



The Barra
Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
17th & 18th June 2023

Exodus 19:2-6; Ps 99; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

“Jesus’ heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned.”

This Sunday’s gospel of Matthew summarises very well the central message of Jesus: He was moved with pity for his disciples who appeared to be disorientated since they were deprived of a Shepherd. The Greek bible uses *Esplagchnisthe* to describe Jesus inner emotion: *Esplagchnisthe* is unique to the New Testament, and it is only found in the gospels. Most important of all, Jesus is the only subject of this verb. The use of *esplagchnisthe* by the gospel writers tells us that, in Christ, something new was happening in God’s relationship to the human race. Through Christ, God shares our sufferings so completely that we don’t even have good language for it. It isn’t enough to say that God has mercy for us. Through Christ, **God’s compassion has become a verb.** God “compassions” us. Our sufferings have become God’s sufferings. In Christ, God has entered fully into all human misery, exercising a level of inclusive nearness that forever deepens God’s relationship with humanity. God is Spirit, but in Christ, God experienced “the bowels of deep feeling” for the human race. That might seem too crude or earthy a way to speak of Almighty God, but Incarnation (or “en-flesh-ment”) is all about earthiness. It’s about God being “enfleshed” in Christ, right down to the bowels of the human experience. This is what I call the “radical compassion of Christ.”

In this Sunday’s gospel Jesus appointed and sent shepherds (Twelve Apostles) into the vineyard. Of course, the chief shepherd is Jesus who led by example of the Cross: That's what it means to be compassionate. In fact Jesus is the extraordinary, unmatched example of compassion because St. Paul tells us in writing to the Corinthians "Though he was God, he emptied himself, entered into our human history, became one like us in every way, gave himself over to suffering and even ignominious death on the cross." Jesus became one like us so he could enter into all of our experiences, feelings, difficulties, joys and hopes. Working in the vineyard may be tiresome. The disciples were tired, Jesus was tired. They'd been preaching and healing and meeting people one after the other for many, many days. No time for rest and quietness. Because of his compassion he was willing to reach out and listen, heal, nurture and strengthen. When we do that with one another, starting in our homes, our neighbourhoods, our country, and throughout the world, then barriers of hatred and separation will be broken down. There's reconciliation. There's peace because of compassion -- Jesus becoming one like us in every way except sin and entering into our experience, becoming one with us. Of course, as his followers, this is the virtue that is so important in our lives -- in everyday life, in our families, and our homes -- to really be understanding of one another, to listen, to take in what the other is feeling. It unites us in a bond of compassion that becomes love. That could happen in our communities if we really worked at it.

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Colin Haywood’s funeral Mass will be on Wednesday the 21st of June 2023 at 11am. There won’t be a 9.15am Mass and Rosary on the day. Please keep Colin’s family and friends in your prayers. May he Rest in Peace.

SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes **Anahi Fox & Lewis Antonio Fox** 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 18th June 2023</p> <p><i>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>Live Streaming Link</p> <p>https://youtube.com/live/dHKGL-tFGmw?feature=share</p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p>Monday 19th June</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p>
<p>Tuesday 20th June</p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C</p> <p>10.30am Mary O'Sullivan Memorial Mass</p> <p>6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>
<p>Wednesday 21st June</p> <p><i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i></p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>11.00am Colin Haywood's Funeral Mass</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 22nd June</p> <p><i>Sts John Fisher & Thomas More</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>5.00pm 1st Holy Communion Preparation Sessions P/C</p> <p>7.30pm Gin/Tonic/Treasures to rejoice in Life's blessed moments and opportunities M/R</p>
<p>Friday 23rd June</p>	<p>No Morning Mass—Office is closed</p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p>Saturday 24th June</p> <p><i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i></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/inUnXvIpsMM?feature=share</p>
<p>Sunday 25th June 2023</p> <p><i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>10.45am Baptisms</p>

Families called to share their stories with the first Diocesan Synod

Bishop Vincent wants to hear from families and households across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Your stories will inform the direction of our local Church into the future through what is known as a synod. Our Diocesan Synod is both an event and a process where people gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative experiences that lead to renewal in the Church's life. The success of the Synod relies on your participation. Families and households are encouraged to participate in the Synod at home using the resources 'Synod at Home' found here:

https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_resources/

Aboriginal Catholic Care NAIDOC Celebrations: 4 July

You are warmly invited to attend Aboriginal Catholic Care's NAIDOC Week celebrations on Tuesday 4 July at 252 Luxford Road, Emerton from 10am to 2pm. The event will include Stalls, Entertainment, Rides, Jumping Castle, Creature Feature, Face Painting, Sausage Sizzles & much more.

Diocesan Liturgical Conference: 15 July

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 60th 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 www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495, scan the QR code or contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org

LISTENING AND SHARING SESSION

On Saturday 24 June, 4pm to 5.30pm in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of the Way Parish Emu Plains there will be a Listening and sharing session in relation to the Diocesan Synod. All are most welcome! Come at 3.30pm for a cuppa! All done in small groups of 5 people. A submission from each group goes to the Diocese. RSVP for planning purposes only: SMS Kay (0430 193 000) or Jim (0421 125 722) at any time with your name and email address OR register on the table provided in the foyer of the Church before or after any Mass.

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

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Moving to another topic: Updates on our Parish projects. As you may be aware, Kieran, Trish Murnane and Frank Zammit have been working tirelessly on the construction of a podium for the outdoor altar. Trish is also taking care of the landscaping. It is nearly completed. Soon we will be able to celebrate the Mass outdoors. We are now looking into the umbrellas. We probably would need at least ten to provide shades during the outdoor liturgy. Would you consider a donation and purchase an umbrella for the parish? I think it costs around 100 AUD each. The kitchen project is progressing nicely. We have already finished all preparatory works and have also purchased commercial kitchen appliances. The sons (Cameron, Shaun and Justin) of Pam and Tony Clyne have generously donated them. Jeannine Ashbee has kindly donated a new oven replacing the old one in the existing half of the kitchen. The cupboards and cabinets are now being made by a local furniture company. We still need to order tiles. If there is somebody who can help with the tiles, it would be great and would save the parish some money. Last but not least, Kevin Llyod has repaired the leaks in the church roof which also saves the parish some money. Thank you to all who selflessly have contributed to the parish's life

Fr Joe

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

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

For a night filled with fun and great time. The Trivia Night will be on Saturday the 19th of August at 7pm. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. More details to follow closer to the date.

The deck for the outdoor Mass & liturgy area is now complete.

It is hoped that the deck will also be useful for general outdoor events that the parish might hold. A garden will be completed in the next few months. Please feel free to walk or sit on the deck. Could we all ensure not to touch the table on top of the stump, which will be used for masses? It might be wise to let any children know this 'out of bounds' rule please. Yes, please sit on the deck and enjoy the garden, but the stump and table are no-go. Thank you.



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.

When: Thursday, 2nd June 2023, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

Organizers are Colleen Fuller and Jeannine Ashbee from the PPC.

RSVP is ESSENTIAL admin@stfinbars.org.au



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Colin Haywood, 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:

Michael Anderson, Edward Helm, Mona Browning, Anne Smith, Louis Dupressior, Brian Walsh, Kathleen O'Donnell, Shirley Davison, Lawrence Lutton, William Connell, John Castor, Leo Wathen, Julia Redler, Neville Fogarty, Joan Lohrey, Ellen Gillian, James Smith, Margaret Burley, Leonard Rowan, Nancy Cassidy, Emma Gleeson and Betty Pain.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 24TH & 25TH JUNE 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	Beth Culliver	Kevin Lloyd	Patricia Murnane
2nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Andrew Teece	Irene Aligno
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
Music	Te Deum's		Holy Light
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Kylie Mills	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Ann & Ray Keating	The Young Family
Communion	Allan Jones	Margaret Dickson	Todd Stanford
Children's Liturgy	Elizabeth		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Volunteer Please		
Hospitality	Kerry & Peter Herborn, Marie Nassif		

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