



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD—Year A
20th & 21st May 2023

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 46; Ephesians 1:17-23 ; Matthew 28:16-20

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

PARISH INFORMATION

Caring for God's creation: *Laudato Si* Week from 21-28 May

All Catholics, Christians, and people of good will are called to spend our lives caring for God's creation. But what does that mean? How can we spend our days caring for God's creation?

What has the Catholic Church said throughout the centuries about caring for God's creation? What have Pope Francis, Saint John Paul II, and other popes said about this? And why does this matter for your life and your vocation?

Caring for God's creation: Saying creation is more than saying nature.

Let's start with the word "creation." Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, writes: "The word 'creation' has a broader meaning than 'nature,' for it has to do with God's loving plan in which every creature has its own value and significance" (LS 76).

His Holiness continues: "Every creature is thus the object of the Father's tenderness, who gives it its place in the world. Even the fleeting life of the least of beings is the object of his love, and in its few seconds of existence, God enfolds it with his affection" (LS 77).

Caring for God's creation: human beings are God's collaborators in creation.

What exactly is the role of human beings in caring for God's creation? Human beings are part of creation. The world does not belong to us, it belongs to God the Creator. We ourselves, by being part of creation, belong to God, although sometimes we forget this. In the words of St. John Paul II:

"In his desire to have and to enjoy rather than to be and to grow, man consumes the resources of the Earth and his own life in an excessive and disordered way. At the root of the senseless destruction of the natural environment lies an anthropological error, which unfortunately is widespread in our day." (Centesimus Annus 37).

In the Book of Genesis, we are called to till and care for the garden of the world (Gen 2:15). "'Tilling' refers to cultivating, ploughing or working, while 'keeping' means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature" (LS 67).

Caring for God's creation: the urgent ecological conversion needed

The climate emergency and biodiversity crisis has become gravely serious in our time, but the act of caring for God's creation has been lived by many people before us. They were people capable of a deep relationship with God as creator and who lived in communion with God's creation.

In contrast, the domineering and destructive position that has disrupted the balance of creation has resulted in the climate crisis we are experiencing.

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SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of *Austen Rattenbury* and *William Harvey Gaborit* who are going to be Baptised after Mass this Sunday the 21st of May and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.



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 May 2023</p> <p><i>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</i> Year A</p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</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>
<p>Monday 22nd May</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>7.30pm Biblical Studies—Gideon Goosen M/R</p> <p>7.30pm Netball Club Meeting P/C</p>
<p>Tuesday 23rd May</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.30pm Laudato Si week screening <i>THE LETTER</i> film P/C</p>
<p>Wednesday 24th May</p> <p><i>OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS</i></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 25th May</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.30pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>7.30pm Gin/Tonic/Treasures to rejoice in Life's blessed moments and opportunities M/R</p>
<p>Friday 26th May</p> <p><i>St Philip Neri</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers P/C</p> <p>7.30pm Adoration</p>
<p>Saturday 27th 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>Live Streaming Link</p> <p>https://youtube.com/live/6t4F8nt2xaQ?feature=share</p>
<p>Sunday 28th May 2023</p> <p><i>PENTECOST SUNDAY</i> Year A</p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p>

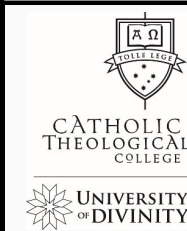
Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Aboriginal Catholic Care at Emerton.

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.



Catholic Theological College
Online unit presented over 4 Saturdays 17, 24 June; 7, 14 October

Teaching Meditation and Prayer
Lecturer: Dr Christopher Morris
To enroll or for further information: Dr Christopher Knauf, Registrar: registrar@ctc.edu.au

Safe Parishes Week – Safeguarding Mandatory Training is Due Now!

Are you new to Parish Ministry this year and have not completed your Safeguarding Training?

Are you an existing volunteer and have not yet completed your 6 points of mandatory Safeguarding Training?

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards all volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training. The Office of the Children's Guardian expects all volunteers in parish ministry have now met this Standard.

In the Diocese of Parramatta we have a zero tolerance of abuse. We therefore commit to keeping children safe as well as all adults at risk.

You are now required to register for the Mandatory 6 points of Safeguarding Training to complete Cycle 1: Register for the Mandatory Training during Safe Parishes Week on:

Friday 9th June at 9.30am - 2.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Marion Street Blacktown

Please register for this mandatory training at: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

If you would like to complete your 6 points online, 'sign up' NOW at:

<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.

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

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This crisis is not separate from the spiritual crisis, as Pope Francis explains in *Laudato Si'*:

"A spirituality which forgets God as all-powerful and Creator is not acceptable. That is how we end up worshipping earthly powers, or ourselves usurping the place of God, even to the point of claiming an unlimited right to trample his creation underfoot. The best way to restore men and women to their rightful place, putting an end to their claim to absolute dominion over the Earth, is to speak once more of the figure of a Father who creates and who alone owns the world. Otherwise, human beings will always try to impose their own laws and interests on reality" (LS 75).

A new relationship with creation "also entails a loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures, but joined in a splendid universal communion. As believers, we do not look at the world from without but from within, conscious of the bonds with which the Father has linked us to all beings" (LS 220).

Laudato Si week in Australia is different to the rest of the world as the Australian Bishops also want to mark National reconciliation week 27 May to 3 June and Sorry day 26 May.

Fr Joe

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 21st to 28th May

To celebrate the eighth anniversary of the publication of the encyclical *Laudato Si'*. "Hope for the Earth. Hope for humanity", will be this year's guiding theme. The film "[The Letter](#)", which tells the story of four "social poets" affected first-hand by the climate crisis who travel to Rome to meet Pope Francis, will be the main resource guiding the week's events, encouraging people to organize community screenings.

You are invited to watch the movie "The Letter" on Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall



PARISHIONERS ARE GENEROUS AT ST FINBAR'S

Over the last six or eight weeks there have been lots of calls on the generosity of our St Finbar's parishioners, and they have not been slow to respond.

Here are some of the donations to appeals made by this parish:

Project Compassion \$3030 Peters Pence \$1310 Soup Sunday \$1505 Bishop's Appeal \$1225

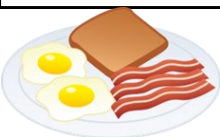
This is in addition to your regular contributions to our parish upkeep.

May God's blessings be on you.

Parish Finance Committee

ST FINBAR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kinder Enrolments for 2024 Now Open. Enrolment Packs and School Tours Available Contact the school office for further information Phone: 47 24 3600

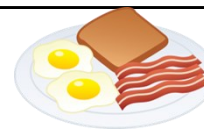


ST FINBAR'S MEN'S BREAKFAST

Date - Saturday 3rd June 2023

Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am

Venue - Parish hall



The parish is holding another Men's Breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their sons, grandsons, neighbours and friends. For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 28th May 2023. 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:

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:

Vincent Noonan, Clare Konza, Betty McSweeney, Patricia Mungovern, Hazel Caldwell, Peter Stapleton (1980), Winifred Shindorfer, Stanley Sharp, Michael Seymour, Derek Elliott, Harry Nolan, Matthew Ingram, Thomas Etherington and Robert Toirkens.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 27TH & 28TH MAY 2023

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Servers	Harrison Bohan		Benjamin Grus & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
1 st Reading	Eileen Jones	Kevin Lloyd	Cecilia Zammit
2nd Reading	Philomena Watkins	Andrew Teece	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Carl Moll	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Te Deum		Holy Light
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Kylie Mills	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Steve & Heather Lee	Rivas Family	Young Family
Communion	Lorraine Brown + Volunteer Please	Jean Di Nucci + Volunteer Please	Greg Rowe + Volunteer Please
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Children's Liturgy	Pia		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Volunteers Please		
Hospitality	Kerry & Peter Herborn, Marie Nassif		

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