

# *The Barra*

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

### *20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A*

### *19th & 20th August 2023*

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Ps 66; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28**

#### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Finally ...

As a young priest, I attended a conference on the spirituality of priesthood. A respected priest and expert on the subject told us young priests that Jesus had worked tirelessly for the salvation of all. To sum up, Jesus never took a day off, let alone holidays. I remember well that my uncle who is now a retired bishop in Vietnam warned me not to take a day off because priests must be available to the people at all time.

It appears to me that such an opposition to leisure stands closer to the Puritan tradition of Christianity than to Jesus. The Puritans have had little interest in holidays. Holidays to them have seemed largely a waste of time, and in their noble miserliness their moment's leisure has almost been deemed a sin. John Wesley said as a young man: "Leisure and I have parted company. I am resolved to be busy till I die." He was busy till he died. That amazing resolution of his youth he kept to old age, and he only ceased to work when he ceased to live.

Jesus recognized the fatigue of the disciples and said to them: Come ye yourselves apart ... and rest a while!

As I am not so strong as my uncle bishop, I think will ignore his advice and take my annual leave, just to re-energize, to pray without interruption, to visit and reconnect with my family. I just want to enjoy a meal and gaze into the sun and listen to the songs of the birds in the morning. After all, I am not a "superman", but *human* priest! Generally, life is super busy as we all know. The life of a parish priest is not an exception: Masses (10 per week, excluding funerals), baptism, confessions, visits and anointing, school matters, parish finance manager, ombudsman for all types of complaints, counsellor, spiritual advisor, psychologist, organiser of meetings, general business manager, theologian etc.

Some days are good and other days are not so good. I am tired at the end of most of the days.

So, I am very happy to get 4 weeks off from St Finbars (and you from me!) I will be returning on 15<sup>th</sup> September.

During my vacation, Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday and Friday at 9.15am. Peter McMahon, who is an Acolyte, is authorized by the Bishop to celebrate on Thursday at 9.15am the Liturgy of the Word with Communion service (visiting priests will consecrate the hosts a day before for the service). The weekend Masses remain as normal, except for the Saturday confessions. It depends on the arrival of the visiting priests. If the priest is available for confessions, the parish office will announce it in the bulletin. In case of emergency, please ring the parish office or Fr. Michael Gittau from Emu Plains parish.

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#### **WELCOME**

This weekend the parish welcomes **Father Huang** for the 5.30pm Vigil Mass, **Father Dave Austin** for the 7.30am Mass, **Father Chris Dixon** for the 9.30am Mass and **Father Andrew Rooney** for the Youth Mass and extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for their help.

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**Sacraments**

Confessions: By appointment during Father Joe's holiday

Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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**Facebook:** Glenbrook Catholic Church St Finbars

**Parish School:** Principal

Mrs Robyn Clarke

Phone: 4724 3600

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

The Parish wishes Stan Callaghan a happy birthday. He has turned 96 years young on Wednesday and still comes to Mass as often as he can.

May God's blessings be with him always.



#### **WE 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.*

# PARISH CALENDAR

# DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

<b>Sunday</b> <b>20th August</b>  <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i>	<b>7.30am Mass—Fr Dave Austin O.S.A.</b>  <b>9.30am Mass—Fr Chris Dixon</b>  1.15pm Bridge Club P/C  <b>6.00pm Youth Mass—Fr Andrew Rooney</b>  7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C
<b>Monday</b> <b>21st August</b>  <i>St Pius X</i>	<b>No Mass. Office is closed</b>  8.30am CCD Training Course P/C  5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R  7.30pm September Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>22nd August</b>  <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>No Morning Mass</b>  5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice  7.30pm Safeguarding Module 2 P/C
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>23rd August</b>	<b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b>  9.30am Playgroup P/C  7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>24th August</b>  <i>St Bartholomew</i>	<b>9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>  9.15am Voice of Youth Speech Final P/C (School)  1.15pm Bridge Club P/C  5.30pm Confirmation Preparation Session P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>25th August</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b>  1.00pm Bowlers
<b>Saturday</b> <b>26th August</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b>  7.30am Men's Breakfast P/C  11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice  4.30pm Confessions  <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass—Fr John Boyle</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>27th August</b>  <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i>	<b>7.30am Mass—Fr Dave Austin O.S.A.</b>  <b>9.30am Mass—Fr Chris Dixon</b>  <b>10.45am Baptisms—Fr Chris Dixon</b>  2.00pm A Glimpse of the Sublime Concert, Michael Taylor and Stephanie Zammit

<b><u>Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod</u></b> All are invited to pray a Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod. The Novena will begin the week of Sunday 13 August and conclude the week of Sunday 8 October in the lead-up to the Synod Assembly: Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October. You are invited to pray once a week as a parish community, with your family, ministry groups or during personal prayer. More information: <a href="https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/">https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/</a> <b><u>World Day of Migrant and Refugees celebration</u></b> You're warmly invited to a family-friendly event with Bishop Vincent and our migrant communities for the World Day of Migrants & Refugees on Saturday 16 September, 2pm – 5.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills. Come hear stories, enjoy free entertainment and activities. RSVP at <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebrating-world-day-of-refugees-and-migrants-tickets-675662363317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebrating-world-day-of-refugees-and-migrants-tickets-675662363317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch</a> <b><u>Kairos Prison Ministry for Women</u></b> This support group is for women who have family members serving a prison sentence. Live-in weekends are held twice a year at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. This is a safe space where women can meet and share with others their challenges. The next weekend will be held November 10 – 12, 2023. <b><u>Mandatory Safeguarding Face-to-Face Training Opportunities</u></b> <b>Mandatory Modules 2 &amp; 3</b> will be on Tuesday the 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> of August starting at 7.30pm at St Finbar's Parish Glenbrook. For further information please contact Maria Kervin at: <a href="mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org">maria.kervin@parracatholic.org</a> <b><u>Nominations open for Papal, Civil and Diocesan Awards</u></b> From today until Thursday 7 September 2023, you can nominate an outstanding individual who has contributed to the Catholic Church and society for a Papal Honours Award, Civil Award or Diocesan Award. Please visit <a href="http://parracatholic.org/awards">parracatholic.org/awards</a> . The Awards Ceremony will be held in November. More details to come.
<b><u>PENRITH CITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR</u></b> Invites boys and girls aged 7 – 13 years to join our third project for 2023, singing at St Finbar's 'MUSIC AND READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS'. The project includes one workshop in Term 3 (September 10) and two in Term 4 leading to the public performance on Sunday 10 December. No auditions. Just bring your love of singing. For an Information Pack & Application Form contact: PCCC Administrator, Becky Padgett 0417 433 903 or email <a href="mailto:pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au">pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au</a>

## ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

### *Fr Joe's Musings—Continued from page 1*

Please also make our visiting priests welcome in our parish. I am so grateful for their willingness to assist us during the next four weeks.

I would like to thank Juliana and Peter who will hold the “fort” for us. The office will be running as smoothly as ever.

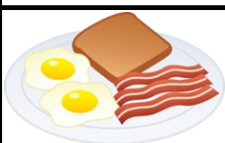
Though I am away, I remain connected with you in my daily prayers. I pray that I will see you all healthy upon my return.

God bless you all and me too.

*Fr Joe*

### **LIVE STREAMING**

Please note that the live streaming of weekend Masses will be temporarily suspended until Father Joe's return. Ryan D'Souza and Vince Dobson are working on improving the quality of the streaming by replacing the WIFI with hard wiring connection. Sorry for the inconvenience.

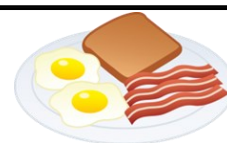


### ***ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST***

*Date - Saturday 26th August 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 20th August 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

### **GIRLS NIGHT!**

Theme: Authentically you, authentically catholic

Friday 25th August, 7pm @ the parish hall.

Come along for chats, food, activities, prayer and guest speaker- Jess Doherty!

This is a night aimed for young women year 7 and up.

RSVP to Claire - 0432599570 [clairebrownmusic@gmail.com](mailto:clairebrownmusic@gmail.com)

### **SEASON OF CREATION CAMPING TRIP 2023**

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the Christian community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with our Creator and creation.

**When:** Friday, September 29 – Monday, October 2, 2023

*\* The SOC program will kick off Friday evening and finish with Sunday Mass. You are welcome to come early on Friday to set up and hang out, and stay on Sunday night for a relaxed and informal time together.*

**Where:** Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale

**Cost:** Individual campers: \$30; Camping couples: \$55; Family camping groups: \$75

For more information and to register visit: [www.seasonofcreationcamping.org](http://www.seasonofcreationcamping.org)

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### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Jan Maunders, 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:**

David Haynes (Yvonne Scanlan's Dad), Mark Cheeseman, Gwen Cullinan, Pat Bell, Chris Paine, Margaret Stevens, Lyn Beltran, Lyn Downes, Jacqui Visser, Margaret Christensen, Mark Bates, Colleen & Michael Nolan, Terry Stevens, 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:**

Eileen Farrell, John Cloran, Betty Grange, Edward Keogh, Laurence Rowe, Handley Sweeney, Margaret Smith, Angela Plevy, Bruno De Mattia, Yvonne Price and Elizabeth Sefton.

## **LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 26TH & 27TH AUGUST 2023**

<b>Liturgical Ministries</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>7.30 am</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Ahyiesha D'Souza</b>	<b>Peter McMahon</b>	<b>Stephen Brown</b>
<b>Senior Server</b>	<b>Ahyiesha D'Souza</b>	<b>Peter McMahon</b>	<b>Stephen Brown</b>
<b>Junior Servers</b>	<b>Harrison Bohan &amp; Volunteer Please</b>		<b>Benjamin Grus &amp; Abigail Stanford</b>
<b>Warden</b>	<b>Huia Kingi</b>	<b>Volunteer Please</b>	<b>Justin Dowling</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Beth Culliver</b>	<b>Kevin Lloyd</b>	<b>Patricia Murnane</b>
<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>Maureen Tulk</b>	<b>Andrew Teece</b>	<b>Irene Aligno</b>
<b>Intercession</b>	<b>Felicity Lindfield</b>	<b>Kevin Flynn</b>	<b>Carmel Higgins</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>Te Deum</b>		<b>Holy Light</b>
<b>IT Operators</b>	<b>Pat Watson</b>	<b>Robyn Flynn</b>	<b>Pat Watson</b>
<b>Gifts</b>	<b>Margaret Moore &amp; Jan de Bie</b>	<b>Ann &amp; Ray Keating</b>	<b>The Young Family</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Noreen Taylor</b>	<b>Jessica Tiller</b>	<b>Carmel Higgins</b>
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>Colin</b>		
<b>Piety Stall</b>	<b>Ann Marie King</b>		
<b>Church Care</b>	<b>Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Beth Killeen &amp; Camilla Lobo</b>		
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Marie Nassif, Kerry &amp; Peter Herborn</b>		



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