



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
2nd & 3rd September 2023

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Ps 62; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

The Gospel

Today's Gospel follows on from that of last week and sees Matthew again emphasising how the goods of this world are not what is important. He urges us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus. "What will it profit them if they gain the whole world but lose their eternal life" (Mat 16:25).

How can we put these words of Matthew into practice?

How can we deny ourselves? We could start with little things such as occasionally doing without something we like. One suggestion might be not to eat any meat on Fridays. This was once a rule of the church but it has been relaxed nowadays. We could easily do this and get ourselves used to a small amount of denial. Then, if we are keen we might consider fasting occasionally, that is, going without a whole meal once in a while; or we might donate some food to the poor via CatholicCare or the St Vincent de Paul society. There are numerous ways to help the poor and deny ourselves at the same time.

How can we take up our cross? One way we can do this is to put God front and centre in all aspects of our life. By this I mean not just when we pray but in everything we do and in everything we experience each day. We could come to daily Mass once a week and receive the Lord in Holy Communion. We could come to Adoration and spend an hour with him once a month. But even if we are unable to do these things we can talk to him while we travel to and from work or to the shops and make sure we say grace before meals and encourage our children to join in. I'm sure each family could find a way to take up the cross in their own home and in their own way of life.

A further way we could take up our cross is by accepting the responsibility to serve the parish community as a volunteer wherever help is needed. Most parish ministries only require you to help out once a month and training is provided. This would be a great step forward in helping us follow Jesus and get closer to him.

This weekend the **Bishop's appeal** will be held to raise some much needed funds to look after the retired priests of the Diocese. They have given their whole life to help and guide us towards Jesus – here is one way we can say thank you to them and at the same time deny ourselves.

Greetings from Fr Joe, who has now completed all his formal engagements in Germany and is heading to Norway to celebrate the 30th wedding anniversary of his brother and his wife. While there I know he will do some sightseeing and get involved in his latest project of sampling a large range of European beers!

I am sure Fr Joe would want to wish a **happy Fathers' Day** to all fathers, grandfathers and stepfathers, both living and deceased, and ask for Gods prayers for them all.

Peter McMahon (on behalf of Fr Joe).

WELCOME

This weekend the parish welcomes **Father John Frauenfelder** for the 5.30pm Vigil Mass, **Father Percival Severe O.S.A.** for the 7.30am Mass, 9.30am Mass and Youth Mass. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for their help.

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Confessions: By appointment during Father Joe's holiday

Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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SATURDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

Gianna Marie Clipsham

this Saturday, and warmly welcomes her into our Faith Community here at St Finbar's.



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.

<p>Sunday 3rd September</p> <p><i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass—Fr Percival Severe O.S.A.</p> <p>9.30am Mass— Fr Percival Severe O.S.A.</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass—Fr Percival Severe O.S.A.</p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p>Monday 4th September</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>8.30am CCD Training Course P/C</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p> <p>6.30pm Finnie's Choir Practice</p> <p>7.30pm St Finbar's Netball Club M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 5th September</p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>
<p>Wednesday 6th September</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 7th September</p>	<p>9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion</p> <p>1.30pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>5.30pm Confirmation Preparation Session P/C</p>
<p>Friday 8th September</p> <p><i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p>Saturday 9th September</p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>9.30am Blue Mountains Deanery Meeting M/R</p> <p>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice</p> <p>No Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass—Father John Frauenfelder</p>
<p>Sunday 10th September</p> <p><i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass - Fr Percival Severe O.S.A.</p> <p>9.30am Mass - Fr Percival Severe O.S.A.</p>

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal: Caring for those who have cared for us

Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carrying out God's ministry for as long as they are able. This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your compassionate donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation to care for our priests, and provide them with personalised health and wellbeing support. ***A third collection will be taken up at all this weekend's Masses.*** Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal via the envelopes or at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code. Thank you for your generosity and support.



The Australian Catholic Bishops Statement "Listen learn Love: A new engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples"

Was recently launched to coincide with Social Justice Sunday last week. You can read the statement online at

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/08/22/social-justice-statement-2023-24/>

MET Worship Selecting Music for Mass Workshop: 7 September

Looking for further training on selecting music for Mass? Wanting some tips on encouraging a congregation to sing? Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Diocese of Parramatta will be running a Music Workshop on Thursday 7 September at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7pm-9pm! Musicians, Liturgy Planners and Clergy are invited to attend. RSVP by 5 September on 0460 037 795 or

mary.gale@parracatholic.org

World Day of Migrant and Refugees celebration: 16 September

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 and hear stories, enjoy free entertainment and activities. RSVP at

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebrating-world-day-of-refugees-and-migrants-tickets-675662363317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Diocesan Food Drives

Many vulnerable people in our community rely on the 'food banks' run by Jesuit Refugee Services and the House of Welcome, which operate thanks to donations from community food drives. All parishes and schools are encouraged to run a food drive for those seeking safety in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Find out more information about how you can help at parracatholic.org/fooddrive or emailing james.atanasious@parracatholic.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY VIDEO

At two Masses last weekend in line with Social Justice Sunday, a video from the 2023 Australia Catholic Bishops Conference was shown, and it referenced the upcoming Voice referendum. This video upset some parishioners who felt the subject matter was not appropriate to be shown during Mass. Please be assured it is never the Parish's intention to tell parishioners how to vote, just to inform them and share information. Each parishioner should always feel free to make their own decision after prayerfully discerning for themselves the way forward.

Martin Rogers and Peter McMahon (on behalf of the Parish)

CORMAC MCCAUGHAN

Our fellow parishioner Cormac McCaughan has been appointed Private Secretary to Bishop Anthony Randazzo of Broken Bay. This is a senior role within the diocesan chancery. I express my heartfelt congratulations to Cormac on behalf of St Finbars. Please pray for Cormac as he commences his new important role in September 2023.

Fr Joe



ST FINBAR'S FEAST DAY MASS AND PICNIC

When: Sunday the 24th of September at 9.30am Mass
Where: St Finbar's Parish Glenbrook
What to bring: Your own supply of plates, cups, cutlery, wine/beer, picnic rug or table & chairs.
Lunch on offer: Spit lamb, baked potatoes, salad and bread rolls.

We hope you will all be able to attend.



PENRITH CITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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 pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au

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

Dads at the Shrine is a monthly hour of adoration held at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, next held **Wednesday 13 September at 8pm**. The hour begins with a brief reflection before a period of personal silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a simple cup of tea. All dads are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. Any questions, contact Bernard, 0416 106 871.

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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 and Joe Grange.

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:

Joan Paine, Elsie Whitton, Gweneth Scott, June Jones, Harold Brown, Dorothy Parslow, Arthur Auckett, Hugh Smith, George Frampton, Norah Trathen, Dorothy Luland and Bendina Van de Weyer.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 9TH & 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Servers	Quentin Lynch & Matilda Howard		Leia Agahari & Volunteer Please
Warden	Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Maureen Tulk	Carl Moll	Richard Cutler
2nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Geraldine Agahari	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Elizabeth Konza	Joanne Stubbs
Music	Cormac's Choir Group		Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Elizabeth Konza	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Brian Robertson	John Killeen	Yvonne Scanlan
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deborah Gall, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Liz & Daren Dukes		

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