass we are reminded that we must never lose sight of the reason we were placed on this earth – the salvation of our immortal souls. In the hustle and bustle of our very busy lives, it is easy to ignore our salvation, or at least give it a low priority. In Luke's Gospel we are warned that this is not good enough. Our salvation must be front and centre in all we do.

Jesus does not even bother to reply to the question about how many will be saved. He prefers to talk of more relevant issues, like the need to choose well, even in difficult circumstances. Jesus warns us off any false sense of entitlement: Jesus is not obliged to save us. What matters most is being with the Master at all times and involving Him in all we say and do. Take up the cross and follow Him every day of our lives. This is how we will enter through the narrow door.

Jesus also does not answer the question of who will be saved. He simply invites us to be wary of judging others, and to believe that salvation is available to all. This is emphasised in the first reading from Isaiah who quotes the Lord as saying that He is coming to gather the nations of every language.

What can we do in our own lives to ensure our salvation? Salvation depends on whether or not we "know" Jesus. Simply claiming to have spent some time with him is not really enough. We need to commit to loving Him more and more every day, and to loving our neighbour as well. It might be a matter of regular prayers every morning. You might be able to come to Mass one weekday every week. You might be able to give to the poor or respond to their needs in some other way. Whatever you choose to do, take a positive step to do God's will every day of your life.

Confirmation

Don't forget to continue your prayers for the children being Confirmed in our Parish on Sunday the 4th of September.

*Peter McMahon
(on behalf of Fr Joe)*

*Welcome back Father Joe.
Hope you had an enjoyable
and restful holiday.*

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Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes Cecilia June Pirozzi, Francesca Kerry Pirozzi and Zoe Josephine Cribbin into our Faith Community. They are going to be Baptised at our Parish next weekend.
May God bless them all.



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.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE

the Traditional custodians of this land on which we worship at St Finbar's - The Darug and Gundungurra People. We pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

<p>Sunday 21st August <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group</p>
<p>Monday 22nd August <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p>
<p>Tuesday 23rd August</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting M/R 7.30pm St Finbar's Netball Club Meeting P/C</p>
<p>Wednesday 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 25th August</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 5.30pm Confirmation Preparation Meeting P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C</p>
<p>Friday 26th August</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 7.00pm Adoration</p>
<p>Saturday 27th August <i>St Manica</i></p>	<p>7.30am Men's Breakfast 9.15am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/reLJlqQfQX4 7.00pm Trivia Night P/C</p>
<p>Sunday 28th August <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms</p>

Bishop's Father Day Appeal

Our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests is traditionally held on Father's Day, this year being the weekend of Sunday 4 September. This annual appeal raises much needed funds for our Diocese's Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work of supporting retired clergy and those in ill-health.

We currently care for 21 retired clergy in our Diocese – 1 bishop, 18 priests and 2 deacons. This year's appeal will highlight the faithful service of our retired clergy, and in particular, Mons John Boyle, Fr Chris Dixon and Fr Bob Sheridan.

We do hope you enjoy some of the stories we will share about their dedication to their faith community. As you know, our faithful parish priests never truly retire!

With your enthusiastic support for our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal, our Clergy Support Foundation can better care for our 21 retired priests and those clergy who are unwell, giving them comfort, professional health care, and guidance.

Positions Vacant:

- **Chaplaincy Coordinator** – CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 28 August**
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment
- **Personal Assistant, Sisters of Mercy Parramatta**
Personal Assistant, Sisters of Mercy Parramatta. Full-time, 12-month position and based at Parramatta. Please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources for further information on [0402 210 055](tel:0402210055).

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://pfparra.org.au/signup/>

Soul Food Podcast – Pastoral Formation

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others?

Pastoral Formation's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: <https://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/>

Stephen Smith CD launch Sunday 21st August, 2022, 2pm. Cardinal Newman Faith Resources, 15-21 Collins St. St Marys, NSW. Light refreshments to be provided.



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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!

The Parish would like to wish Stan Callaghan a very Happy 95th Birthday this week. May God bless him with good health.



ST FINBAR'S PLAYGROUP NEWS

St Finbar's Parish Community would like to extend a huge thank you to Gabrielle Lynch for being the playgroup coordinator for the past 5 years. Gabrielle has stepped down from her duties to allow someone else take charge. Michelle Wilson kindly agreed to be the new playgroup coordinator. We wish Gabrielle all the best. The playgroup runs at the parish hall on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am during school term.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded by a 20 year old university student named [Frederic Ozanam](#) in 1833. It was established by like minded individuals who wished to put their faith into action.

There are thousands of St Vincent de Paul members who every day share their time, care for humanity and energy to make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged people all around Australia. The Glenbrook Conference has made a difference for over 60 years.

We will be holding our annual Winter Appeal at all Masses on the weekend of 27/28 August and we will be seeking your generous support to allow us to continue our work in our parish. Any donation, regardless of the amount, would be greatly received and appreciated.

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



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

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Denise Egan (John Brown's Sister in WA), Marcello Breceley, 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:

Edward Keogh, James Rowe, Handley Sweeney, Margaret Smith, Angela Plevey, Bruno De Mattia, Yvonne Price, Elizabeth Sefton, Les McDermott, Willy Boere and Andrew Wiecek.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 27TH & 28TH AUGUST 2022

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Servers	Harrison Bohan		Benjamin Grus & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Huia Kingi	Kevin Goener	Gary Clune
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Kevin Lloyd	Patricia Murnane
2 nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Andrew Teece	Irene Aligno
Intercession	Volunteer Please	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
Music	Te Deum		Holy Light
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Robyn Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Ann & Ray Keating	The Young Family
Communion	Lorraine Brown	Brian Grech	Elizabeth Rowe
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care			
Hospitality	Kerry & Peter Herborn, Marie Nassif		

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