



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C  
27th & 28th August 2022

**Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; Psalm 67; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1, 7-14**

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS

### "Late have I loved You, my God..."

This weekend is a big one for the Augustinians. On Saturday, we celebrate the feast day of St Augustine, arguably the greatest theologian in the Early church. On Sunday, we celebrate St Monica, the mother of St Augustine. Augustine is regarded as a person who struggled with the faith and who only after a long and difficult journey found the faith in Jesus Christ. Once touched by Christ, he acclaimed: "Late have I loved you, beauty so old and so new: late have I loved you. And see, you were within, and I was in the external world and sought you there, and in my unlovely state I plunged into those lovely created things which you made. You were with me, and I was not with you. The lovely things kept me far from you, though if they did not have their existence in you, they had no existence at all. You called and cried out loud and shattered my deafness. You were radiant and resplendent, you put to flight my blindness. You were fragrant, and I drew in my breath and now pant after you. I tasted you, and I feel but hunger and thirst for you. You touched me, and I am set on fire to attain the peace which is yours."

Monica represents a woman whose faith was unwavering. It was her faith that accompanies her son's dark time. Augustine wrote that his mother "stroved in every way" to raise him up to experience the love of God. Monica's steadfast love and faith reminds me of my beloved mother whose grave I was privileged to see while on my annual leave in Germany this year.

Returning to Australia, I see that things went very well here at St Finbar's. Next year, I will take a longer leave knowing that St Finbar's can flourish without the Parish Priest. ☺

May I take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of our parish staff, Peter, Juliana, Ros, and Jean. I also found that the church's and presbytery's ground are impeccable. So, thank you all for your hard work and commitment. A big thank goes also to Frs Bob, John, Michael and Paul who celebrated the liturgy and sacraments for us while I was on my annual leave.

You all truly live by this saying: "The highest form of worship is the worship of unselfish Christian service."

We are currently investigating possibilities to make our Parish more energy sufficient. One important measure is to install batteries to store the solar energy from the solar panels. This will reduce the cost over the years. The batteries will cost at a price of 17,000. Any donation is very welcome.

25 children are currently preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for them and for Jessica and Patrick Doherty who take on the task of accompanying them on this journey of faith.

September will be a busy month, with various formation programs in our parish. Please have a look on our September program and see whether there is something for you.

We also congratulate Fr Andrew Rooney who was ordained to the priesthood last Friday at the Cathedral in Parramatta by Bishop Vincent. We will have Andrew with us later for a thanksgiving Mass.

Have a great weekend

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Confessions: Saturday 4.30 – 5.15pm

Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Marie Hurley, Patricia Barret and Vince Dobson whose life stories and reflections have just been published in the book "The Wisdom of Age. Reflections on Growing Old in the Blue Mountains" edited by Assoc. Professor William Emilsen. Well done, Marie, Pat and Vince.

### SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Cecilia June Pirozzi, Francesca Kerry Pirozzi and Zoe Josephine Cribbin 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.*

## 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.*

# PARISH CALENDAR

# DIocese of Parramatta Notices

<b>Sunday</b> <b>28th August</b> <i>22nd 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>29th August</b> <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	<b>No Mass. Office is closed</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>30th August</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm September Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>31st August</b>	<b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>1st September</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 5.00pm Confirmation Rehearsal—Church 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>2nd September</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 1.00pm Bowlers
<b>Saturday</b> <b>3rd September</b> <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> <b>10.30am Eileen Farrell Funeral Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>4th September</b> <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>6.00pm Confirmation Mass</b> Live Streaming Link <a href="https://youtu.be/UufKX7TCA7Y">https://youtu.be/UufKX7TCA7Y</a> 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group



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## Bishop's Fathers' Day Appeal

Our Bishop's Fathers' Day Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests is traditionally held on Fathers' 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. **Please give generously to the Bishop's Father Day Appeal which will be held at all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.**

## Social Justice Sunday (28 August) and new Social Justice Statement 2022-23

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Social Justice Sunday on 28 August. It is a special day to engage with the Australian Bishops' new Social Justice Statement for 2022-23

### ***"Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse":***

The statement invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of domestic and family violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives "marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control."

The Australian Bishops call for all people to take part in the individual and social transformation needed so all people can live in safety.

## Positions Vacant

- Chaplaincy Coordinator – CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 28 August**  
More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://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](http://www.parrawyd.org). Express your interest in coming to Lisbon today! For all enquiries, contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We are called, as Vincentians, to feed, clothe, house and assist our brothers and sisters who are forced onto the margins of society. "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, protect the rights of those who are helpless. Speak out and pronounce a sentence of justice, defend the cause of the wretched and the poor". (Proverbs 31:8-9).

Today we are seeking your financial support so the Glenbrook Conference can continue making a difference in the lives of the disadvantaged in our parish. In assisting people who are denied equality and dignity we make a prophetic statement about the dignity and equality of all people in God's sight.

All donations will be greatly received and appreciated. **May God bless you for your generosity.**

## LIVE STREAMING MASS FOR SUNDAY THE 4TH OF SEPTEMBER.

Please note that for next weekend the Live Streaming Mass will be on Sunday the 4th of September at 6pm as the Parish will be having The Sacrament of Confirmation during the Youth Mass instead of Saturday Vigil Mass.

## FAITH FORMATION EVENT TUESDAY 6TH OF SEPTEMBER AT 7PM

The Season of Creation commences on September 1 and is the Annual Ecumenical Celebration that unites the world's 2.4 billion Christians in prayer and action for our common home.

To coincide with the Season of Creation Dr Sebastian Selaske-Lentern and James Atanasious from the Diocesan Peace, Justice and Ecology ministry will speak to us on the topic of - **Faith and authentic living – Care for neighbour and the care for creation.** This event will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7-8.30 in the parish hall.

Please email Juliana at the parish office to register: [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)

## FAITH FORMATION EVENT TUESDAY 13TH OF SEPTEMBER AT 7PM -The Mind of Pope Francis"

According to the Papal biographer Austin Ivereigh, Pope Francis is a "Great Reformer" who radically addresses not just Church's issues, but also is very vocal on social and environmental topics. Fr Joseph Lam, an expert on the history of the Early church and on the theology of Pope Benedict XVI, will uncover the background of Pope Francis' cultural and intellectual context. This event will be held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** at 7-8.30 in the parish hall, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook 2773. Please register via [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)

**GLENBROOK BRIDGE CLUB:** A series of lessons for beginners will be held in the Church Hall commencing Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am. No prior experience necessary and all ages are welcome. For further information please contact Carmel on 0412 207 901.

### 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 110<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

**EAST TIMOR:** "The people of the Blue Mountains have been terrific supporters of the East Timorese for over twenty years now. The needs in that fledgling nation are still high in the areas of health and education. There is another opportunity to continue this support in the annual **TREK for TIMOR** event in October. Unfortunately owing to fire damage and land slip damage to the walking tracks around Katoomba, the event again will be held **virtually!** This was quite successful last year. All you need to do is to follow the link <https://trek-for-timor-blue-mountains.raisely.com/> All the information you need is there. You can financially support other walkers or pledge to walk 10, 25 or more kilometers over the month of October. You can sponsor a walker or simply donate there."

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Eileen Farrell, Denise Egan (John Brown's Sister in WA), Marcello Brecely, Tony Watson (Patrick Watson's Cousin), Joseph Planeta (a relative of Mila), 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, Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson), Diosdado Roque (Geraldine Agahari's Father) and Joan Periera (Marcia Periera's Sister).

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Ellen Fall, Maria Pay, Richard Nagle, Hermanus Voorn, James Griffin, Shiela Anderson, Walter Quealy, Noel Gibson, Mary McKenzie, Michael Price, Valma Jones, Eileen Trevaskis, Anna Instance and Elsie Whitton.

## LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 3RD & 4TH SEPTEMBER 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		Xavier Rajnoch & Patrick Sukkar
Warden	Vince Dobson	Kevin Goener	Justin Dowling
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Beth Culliver	John De Mattia	Pearse Cremin
	Eileen Jones	John Killeen	Amanda Moore
Intercession	Greg Rowe	Kevin Flynn	Justin Dowling
Music	Naomi's Group		Jenny Long & Anne Hobbs
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Joseph Wilson	Pat Watson
Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Volunteers Please
Communion	John Verhoeven	Ian Dickson	Wendy Brown
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn		
Children's Liturgy	Christyna		
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins		
Church Care	Ian Dickson, Heather Lee, Wendy Bohan		
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