



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

22nd & 23rd June 2024

Faith on
stormy days

Job 38:1, 8-11; Ps 106; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41

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FR JOE'S MUSINGS

A Reflection on the State of our Parish community

Having been at St Finbar's for four years, I think it is now appropriate to give an account or appraisal of the state of our parish. Of course, a parish is not a business. However, as a community it is important to examine our current situation and model of being a community.

What is a parish community?

A recent Vatican *Instruction* defines the parish so: "The Parish is a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit to announce the Word of God and bring new children of God to birth in the baptismal font ... the Parish celebrates the memorial of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord, bearing witness to faith in charity, living in a permanent state of mission, whilst ensuring that no one is excluded from the salvific, life-giving message." Accordingly, the parish is neither a political nor a social club. It is not an NGO either.

The emphasis on the Holy Spirit means that the parish community is established by the *grace* of God. Because of the divine grace, Pope Francis said: "Sometimes I think that we should put a sign on the door of parishes that says, 'Free admission'." So it is community where people come together by divine invitation. A parish is therefore not a club for the few.

Central to the parish life is the celebration of the Eucharist which is the source and summary of Christian existence. The Eucharist transforms the parish into the Body of Christ. From here, the parish receives her mission, namely "to give to every individual an account of the *hope* that is in us." (cf Peter 3:15)

The witness to the hope in Jesus Christ is a mission that all parishioners must own. The mission required of the parish, as a central driving force of evangelisation, concerns the People of God in its entirety: priests, deacons, consecrated men and women, and the lay faithful, each according to their respective charisms and the responsibility that corresponds to them.

The parish is not a community where everybody is expendable because everybody has the same charisma and does the same things. According to Paul, every baptized person has a unique role to play in the life of a parish community since the gifts given by the Holy Spirit are unique and suited only to an individual.

Since my arrival in 2020, I have observed that fewer and fewer parishioners are willing to accept responsibilities and share their God given talent for the benefit of the community. Currently, our parish responsibilities and ministries rest on the shoulders of a small but shrinking circle of parishioners who already have generously offered their time and labour to our parish. The active participation that

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SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptisms of

Quincy Roe Neill

this Sunday, 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 23rd June</p> <p><i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</p> <p>10:45am Baptism 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Monday 24th June</p> <p><i>he Nativity of St John the Baptist</i></p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 25th June</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Wednesday 26th June</p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 27th June</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 5.30pm Holy Communion Preparation Sessions P/C 7.30pm Netball Club Executive General Meeting P/C</p>
<p>Friday 28th June</p> <p><i>St Irenaeus</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C 7.30pm Adoration</p>
<p>Saturday 29th June</p> <p><i>Sts Peter & Paul</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 30th June</p> <p><i>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</p> <p>11:am Drawing of the Fix the Roof raffle</p>

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 <https://parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/#food-drive> or emailing james.atanasious@parracatholic.org

Peter’s Pence Collection

A reminder that the weekend of 29/30 June will be the Peter’s Pence collection for the Holy Father. Please note that all donations to Peter’s Pence from all parishes are sent to the Apostolic Nunciature for distribution.

CYP LIFTED Retreats:

Looking for an opportunity to get away? Catholic Youth Parramatta’s annual LIFTED Retreat is back – with a twist! This year LIFTED Retreat has transformed into 3 separate retreats, each catering to different age groups!
5-7 July – Ages 18-24, Varroville. Cost \$150.00.
12 July – Ages 16-18 at The Shrine of the Holy Innocents in Kellyville, free of charge.
19-21 July – Ages 25-35 Mt Schoenstatt \$150.00.
Registration is essential! Please head to parracatholic.org/events for more details.

Upper Blue Mountains Parish

Carlo Acutis First-Class Relic visit: 5-7 July
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains, will host a First Class Relic and the International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles by Blessed Carlo Acutis from Friday 5 to Sunday 7 July at St Canice’s Church, Katoomba. The exhibition is free, but a donation can be made to help with the upkeep of the exhibition. The exhibition will be open from 1pm – 3pm on Friday and 10am – 3pm on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 4782 2804 or email bluemountains@parracatholic.org

Caritas Australia’s Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster

Hundreds of people are displaced and many more affected by a devastating landslide that struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea. Your urgent support is needed now. You can donate online at www.caritas.org.au/png or 1800 024 413.

Divine Retreat Centre 2024

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby is hosting a variety of single-day and weekend residential retreats throughout 2024. For more information and bookings, please contact www.divineretreatcentre.org or 4372 1598 for more information.



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Vatican 2 has called for is not just liturgical but extends also to all ministries that the parish exercises. Each time you take on a ministry you are given the chance to connect with Christ on a personal level. Being involved in parish ministries is a way to bring a new dimension of your faith to parish life. By serving in various roles on behalf of the parish community, we can come to Christ in a more intentional way. I am aware of the packed schedules in your diaries. There is a limit to what each person can do. Perhaps you may want to reflect on your priorities. What things are important to you? Thank you for all you do for our parish.

Fr Joe

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

This weekend the parish will conduct the annual Bishop's appeal to provide support for at-risk women facing challenges during pregnancy and motherhood, There will be envelopes on the seats at all Masses. Your gift will help support struggling mothers to raise God's children with confidence, joy and stability.

FIX THE ROOF RAFFLE

THE DRAW is at 11am next Sunday June 30. Morning tea & sausage sizzle from 10.30am. Be there for the excitement!

LOCATION: the grassed area around the outdoor altar platform.

Thank you to everyone for your diligence and commitment to making this raffle and fundraising a big success! It looks like we should make our target! Hooray!! If anyone still has tickets, please return them at the latest by next Friday 28th June to the parish office or ring Patricia Murnane 0438242652. If you have accidentally lost them, just let us know so we can note this down. We have to keep track of our tickets.

DRAW PROCEDURE: 12 draws in total. Prize choice made in order of draw. Draw 1 has choice from 12 prizes, Draw 2 has choice from 11 prizes and thus this pattern continues. Draw 12 receives last remaining prize. We will be contacting winners to make their choices in the order of the draw. Completion of this contact may take a day or two. All winners and prizes will be published in the Barra the following weekend.

[The remaining tickets will be kept safe in case another draw is required if the following circumstance occurs: If once contacted, the winner does not want to claim a prize, then the contact will still continue in draw order. However, this would mean that there would be a remaining prize. If so, then Fr Joe will be asked to draw another ticket.]

See you on Sunday!

SAFEGUARDING

As part of the Diocese of Parramatta's commitment to ensuring all children and adults at risk are safe, respected, protected and supported in our care, all staff and volunteers in our parishes, chaplaincies, agencies, ministries and councils are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding Training. All training is focused on protecting the most vulnerable in our communities and is constantly updated to meet the Diocese's Safeguarding Policy, the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian Child Safe Standards and The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.

All parish volunteers are required to undertake safeguarding training and must complete three mandatory modules which total six points. These modules are as follows: **Module 1:** Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards; **Module 2:** Legal Compliance, ROSH (Risk Of Significant Harm) and RC (Reportable Conduct) and **Module 3:** Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries. Training can be undertaken either in person or online at <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/>

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Chris de Vicentiis (brother-in-law of Gideon Goosen), Merrilee Verhoeven (John Verhoeven's Wife), Kerrie-Anne Regent (McGrath) and Robert Aitken.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Huia Kingi, Isaiah Keill, Pat Barrett, Noreen Taylor, 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:

Leonard Rowan, Nancy Cassidy, Emma Gleeson, Betty Pain, Mario Carboni, Edward Cornish, Therese Dupressoir, Roger Chambers, Patricia Goldhawk, Arthur Plevy, Mazelle Montgomery, Mary Robb, Valma Davenport, Christopher Robinson and John Dent.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 29TH & 30TH JUNE 2024

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Nick McMaster
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Nick McMaster
Junior Servers	Volunteers Please		Volunteers Please
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	John Killeen	Annis Nilsson
2nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Volunteer Please	Irene Aligno
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Elizabeth Konza	Justin Dowling
Music	Men's Choir		Volunteers please
IT Operators	Thais Turner	Kylie Mills	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Parishioners are	invited to offer to	bring up the gifts
Communion	Ahyiesha D'Souza & Volunteer Please	Brian Grech & Helen Keogh	Yvonne Scanlan & Colin Stead
Children's Liturgy	Cate		
Piety Stall	Jan Frampton		
Church Care	Volunteers please		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Martin & Lyndal Rogers		
Lawn Mowing	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Brendan Christie.		

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