



## The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST—**

**Year A**

**10th & 11th June 2023**

**Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16; Ps 147; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58**

### FR JOE'S MUSINGS

#### Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: Journey towards Communion with God

**John 6:51-58**

**Jesus says, "I am the living bread."**

#### Introduction

Owning a smart watch is good and healthy. There is a function that helps me achieve 10,000 steps per day and so keeps me fit and healthy. So walking is good for me.

This Sunday's solemnity of Most Holy Body and Blood tells us about Jesus' walking from death to life that transforms our lives and the world. If it is true that we perceive the real presence of others through physical realities such as their body, their clothing, their words and their gestures, it is also true that we perceive the real presence of God through physical realities. Body and Blood indicate the real presence of Christ.

#### Commentary

Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

In Israel, the night of the Passover was celebrated in the home, within the intimacy of the family; this is how the first Passover in Egypt was commemorated, the night in which the blood of the paschal lamb, sprinkled on the crossbeams and doorposts of the houses, served as protection against the destroyer.

On that night, Jesus goes out and hands himself over to the betrayer, the destroyer, and in so doing overcomes the night, overcomes the darkness of evil. Only in this way is the gift of the Eucharist, instituted in the Upper Room, fulfilled: Jesus truly gives his Body and his Blood. Crossing over the threshold of death, he becomes living Bread, true manna, endless nourishment for eternity. The flesh becomes the Bread of Life.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

The crowd had trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat.

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#### Sacraments

Confessions: Saturday 4.30 – 5.15pm

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Weddings: By Appointment

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#### Parish School: Principal

Mrs Robyn Clarke

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4724 3600

### SATURDAY'S AND SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of **Finnian McCaughan** and **Michael Sheary**



who are going to be Baptised this Saturday the 10th of June and

**Jozef John Lloyd**


who is going to be Baptised on Sunday the 11th of June 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><b>Sunday</b> 11th June 2023 <i>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Year A</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>10.45am Baptisms</b></p>	<p><b><u>Diocesan Liturgical Conference: 15 July</u></b> The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023! Save the date for Saturday 15 July at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. To register, please visit <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495">www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495</a>, scan the QR code or contact <a href="mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org">mary.gale@parracatholic.org</a>.</p>  <p><b><u>MET Worship RCIA Teams Formation Seminars: Beginning 3 August</u></b> MET Worship's Formation Seminar for RCIA Teams will be commencing on Thursday 3 August throughout August from 7pm to 9pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. New topics will be covered each week throughout the Seminar including Using Rituals, Mystagogia and more! To RSVP and to learn more about the seminar topics, please contact <a href="mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org">hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org</a> or call 0460 037 795.</p> <p><b><u>FaithLIFE – 3 Night Short Course on Scripture: Beginning 22 August</u></b> Want to explore Christian spirituality? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on Scripture with Sr Patty Andrew, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesday: 22 Aug + 29 Aug + 5 Sep. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via <a href="https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/">https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/</a></p> <p><b><u>Save Calvary Hospital</u></b> 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: <a href="http://www.savecalvary.com.au">www.savecalvary.com.au</a></p> <p><b><u>Divine Retreat Centre offerings in June</u></b> The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a variety of single-day and weekend retreats throughout June, including a Couples Growth retreat and its monthly one-day pilgrimage. For more information and bookings, please contact (02) 43721598 or email <a href="mailto:dresydney@gmail.com">dresydney@gmail.com</a> to confirm attendance. Visit <a href="http://www.divineretreatcentre.org">www.divineretreatcentre.org</a> for more information.</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> 12th June</p>	<p><b>No Mass. Office is closed</b></p>	
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 13th June <i>St Anthony of Padua</i></p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b> 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30 Parish Council Meeting M/R</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 14th June</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>	
<p><b>Thursday</b> 15th June</p>	<p><b>9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea</b> 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 5.00pm 1st Holy Communion Preparation Sessions P/C 7.30pm Come and taste the Good News with a Whiskey/ Presbytery</p>	
<p><b>Friday</b> 16th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i></p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b> 10.30am Barnados Fashion Parade P/C</p>	
<p><b>Saturday</b> 17th June <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Sunday</b> 18th June 2023 <i>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> Live Streaming Link <a href="https://youtube.com/live/dHKGL-tFGmw?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/dHKGL-tFGmw?feature=share</a> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>	

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Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus. From this intimacy that is a most personal gift of the Lord, the strength of the Sacrament of the Eucharist goes above and beyond the walls of our Churches. In this Sacrament, the Lord is always journeying to meet the world. On the feast of *Corpus Domini*, we again go on this procession, but in the joy of the Resurrection. The Lord is risen and leads us. The true purpose of our journey is communion with God. The purpose of this communion, of this partaking, is the assimilation of my life with his, my transformation and conformation into he who is living Love. Therefore, this communion implies adoration, it implies the will to follow Christ, to follow the One who goes ahead of us. Adoration and procession thereby make up a single gesture of communion; they answer his mandate: "Take and eat".

*Fr Joe*

## **SAVE THE DATE - SAFEGUARDING FACE TO FACE SESSIONS**

Please note that Maria Kervin will be coming to do Cycle 1 (3 Safeguarding Modules) for all the parish volunteers who have already done them before and for the volunteers who are doing them for the 1st time. Please mark these dates in your diary Tuesdays the 1st, 22nd and 29th of August at 7.30pm at the parish hall. These are compulsory sessions for all the parish volunteers.

Thank you for your continual help and support.

## **COMMISSIONING MASS FOR OUR SRE TEACHERS**

**On Sunday 18 June 2023 at the 9.30am Mass**

Fr. Joe will **Commission** our new Scripture Teachers,  
and he will extend a **Blessing** upon our existing Teachers.

We hope to see you there!

Beth Culliver and the SRE Team

## **NEW ROSTERS AUGUST TO JANUARY 2024**

Just to let you know that I will be sending the new roster this week. Please contact the parish office if you don't receive yours. Thank you all for all your help and support. *Juliana Khnouf/Parish Secretary.*

## **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

## **CONSULTATION ON INTERFAITH RELATIONS / INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE**

You are warmly invited to attend a consultation on *Interfaith Relations* forming part of the Diocese of Parramatta Synod. This consultation **will focus exclusively on interreligious dialogue.**

Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Marion St Blacktown, 6.30 – 9.00pm **Tuesday 13 June 2023**

Invited guests will include a Muslim woman speaker and a Hindu priest speaker. Majority of the time will be spent in spiritual conversations in small groups. Contact Irene Aligno via the parish office for more information.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Paul Wesley (Mike, Laurie and Margaret 's cousin), 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:**

Leonard Rivas, Bridget McLaren, Robert Jones, Karen Bishop, Frederick Critchley, Cecilia Egan, Lucy Dunne, Mary Druhan, Peter McKerverey, Richard Whitmore, Mary O'Donnell, Angela Dempster, Gloria Saunders, Stanley Harris and Baby Valentina Twyford.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 17TH & 18TH JUNE 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 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maire Griffin	John Killeen	Peter or Trish Hurley
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Margaret Dickson	Gary Clune
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	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	Bernie Fisher	Jessica Tuller	Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	Danielle		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson & Gabrielle Lynch		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene & Bert Aligno		

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