



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
5th Sunday of Easter—Year A
6th & 7th May 2023

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 32; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Diocesan Synod of Parramatta and St Finbars

“Behold we are doing a new thing” (Is 43:19)

Dear Friends,

Recently Bishop Vincent has announced and convoked the first Diocesan Synod for Parramatta from 10 – 15 October 2023. Although it coincides with the Synod of Bishops in Rome, the Diocesan Synod is rather an outcome of the recent Australian Plenary Council which encourages that each diocese in Australia is to conduct “within five years following the closing session of the Plenary Council a Diocesan Synod and every ten years thereafter.” (Decree 5b). With the Diocesan Synod, Bishop Vincent also invites all the faithful in the Diocese of Parramatta to contribute to the development of a new Diocesan Pastoral Plan by means of listening and consultation forums.

According to the Canon Law, a diocesan synod is the most solemn assembly of a local church. Its purpose is to assist the ordinary bishop in the exercise of his office for the benefit of the entire diocese. A diocesan synod allows everyone in a diocese – priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful – to participate in discerning the Lord’s guidance for a diocese. Hence, the Diocesan Synod will deal with practical pastoral issues relevant for the spiritual and missionary renewal of the entire Diocese of Parramatta. However, a Diocesan Synod does not have the authority to change the teaching of the universal Church.

Hence, I would like to encourage you to participate in the listening and consultative process because the outcomes of the new Diocesan Pastoral Plan will have a direct impact on our Parish community’s life and mission. Of course, I know that there were already many listening and consultation forums in our Parish and beyond. We do not need another listening and consultation process for our Parish. It would suffice that the PPC collates the results of our recent local Plenary and displays them on the notice board in the narthex of the church for parishioners to re-read. Afterwards, the PPC will send them via our Parish representatives (Elizabeth Rowe and Kylie Mills) to the Deanery Pastoral Deanery for submission to the Diocesan Preparatory Committee.

- ✦ If you want to submit your personal feedback concerning the Diocesan Synod, there are three options: · You can use the Diocesan website (<https://parracatholic.org/synod/>) where you can find out information about the synod and/or register your attendance at the Deanery Consultation.
- ✦ You can email your feedback directly to Elizabeth (izwood@icloud.com) and Kylie (kyliegmills@gmail.com) who are our representatives on the Deanery Pastoral Council.

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Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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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 7th May 2023</p> <p><i>5th Sunday of Easter Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/mbmUBrNMqAs?feature=share</p> <p>7.00pm MET FAITH-FEED for 18 to 40 years old P/C</p>
<p>Monday 8th May</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>7.30pm Biblical Studies - Gideon Goosen</p>
<p>Tuesday 9th May</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.30pm Safeguarding Module 3 P/C</p>
<p>Wednesday 10th May</p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 11th May</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R</p> <p>1.30pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>5.00pm Reconciliation Preparation P/C</p>
<p>Friday 12th May</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p>Saturday 13th May</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice</p> <p>2.30pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation</p> <p>4.30pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 14th May 2023</p> <p><i>6th Sunday of Easter Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p>

Positions Vacant:

- ✦ **Communications and Digital Manager** – Diocese of Parramatta
- ✦ **Communications Assistant** – Diocese of Parramatta
- ✦ **Lead Support** – Diocesan Synod

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Diocesan Synod 2023 – The Time is Now!

Join the Diocese of Parramatta as we listen and respond to the Holy Spirit through the People of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Let us go forwards towards the horizon that awaits us. Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod2023

CCD St Matthew's Gospel Series Continuing throughout May

CCD is hosting Dr Laurie Woods presenting A Study of St Matthew's Gospel - May 5, 12, 19 & 26. 10 am to 2pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To book please email Maree Collis

ccd.training@parracatholic.org

REACH Recovery Wellbeing Program Katoomba: Starting 4 May

Reach Recovery Program, designed by the Black Dog Institute. Starting on Thursday 4 May from 10am to 12pm for 9 weeks at The Carrington Hotel, 15-47 Katoomba St, Katoomba. Morning Tea will be provided. Presented by Virginia Field. To RSVP, please contact (02) 8843 2500 or email

enquiries@ccss.org.au

Invitation to Register for CPR Training: 13 May and 5 June

You are invited to register for an accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW. This is being offered as FREE course to the Parishes of the Diocese as part of a project being offered by The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre. The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at two locations across the Diocese.

- ✦ St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood on Saturday 13 May from 10am or
- ✦ Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Monday 5 June from 4pm.

Please contact the Parish Office for information on how to register for the venue of your choice.

Faith in Marriage Seminar: 19 May

The annual Diocesan Faith in Marriage Seminar returns in 2023 with Chris Padgett, American Speaker, Musician, Author and Professor of Theology. This free event will be held on Friday 19 May at 7:30pm at St Paul the Apostle Church, 40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills. Please register your attendance at marriage@parracatholic.org

Springwood East Timor Support Group Trivia Night: 20 May

24th Anniversary Trivia Night – Join us for an evening of fun and flashes of brilliance to aid the Timorese people with Medical and Education initiatives. On Saturday 20 May 7pm for a 7:30 start at St Thomas Aquinas School Hall – 168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood. BYO nibbles & drinks – Tables of 8 to 10. Minimal Prizes this year – Donation box available, Tickets are \$20 each. Payment at the door – credit card accepted. Please call Dennis on 0425209840 for any queries.



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✦ You can attend in person the Deanery Listening and Consultation Night on Saturday 20th May from 7.30 to 9.30 pm at St Columba's Catholic College, 168 Hawkesbury Rd Springwood (exact venue is "Presentation Space" within St Columba's College). Bishop Vincent will be present to listen to your voices. You need to register in advance via parracatholic.org/synod2023/ (click "Get Involved", then click "Attend your Deanery Consultation", then choose the Mountains Deanery Consultation)

May the Good Shepherd lead the Diocese of Parramatta and St Finbar's on the path to genuine Faith and authentic renewal of our Faith community.

Fr Joe

Come and Taste the Good News with a Whiskey



Men are somehow shy when it comes to sharing of emotion. It is even more difficult when men are asked to speak about Faith! And yet, Faith gives us all the Strength to take on the challenges of Life.

So, I would like to invite you to join me for a monthly conversation about Faith and Life in the Presbytery.

Fr John McSweeney, Parish Priest and Whiskey expert, will lead the night of sharing.

This event will be capped at 10 participants.

When: Thursday, 18th May at 7.30 pm

RSVP is ESSENTIAL: secretary@stfinbars.org.au



Come and Share the Good News with a Gin and Tonic

Women's' Gathering at St Finbars.

Life is so busy, especially for mothers. Often mums are multi taskers. There is a constant struggle between family commitment and a life of faith.

We invite you to join us for a time of relaxation and to share the blessings of life and opportunities that faith may offer.

The main speaker is Lucie Twyford, mother of three young kids and marketing specialist.

When: Thursday, 25th May 2023, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

Organizers are Colleen Fuller and Jeannine Ashbee from the PPC. **RSVP is ESSENTIAL (secretary@stfinbars.org)**



BUILDING SAFE PARISHES TOGETHER IN 2023: An Update from the People & Culture - Safeguarding Safe Parishes Week 2023 – Safeguarding Training Festival

Safe Parishes Week begins on 5th June 2023. This year marks our second year of our Safeguarding Training and many parishioners are due for their renewal training.

This year we are offering a week's program of Face to Face Mandatory and Elective Modules at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown. The Program includes Mandatory Modules (Cycle 1 – 6 points) and Cycle 2 (4 points) and a range of Elective Modules.

Contact your Parish Office for information on the complete Training Program.

You are invited to register for Modules that interest you by emailing: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Of course, you are still most welcome to 'sign up' to our online Safeguarding Training Platform

at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

Thanks again for your support and commitment to making Parishes safe for children and adults at risk. I hope to see you during Safe Parishes Week!

Maria Kervin (Community Engagement and Education Officer), maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Shirley Cameron, Margaret Clark (Kerry Herborn's Mother), Paul Egan (Gerard Egan's Brother), Joe Grange, Maria Cummins, Paul Walker, Esme Kramhoft and Christopher Auckett.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

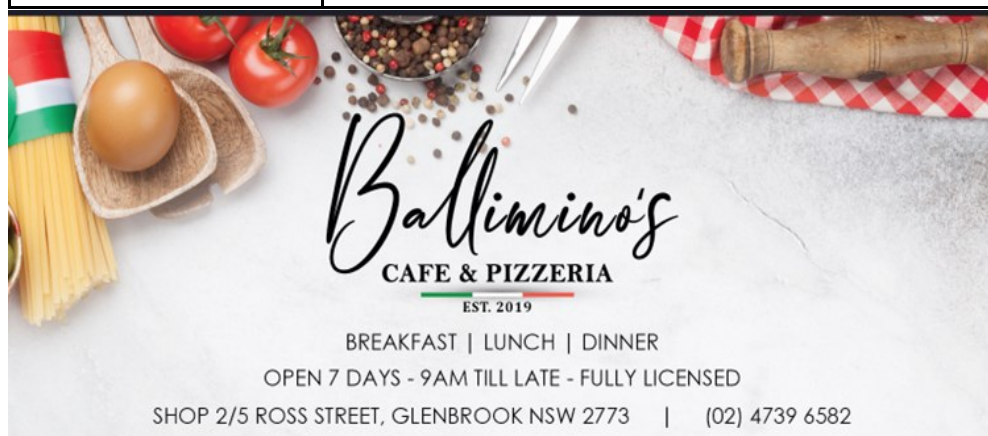
Gwen Cullinan, Pat Bell, Chris Paine, Margaret Stevens, Lyn Beltran, Lyn Downes, Margaret Christensen, Mark Bates, Colleen & Michael Nolan, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Joanne Macrae, Sophie Hollies, Maddison Farrugia, Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson), Diosdado Roque (Geraldine Agahari's Father), Joan and Hubert Periera & Maureen Brown (Marcia Periera's Sister, Brother & Niece).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Alexander Laing, Peter Smith, Michael Au, Joseph (William) Horneman, Laurence Brooks, Maureen Holmes, Emma Peters, Peter Buckley and Thomas Hannigan.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 13TH & 14TH MAY 2023

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahan	Garry Pursehouse
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahan	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Servers	Quentin Lynch & Matilda Howard		Emily Dowling & Leia Agahari
Warden	Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Carl Moll	Richard Cutler
2nd Reading	Volunteer please	Geraldine Agahari	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Maureen Tulk	John Killeen	Joanne Stubbs
Music	Cormac Men's Group		Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Kylie Mills	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Thea Robertson + Volunteer Please	Gwen Cullinan + Volunteer Please	Gerard Egan + Volunteer Please
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Children's Liturgy	Michelle		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Volunteers Please		
Hospitality	Ann King, Daren & Liz Dukes, Lynne Atkinson		
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