

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
PENTECOST SUNDAY—Year A
27th & 28th May 2023

Genesis 11:1-9; Ps 103; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, 28th May, is the Christian holy day of Pentecost. The name comes from the Greek word *pentekoste* which means fiftieth. The holiday is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter which is also fifty days after Easter, hence the name. Since its date depends on the date of Easter, Pentecost is a moveable feast, that is, the date is not fixed. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. This important event in the Christian faith is described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31)

However, the solemnity of Pentecost is also known in Palestine where it was linked to the celebration of the Harvest. In Palestine, there were two harvests each year. The early harvest came during the months of May and June; the final harvest came in the Fall. Pentecost was the celebration of the beginning of the early wheat harvest, which meant that Pentecost always fell sometime during the middle of the month of May or sometimes in early June. There were several festivals, celebrations, or observances that took place before Pentecost. There was Passover, there was Unleavened Bread, and there was the Feast of Firstfruits which was the celebration of the beginning of the barley harvest. According to the Old Testament, one would go to the day of the celebration of Firstfruits, and beginning with that day, one would count off 50 days. The fiftieth day would be the Day of Pentecost. So Firstfruits is the beginning of the barley harvest and Pentecost is the celebration of the beginning of the wheat harvest. Since it was always 50 days after Firstfruits, and since 50 days equals seven weeks, it always came a "week of weeks" later. Therefore, they either called it the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks.

In short, Pentecost in the time of the Apostles was a great and grand harvest celebration. The streets of Jerusalem were clogged with thousands of pilgrims who had come from every point of the compass to celebrate the goodness of God and the bringing in of the wheat harvest.

The New Testament connects the Pentecost with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who was prophesied in the Old Testament and promised by Jesus (John 14:26).

This New Testament event is also significant because it fulfills an Old Testament prophecy in Joel 2:28-29:

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”

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Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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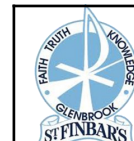
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ST FINBAR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kinder Enrolments for 2024 Now Open. Enrolment Packs and School Tours Available Contact the school office for further information
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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 28th May 2023</p> <p><i>PENTECOST SUNDAY Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p>
<p>Monday 29th May</p> <p><i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i></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 30th May</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.30pm June Baptisms Preparation Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Wednesday 31st May</p> <p><i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</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 1st June</p> <p><i>St Justin</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.30pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>5.00pm 1st Holy Communion Preparation Sessions P/C</p>
<p>Friday 2nd June</p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>11.00am Helen Hunt's Funeral Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers</p>
<p>Saturday 3rd June</p> <p><i>Sts Charles Lwanga & Companions</i></p>	<p>7.30am Men's Breakfast P/C</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 4th June 2023</p> <p><i>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>Live Streaming Link</p> <p>https://youtube.com/live/wrr4f6N4-s8?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.

Positions Vacant:

- ✦ Claims and Legal Officer – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close **10pm Monday 5 June 2023.**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Save Calvary Hospital

There is a petition to the Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision of the ACT government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This removes the ownership and management from Calvary Health Care – a Catholic operator – and gives the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. To find out more about the implications of this decision and to sign the petition please visit: www.savecalvary.com.au

National Reconciliation Week – Be A Voice for Generations

Following National Sorry Day on 26 May, we observe National Reconciliation Week, from 27 May – 3 June; an opportunity for Australians to take part in the process of reconciliation. This year's theme, *Be a Voice for Generations*, urges all Australians to use their power, their words and their actions to create a better, more just Australia for all of us. At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians. Visit the ACBC Justice, Ecology and Peace website for resources: socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Safe Parishes Week: 5 – 11 June

From 5 to 11 June, we celebrate our third Safe Parishes Week in the Diocese. Safe Parishes Week is a tangible reminder of our shared commitment to having a zero tolerance of abuse across our Diocese. The Safeguarding team are presenting a Training Festival of mandatory and elective face to face modules at Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Please contact your Parish Office or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org for the full Safe Parishes Week Training Program.

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Pentecost was the moment in history after Christ had ascended. Peter stood up and said, "And let me tell you about the Messiah, who is the eternal protection for all of humanity. Let me tell you who he is." And so, Pentecost becomes this marker in history to really what many people would say, "And that's the moment that church is born." That is when thousands come into the faith. And it goes from this little sect of believers who followed a Jewish rabbi from Nazareth who died and rose again, and suddenly the church breaks forth into the culture. Suddenly it is that unstoppable force that no one can really deny any longer.

Pentecost has taken on a new significance for us. It, at one point, is just a historical memory. Now it is the living reality of the moment that the spirit of God seemingly burst forth.

Fr Joe

ST FINBAR'S NEEDS MORE SENIOR SERVERS

St Finbar's parish needs more parishioners to train as Senior Servers and/or Sacristans to assist Fr Joe at weekend Masses.

It is a great privilege to stand at the Altar and participate so actively in the wonderful sacrifice of the Mass.

If you are interested, please speak to Fr Joe or to Peter. Full training will be given, and every assistance offered to help you ease into the role.

Peter McMahon



ST FINBARS 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 0419 919 443

Charles Tarbey
Parishioner, Author and
Chairman of 21st Century Australasia

You are invited to an Information Night at St Finbar Catholic Parish

Charles Tarbey will speak on

What is your house worth – the Future of the Property Market

Tuesday, 6 June 2023, at 7.30pm

St Finbar Catholic Church, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook 2773

Please RSVP your attendance to secretary@stfinbars.org.au



YOUNG ADULTS' FAITH FORMATION – 18 – 35 years old

Young Adults Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 4th June 2023 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is Fr Jeff Miller, who will talk about and lead discussion on discernment and vocation. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza and fellowship! If you have any questions please call Mark on 0477004687.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

David Williams (Jillian Williams' Son), Helen Hunt, Kerry Harriden (Michael Harriden' s Brother), Mary O'Sullivan, Shirley Cameron, Joe Grange and Maria Cummins.

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:

Ray Smith, Greg Masters, Franciscus Van De Weyer, Frederick Charlton, Maria Fransen, Irene Flynn, Annie Breakspear, Michael Flynn, Stephen Grundschoettel, Matthew Fisher, Charles Martin, Stephen Skinner, Florence McSorley, James Tighe, Norma Bennett, James Schultz, Thomas Oxley, Rosemary McCaffery and Rose Torrance.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 3RD & 4TH JUNE 2023

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 and Luc Nilsson		Xavier Rajnoch & Patrick Sukkar
Warden	Vince Dobson	Volunteer Please	Justin Dowling
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Michelle Wilson	Jessica Doherty
2nd Reading	Katy Ferris	John Killeen	Steve Baird
Intercession	Elizabeth Rowe	Kevin Flynn	Martin Rogers
Music	Naomi's Group		Jenny Long & Anne Hobbs
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Joseph Wilson	Patrick Watson
Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Volunteers Please
Communion	Vince Dobson + Volunteer Please	John Killeen + Volunteer Please	Mila Svehla + Volunteer Please
Cashiers	Peter McMahon		
Children's Liturgy	Colin		
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Jessica Doherty & Wendy Bohan		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Vicky Ang, Tamar Apkarian & Karen Sukkar		
Lawn Mowing	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		



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