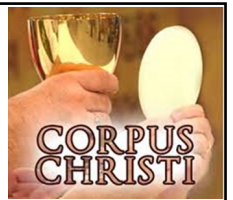


St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
The Barra
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Year B
1st & 2nd June 2024



Exodus 24:3-8; Ps 115; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

*As part of the Diocese of Parramatta, St Finbar's is committed to being a community of safeguarding, and echoes Bishop Vincent's zero-tolerance to abuse of any form.
 For details on safeguarding, please visit the diocesan safeguarding website:
<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/>*

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ

Recently, I celebrated a Thanksgiving Mass for a couple who celebrated their 50th anniversary of marriage. As the celebration went on, the wife shared her wisdom with her children and grandchildren. She said: "Love is not just an emotion. Love, giving ourselves to others, is what make us whole." True lovers feel the presence of each other at every moment of life.

This Sunday we celebrate the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. These are not just symbols representing Jesus' sacrificial love. Rather, they truly indicate the real presence of the divine love. In this Augustine is quite right by emphasizing that we can't hold onto to Christ if he is absent: "How shall I take hold of the absent? How shall I stretch up my hand into heaven, and take hold of one who is sitting there? Stretch up thy faith, and thou hast got hold. Thy forefathers held by the flesh, hold thou with the heart; for the absent Christ is also present." (Tractate 50, John 11:55-57, 12:1-11, §4)

It is a feast reflecting the self-giving love of Jesus for his disciples. What he gave to us in the intimacy of the Upper Room today we express openly, because the love of Christ is not reserved for a few but is destined for all. It is in the Eucharist that the transformation of the gifts of this earth takes place — the bread and wine — whose aim is to transform our life and thereby to inaugurate the transformation of the world. The words "to receive communion", referring to the act of eating the Bread of the Eucharist, are beautiful and very eloquent. It is not we who assimilate it, but it assimilates us into itself, so that we become conformed to Jesus Christ, a member of his Body, one with him. This passage is crucial. In fact, precisely because it is Christ who, in Eucharistic communion changes us into him, our individuality, in this encounter, is opened, liberated from its egocentrism and inserted into the Person of Jesus who in his turn is immersed in Trinitarian communion. St Leo the Great recalls that "our participation in the Body and Blood of Christ aspires to nothing other than to become what we receive" (*Sermo* 12, De Passione 3, 7, PL 54).

The Eucharist, therefore, while it unites us to Christ also opens us to others, makes us members of one another: we are no longer divided but one in him. Eucharistic communion not only unites me to the person I have beside me and with whom I may not even be on good terms, but also to our distant brethren in every part of the world.

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SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes

Ezra Ben Jurkovic

into our Faith community.

He is going to be
 Baptised at our Parish
 next weekend.

May God bless him.



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

Sunday 2nd June <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 2.30pm Afternoon tea to farewell Jeff Hood P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/bxy0clck_H0?feature=share 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C
Monday 3rd June <i>St Charles Lwanga and his Companions</i>	No Mass. Office is closed Juliana on Leave till 25th June.
Tuesday 4th June	9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Wednesday 5th June <i>St Boniface</i>	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 6th June	9.15am Mass 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 5.30pm Holy Communion Preparation Sessions P/C
Friday 7th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 8th June <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	9.15am Mass 11.30am Wedding for Casey Kreutzer & Yue Kwan 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 09th June <i>10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth

Will you strengthen the dignity of struggling mums?

Your compassionate generosity and prayers will provide struggling mums with the practical and emotional support they need to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal. Thank you.

At St Finbar's this appeal will be delayed, and held on the last weekend of June (to avoid it clashing with our previously arranged fix the roof fund raising activities).

NOTE CORRECTED DAY) - Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are offering initial and renewal face-to-face training throughout June:

- Monday 3 June from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown for **Modules 1-3 for those who are new to ministry**

Tuesday 11 June from 10.30am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre for **Modules 4-5 for those who have completed Modules 1-3 in the last two years.**

Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

For more information, please email:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Liturgical Ministers Commissioning Mass:

13 June in St Patrick's Cathedral

You are invited to attend the Liturgical Ministers Commissioning Mass of 2024! More than 200 people in the last year have partaken in the Office for Worship's course to become Liturgical ministers in their parishes. At this Mass on Thursday 13 June, Bishop Vincent will commission them to go out into their parishes by living out this ministry and bringing glory to God. Please RSVP to lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org for catering purposes by 7 June.

Expression of Interest: Ministry to the Sick in Hospitals

Are you interested in bringing Communion to the Sick in the Hospitals of the Diocese? You will receive formation and information necessary for this ministry. Note you will not be required to do this every week but will be placed on a roster. For more information, please contact

bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au by 15 June 2024.

"The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace."
- Pope Francis

FR JOE'S MUSINGS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Those who recognize Jesus in the sacred Host, recognize him in their suffering brother or sister, in those who hunger and thirst, who are strangers, naked, sick or in prison; and they are attentive to every person; they work in practice for all who are in need.

It is for this reason that we pray in the Lord's prayer for the daily bread that satisfies our need in our poverty: "His poverty enriches, the fringe of His garment heals, His hunger satisfies, His death gives life, His burial gives resurrection. Therefore, He is a rich treasure, for His bread is rich. And 'rich' is apt, for one who has eaten this bread will be unable to feel hunger. He gave it to the Apostles to distribute to a believing people, and today He gives it to us, for He, as a priest, daily consecrates it with His own words. Therefore, this bread has become the food of the saints." (St Ambrose, *The Patriarchs*, 9:38)

Fr Joe

LAUDATO SI WEEK 2024 'SEEDS OF HOPE': SOME THOUGHTS.

This week marks 9 years since the launch of Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for creation and why this is vitally important to us as people of faith. Reflecting on creation and our remarkable planet here are just a few practical thoughts to ponder:

- ✦ Did you see the koala on Rusden Road last Sunday? Thanks to Naomi for alerting me. What a beautiful harbinger of hope to appear right in the middle of Laudato si week 2024 with the theme 'seeds of hope'.
- ✦ In a spirit of hope let's find more ways to reverence God's creation. It's been estimated that Australians generate over 70 billion pieces of soft plastic a year, most of which goes to landfill, and some of which will be blown into our waterways. Blue Mountains Council's soft plastic and e waste trial runs to the end of June 2024. Council is accepting free drop off to Blaxland Waste facility of soft crunchable (not rigid) plastics which can't go in the yellow bin and any electrical items with a cord. Hopefully this trial will be extended so we can reduce our footprint on our beautiful planet and common home.
- ✦ Did you know council also accepts your blister packs, Styrofoam, X-Rays, old clothes, toys, shoes and lots of other things? Drop off for free at the Blaxland resources recovery facility.
- ✦ Shopping at bulk food stores is a one great way to avoid plastic use all together. Have you checked out NOM bulk food store located at the back of East Blaxland shops where you can BYO your own containers to weigh and fill up with lots of pantry staples.

St Finbar's is one of the few parishes in our Diocese who have signed up to be a Catholic Earthcare parish. Be part of the conversation as we seek to identify practical steps to move forward in faith and love of God's beautiful Earth treading lightly and listening to the cry of the Earth and of the poor.

Melissa McDonald, member of the Parish Pastoral Council



BRIEF WORKING BEE SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

TIME: 9am – 10am

We need 6 - 8 people

SMALL TRUCK TO BE FILLED WITH GARDEN CUTTINGS!

The gardeners have had a merry time pruning and tidying BUT NOW we need the large pile of cuttings and weeds to be placed on a truck so it can be taken as green waste to the tip. It is not heavy work but it needs a few people to get it done. Please let the Parish Office know or just turn up on the day! We will have a tea/coffee/snack available. Thank you.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Merrilee Verhoeven (John Verhoeven's Wife), Kerrie-Anne Regent (McGrath) and Robert Aitken.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Pat Barrett, Noreen Taylor, Huia Kingi, Sue Bland, Connor Sipple, Katie Maloney, Margaret Stevens, Chris Paine, Christopher Thomson, David Haynes (Yvonne Scanlan's Dad), Gwen Cullinan, Jacqui Visser, Lyn Downes, Sophie Hollies, Terry Stevens, Mark Bates, Margaret Christensen, Colleen & Michael Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson), Diosdado Roque (Geraldine Agahari's Father), Joan, Hubert Pereira & Maureen Brown (Marcia Pereira's Sister, Brother & Niece), Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika Gawlik.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Thomas Oxley, Rosemary McCaffery, Rose Torrance, Maria Dinale, Matilda Lutze, Susan Gibson, Maurice Whitford, may Brophy, Ian McNay, Gregory Macquarie, Ellen Durham, Sarah Kleinmeulman, Monica Palmer, Charles Mooney, Philomena Owens, William Robb, Keith Tydeman, Daphne Dowding, John Shanahan and Laila Spedding.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 8TH & 9TH JUNE 2024

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Volunteer Please	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Senior Server	Volunteer Please	Carl Moll	Joseph Sukkar
Junior Servers	Quentin Lynch & Eoghan McKenna		Oliver Wilson, Noah Young & Patrick Sukkar
Warden	Maree Roach	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Maureen Tulk	Peter McMahon	Dan or Tim Kensey
2nd Reading	Jessica Doherty	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Bernadette Phillips & Michael Taylor		Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Volunteer Please	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret & Michael Richards	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Volunteers Please	Jim & Kath Tierney	Yvonne Scanlan & Colin Stead
Children's Liturgy	Elizabeth		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Gall, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Liz & Daren Dukes		
Lawn Mowing	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, John Killeen		



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