

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
3rd & 4th September 2022

Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 89; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

The work of the Holy Spirit is to exalt Christ in our hearts

This Sunday at 6pm Mass we welcome Msgr Ron McFarlane who – on behalf of Bishop Vincent - will preside at the Confirmation Mass and impart the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit on our 25 children. Msgr Ron is currently the Chancellor of our Diocese.

We also welcome our candidates, their parents and their sponsors. The candidates have gone through a five-week preparation. We express our gratitude to Mrs Jessica Doherty who has accompanied our children and prepared them for the Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit give them joy and encouragement to live proudly the faith in Jesus Christ.

What a wonderful Trivia Night on 27th August! More than 170 parishioners gathered in the parish hall for the first post COVID lockdown Trivia Night with much fun and prizes for old and young. Over the four rounds of questions ranging from history to science, food and poetry, the participants at 21 tables were not only tested on their knowledge but could also enjoy the company of each other with good food and beverages. The winner was the Te Deum choir group. A big thank you to the Rogers family and their friends for the organization of the Trivia Night.

The Trivia Night just shows that parishioners enjoyed *being together*. This also reflects one of the two important goals of our recent local Plenary. To facilitate this coming together and to strengthen the bond between parishioners, the PPC and the PFC decided to have two more events for this year. On 25th September we will celebrate 110th Anniversary of the first church building with a solemn Mass at 9.30am presided over by Bishop Vincent, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch and other goodies and games for the whole family. 25th September is also the Feast Day of our parish Patron St Finbar. On this Sunday, there will be only **one Mass at 9.30am** since we invite you all to join in as ONE COMMUNITY. Please register your attendance in a list provided in the narthex for catering purpose.

On Saturday 8th October we invite you to join in the "Celebration of St Finbars' Finest" starting from 6.30pm. This a "formal" dinner with music and dancing and finest food, including a welcoming champagne, starters and main. This adult event is limited to 90 participants! Hence, register as soon as possible on the list in the narthex to secure your booking. The ticket costs 30 AUD.

Don't forget that September is dedicated to the celebration of the Season of Creation in which we thank God for the wonders of creation and become aware of the need to safeguard it for our children and grandchildren. To bring into the spirit of wonder of creation, there will be a public lecture on "Faith and authentic living – Care for neighbour and the care for creation." This event be held on Tuesday 6th September at 7-8.30pm in the parish hall, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook 2773. Furthermore, please book it in your diary for another faith formation event on "The Mind of Pope Francis". According to the Papal biographer Austin Ivereigh, Pope Francis is a "Great Reformer" who radically addresses not just the Church's issues, but also is very vocal on social and environmental topics. This event be held on Tuesday 13th September at 7-8.30pm in the parish hall, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook 2773.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to God for the generous love and care of our Fathers. May they always enjoy the gift of Fatherhood and may God bless you. **Have a great weekend.**

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CONGRATULATIONS

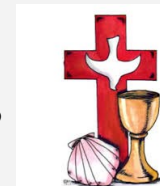
To all the children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. May God bless them all with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Father Joe



SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes Eleanor Margo Mowbray and Winnie Anne Holmes 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.

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

Sunday 4th September <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Confirmation & Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group
Monday 5th September	No Mass. Office is closed 6.30pm Finnie's Choir Practice
Tuesday 6th September	9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Faith & authentic living - The care for neighbour and creation
Wednesday 7th September	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm RCIA Meeting M/R 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 8th September <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.15am Mass 10.00am Bridge Lessons P/C 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 9th September	9.15am Mass No Bowlers—School booking
Saturday 10th September	9.15am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/H-Ux592WdeE
Sunday 11th September <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms

Bishop's Fathers' Day Appeal

Our Bishop's Fathers' 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. ***Please give generously to the Bishop's Fathers' Day Appeal which will be held at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.***

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

MEMORABLE MELODIES

A Concert of delightful music for Voice, Violin and Organ



Rebecca Daniel (Violin/Soprano)
 Michael Taylor (Organ)
 2pm Sunday 23rd October 2022
 at St Finbar Catholic Church, Glenbrook
 Entry: \$15/\$10

TRIVIA NIGHT

The Trivia Night last Saturday was a great success with lots of fun. Many thanks to Martin Rogers and his family for all their hard work organising, preparing and running the night.



A special thanks to Cheryl Kersvien for preparing all the questions.

\$1,005 was raised for the Catechists + \$437 was raised from the sale of craft items. \$250 of which will be donated to the Catechists.

Congratulations to the Te Deum's Choir team for being the winners this year.

Please remember to save the date, Saturday October 8th, for Finbar's Finest Feast Dinner and Dance. More information to follow.



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ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

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. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate the Mass, a history display, morning tea and sausage sizzle, fun games, and community time. If you wish to bring a plate to share it would be appreciated. For catering purposes please add your name to the register on the Warden's table.

FAITH FORMATION EVENT TUESDAY 6TH OF SEPTEMBER AT 7PM

The Season of Creation commenced 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.** Details: This event be held on Tuesday 6th September at 7-8.30pm in the parish hall. Please email Juliana at the parish office to register: 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 be held on **Tuesday 13th September** at 7-8.30pm in the parish hall, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook 2773. Please register via secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Building Safe Parishes Together in 2022: An Update from the Office for Safeguarding National Child Protection Week 4-10 September 2022 *Every Child in Every Community Needs a Fair Go*

This week begins Child Protection Week across the country. During this week we are reminded that:

- Children benefit when we bring people together to create connected communities.
- Children and young people thrive when they grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, community and culture.
- They have a right to grow up in environments that support them now and into their future.

[From: <https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-theme/>]

Our Parish life is known by its connectedness and by its shared beliefs and values to be Christ-like in all we do. At our very heart we want our Catholic Parish community to be inclusive and safe for all to come and worship and to share their baptismal gifts for the good of all – especially for our children and for adults who may be at risk.

There are many things we can do to create a supportive Parish environment and show that we do give a fair go for all the children of our faith community!

This month, as a Catholic community, let's ensure we have taken the first step to care and protect the children in our parish family.

As volunteers in Parish Ministry, have each of us completed our Mandatory Safeguarding Training?

Contact your Parish Office and your Safeguarding Champion to enquire about Face-to-Face Training opportunities in your Parish. If you would like to complete the training independently on our online training platform you can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace.

Sign up onto the platform by clicking on this link: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

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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), Janet Noonan, Esther Crambrook, Hazel Caldwell, Patricia Mungovan, Shirley Conlon and Sybil Mason.

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:

Gweneth Scott, June Jones, Harold Brown, Dorothy Parslow, Arthur Auckett, Hugh Smith, George Frampton, Norah Trathen, Dorothy Luland and Bendina Van de Weyer.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 10TH & 11TH SEPTEMBER 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
1 st Reading	Maureen Tulk	Carl Moll	Richard Cutler
2nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Geraldine Agahari	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Volunteer Please	Elizabeth Konza	Joanne Stubbs
Music	Bernadette & Sam Phillips		Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Robyn Flynn	Pat Watson
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Brian Robertson	Kath Tierney	Yvonne Scanlan
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	Melissa		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, Elizabeth Brazier & St Finbar's Playgroup		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Daren & Liz Dukes		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Michael Lloyd, John Killeen		



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