



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
6th Sunday of Easter—Year A
13th & 14th May 2023

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 65; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the gift our mothers. It was Anna Jarvis who fought so hard for the "Mother's Day" until 1910 when this day was celebrated with special services held in Sydney at which white carnations became a symbol of Mother's Day. Carnations are a species of flowering plants. They come from the Dianthus genus and are members of the Caryophyllaceae family. Carnations are some of the oldest (if not the oldest) flowers to be cultivated. Carnations come in a variety of colors. Each colour of carnations has different symbolic meaning. In general, carnations are known to represent the following: Love, Devotion, Fascination or Captivation and Distinction. These characters truly represent the gift of our mothers. So let us bless our mothers with this prayer: "Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings."



The Church is also symbolically called mother. However, her young children are increasingly leaving the mother-Church. A recent survey shows that only 6% of young Catholics regularly attend the parish Sunday Mass. From this we can conclude that the mother-Church may be without grand children in the future since the mother-Church is no longer a priority of young parents. Yet St Finbar's may defy the trend as we are so blessed with so many young families who are committed and live by their Catholic faith and its values. To strengthen the Faith of our young people, St Finbar's and the Diocesan Mission Enhancement Team have embarked on a collaboration to attract and to invite young Catholics to celebrate their Catholic heritage and faith. Last Sunday, we had a magnificent celebration of faith when around 60 young Catholics came together for a FAITH FEED PARTY in the parish hall with Steve Baird as the main speaker. It was so wonderful to share the experience of the joy of the Faith, but also to listen to critical questions of young people. I would like to thank the Diocesan MET, Claire and Jackson Brown, Nicole Young, the Parish Youth Team, Steve Baird and Natalie and Steve Darby for their wonderful contribution to the success of the event.

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Wishing all mothers, grandmother, stepmothers and expecting mothers a very happy and enjoyable Mother's Day this weekend. May God bless you all and your families.



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Weddings: By Appointment

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SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes *Austen Rattenbury* and *William Harvey "Billy" Gaborit* 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.

<p>Sunday 14th May 2023</p> <p><i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p>
<p>Monday 15th May</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p> <p>7.30pm Biblical Studies—Gideon Goosen M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 16th May</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday M/R</p> <p>6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.00pm PFC Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Wednesday 17th May</p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Playgroup</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 18th May</p>	<p>9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea</p> <p>1.30pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>7.30pm Come and taste the Good News with a Whiskey/ Presbytery</p>
<p>Friday 19th May</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers</p>
<p>Saturday 20th May</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice</p> <p>4.30pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 21st May 2023</p> <p><i>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</i> <i>Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>10.45am Baptisms</p> <p>1.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>Live Streaming Link</p> <p>https://youtube.com/live/nsdubVf8ns4?feature=share</p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Aboriginal Catholic Care at Emerton.

Will you be the face of Christ for our First Nations people in need? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will support a welcoming place where Aboriginal people can express their identity, share their culture and knowledge within our community, access practical support and development opportunities, and make social connections. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. **Thank you for being a Good Samaritan to our First Nations people,**



Diocesan Synod 2023 – The Time is Now!

Over the next six weeks, Bishop Vincent is travelling throughout the Diocese and listening directly to people's stories and suggestions about our Church. Join him at one of four locations to have your say. Events start at 6.30pm with light refreshments:

✦ Saturday 20 May at St Columba's Catholic College, Springwood.

There will also be a youth-focused consultation on Thursday 18 May from 7pm at West HQ, Rooty Hill.

To register for your local consultation and to learn more about the Diocesan synod, visit parracatholic.org/synod2023

Building Safe Parishes Together in 2023:

An Update from Safeguarding (People & Culture)

Safe Parishes Week 2023 – Safeguarding Renewal Mandatory Training Opportunities! Did you complete your 6 points of mandatory training in 2021?

Are you due for renewal training?

Would you like to complete the renewal training Face to Face?

Our Renewal Training Package (Cycle 2 – 4 points) consists of:

Module 4: Understanding Safeguarding, the Child Safe Standards & Working with Adults at Risk

Module 5: Legal Compliance: Risk Of Significant Harm & Reportable Conduct

These Renewal Mandatory Modules will be offered face to face at Bishop Bede Heather Centre on:

- Tuesday 6th June at 10am - 1.30pm, OR
- Wednesday 7th June at 10am – 1.30pm

Please register for the renewal modules on the day of your choice at:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.edu.au

These renewal mandatory modules will also be available online by August 2023.

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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To cater for such event and many other Parish events in the future, we need to invest in our Parish facilities. The first step to be taken is to modernize our Parish Hall kitchen. We need to upgrade the kitchen appliances and extend the space for catering purpose. The total cost would be around 30K. However, St Finbar's is known for the generosity of its parishioners. I am happy to announce that Cameron, Sean and Justin, the children of our great benefactors Tony and Pam Clyne, will contribute 50% to the renovation cost. Tony and Pam have been great supporters of St Finbar's. I am glad that Cameron, Sean and Justin continue the legacy of their parents. On behalf of St Finbar's, I would like to thank Cameron, Sean and Justin for their continuous support. We will have an opportunity to honour the memory of Tony and Pam.

May God always bless our Parish community with His peace and the grace of unity enabling us to reach out to one another in the love and knowledge that unity is greater than disagreement.

Once again, my best wishes and blessings to all mothers and grandmothers, living and dead.

Fr Joe

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 16th – 24th May

Is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical Laudato Si' to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home. As a Catholic Earthcare Parish we celebrate our part in the great progress the whole Church is making on its journey towards the seven Laudato Si' Goals set before us by Pope Francis to achieve ecological conversion.

As part of the LAUDATO SI WEEK, a movie called "THE LETTER" will be shown on Tuesday, 23 May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. It tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter Laudato Si' with Pope Francis. The exclusive dialogue with the Pope, included in the film, offers a revealing insight into the personal history of Pope Francis and stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome.



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.

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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:

David Williams (Jillian Williams' Son), 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:

Kathleen Scholfield, Michael Hughes, John Appleton, Anita Dyson, Michael Moelroy, Paul Zoeller, Claire Fisher, Dennis Barron, Cyril Fitzjohn, Millicent Grant, Moira Holmes, Denis Smith, Michael Klein, Hilder Osborne and Irena Chambers.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 20TH & 21ST MAY 2023

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	Volunteers Please		Zoe Wilson, Dominic Sheary & Tim Kensey
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Kevin Lloyd	Peter or Trish Hurley
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Margaret Dickson	Annissa Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
Music	Cantabile		Naomi's Group
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Elizabeth Konza	Susan Dowling
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family
Communion	Gwen Cullinan	Helen Keogh	Carmel Higgins
Cashiers	Peter McMahon		
Children's Liturgy	Melissa		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa & Wayne Gillard and Youth Group		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene & Bert Aligno		

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