

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
17th & 18th September 2022

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Feast Day of St Finbar on 25th September 2022

The Feast Day of St Finbar is on 25th September. A month earlier our 1st church was built on 25th August 1912 under the tenure of Fr Thomas Barlow. The church building was needed because of the number of Irish catholic rail workers. It is estimated that around 3000 Irish were employed as rail workers. Mr and Mrs Norrie generously donated the land for this purpose. Importantly, parishioners contributed to the cost of the first church.

Hence, we will celebrate on Sunday 25th September at 9.30 am the 110th anniversary of the first church and give thanks to God for the faith and commitment of the early pioneers of our parish. To honour our parish pioneers, a plaque has been commissioned by the PPC and PFC. It will be unveiled on this day. We are grateful to **Bishop Vincent** who will preside at our 9.30 am Mass. It will be the only Mass on this Sunday because we want to gather all parishioners as one parish family for this wonderful celebration. The day will be filled with Mass, prayers, music, sausage sizzle and games for the whole family. You are welcome to bring a plate of goodies for the morning tea. Thank you to Juliana, Jeannine, and Carl for the organisation of the feast day. Please register your name on the list in the narthex for catering purpose.

To commemorate this special day, Trish Murnane has prepared a booklet which contains a brief history of the first church. The booklet has the title: "Glenbrook's 1912: St Finbar's Catholic Church. Its Context, Building and Inauguration". If you are interested, it can be purchased for a price of five dollars (printing cost). Just contact the parish office for the purchase. Thank you, Trish, for this wonderful work.

To celebrate this parish milestone, we will also have a social **Celebration of St Finbar's Finest** on Saturday 8th October, starting from 6.30pm after the Vigil Mass. It is a feast that includes a welcome sparkling wine and nibbles, meal, music, and dance. The cost is 30 AUD (BYO alcoholic beverage). Please register your attendance on the list in the narthex. The number of participants is capped at 90!

This week, I attended the interview panel for the selection of the Assistant Principal of our Primary school. It was the strongest pool of a total of nine applicants I have ever seen so far. It surely reflects the strength and reputation of our Primary school. Hence my congratulations to our teachers and Robyn, our Principal. It was Mr Coley White who emerged as the best and most suitable appointment for our Primary. Mr White comes to us as an experienced and dedicated Assistant Principal at St Canisius, Katoomba. Welcome to St Finbar, Coley.

St Finbar's is also known for its faith. I would like to remind you of the ongoing biblical studies led by Dr Gideon Goosen. The topic of this season will focus on the book of Genesis. The next meeting is September 19th at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Don't forget also the Camping Trip from 30/9 – 1/10 at Wooglemay Bush Retreat Centre, Oakland organised by our parishioners Briony and Jesse Mowbray.

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BISHOP'S APPEAL

Thank you to all the parishioners who gave generously to the recent Bishop's appeal for our retired and ill priests.

The parish raised \$2735 which will be forwarded to the Diocese. May God's blessings be with you all.

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

Sunday 18th September <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/jmU0xbsclcg 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group
Monday 19th September	No Mass. Office is closed 7.30pm Bible Studies M/R
Tuesday 20th September <i>Sts Andrew Kin Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang</i>	9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Finance Committee Meeting M/R
Wednesday 21st September <i>St Matthew</i>	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Choir Practice
Thursday 22nd September	9.15am Mass—Office Closed 10.00am Bridge Lessons M/R 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 23rd September <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers
Saturday 24th September	9.15am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 2.00pm Martial Arts P/C 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 25th September <i>St Finbar's Feast</i> <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	No Morning Mass 9.30am St Finbar's Feast Day Mass & Celebration Live Streaming Mass Link https://youtu.be/26_3b5mrvdY

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By the way, the parish office will be closed on 22nd September due to death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Mass will be as usual, at 9.15am.

Have a great weekend

Fr Joe

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

What Will Be Your Legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity?



As God's stewards, we're entrusted to use the gifts we are given wisely for the greater good of our family, our faith community and God's kingdom. A gift in your Will is an enduring way to give thanks to God and share your blessings beyond your lifetime. During *Include A Charity Week*, we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider a gift in your Will to our Parish, or Parramatta Catholic Foundation, the Clergy Support Foundation or one of our Diocesan Catholic ministries. Even the most modest gift will significantly advance our Church's works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. **For information on remembering the Church in your Will:** yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinWills

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2022. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Positions Vacant:

- Business Operations Manager – The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton – **Applications close 10pm Monday 19 September.**
- Business Operations Manager – Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill – **Applications close 10pm Monday 19 September**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

IRENE ADAMSON

On Sunday 18 September the Interfaith Commission of the Diocese of Parramatta will be commissioned at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Irene Adamson (Aligno) from our parish nominated for membership last year and meetings have been able to commence this year.

The Commission promotes interreligious dialogue as an integral element of the evangelising mission of the diocese.

Updates will be posted around any planned key initiatives or feel free to also chat with Irene.



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ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

ST FINBAR'S FEAST DAY! SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25 - 9.30AM MASS

Special focus this year is the 110th Anniversary of the blessing and opening of our first church here – a little wooden church, renamed as the Fr Thomas Barlow Centre in 2012

Our little church is our historic gem and is also highly significant in the history and development of Glenbrook and surrounds. The church was blessed and opened on Sunday 25th August 1912. We are very privileged to still have this building. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate the Mass, a history display, morning tea and sausage sizzle, fun games, and community time. If you wish to bring a plate to share, that would be appreciated it. For catering purposes *please add your name to the register on the Warden's table.*

SEASON OF CREATION CAMPING TRIP

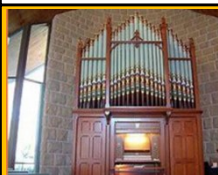
Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the Christian community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with creation and our Creator.

When: Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2, 2022

Where: Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale

Cost: Individual campers: \$20; Camping couples: \$40; Family camping groups: \$50

For more information and to register visit: www.seasonofcreationcamping.org



MEMORABLE MELODIES

A Concert of delightful music for Voice, Violin & Organ

Rebecca Daniel (Violin/Soprano)

Michael Taylor (Organ)

2pm Sunday 23rd October 2022

at St Finbar Catholic Church, Glenbrook

Entry: \$15/\$10



GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club (group 1) is in urgent need for 2 more volunteers to help with the church gardens once every 6 weeks. If you are able to help please email the parish office secretary@stfinbars.org.au. Thank you for your help and support keeping our parish grounds beautiful.

IT OPERATORS URGENTLY NEEDED

If you can help with the church IT once a month roster. Please contact Patrick Watson on 0417421513 or the Parish Office on 47426958. Training is provided.

CHURCH CARE

The Parish is now looking for a parishioner who would help with the coordination of the cleaning roster. This is an important ministry to ensure that the place of worship is an inviting space. Heather Lee is happy to assist in the process of changeover. Please contact Juliana, Parish Secretary, (02) 4742 6958, Vince Dobson, (02) 4739 1376 if you would be interested to take over as the new Coordinator.



ST FINBAR'S FINEST FEAST DINNER, DANCE & FUN
SATURDAY 8TH OF OCTOBER 2022 AT 6.30PM FOR 7PM START
At: St Finbar's Parish Hall - BYO Alcoholic Beverages
Attire: Your Sunday Best
Tickets: \$30 Per Person including a glass of bubbly on arrival
RSVP: 2nd of October - Strictly 90 people only.
Please add your name to the list on the Warden's table.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Doughty (David Doughty's Mother), Joan Paine (Maree Roach's Mother), Thelma Roach, Eileen Farrell, Janet Noonan, Esther Crambrook, Hazel Caldwell, Patricia Mungovan, Shirley Conlon and Sybil Mason.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Pat Bell, Barry Wylie, Jeanette Russell (Margaret Rivas' Friend), Joan Pace & Dorothy Collins (Janice Smith's Cousins), Chris Paine, Margaret Stevens, Lyn Beltran, Margaret Christensen, Mark Bates, Colleen Nolan, Lyn Downes, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Joanne Macrae, Sophie Hollies, Maddison Farrugia, Pam Clyne, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson), Diosdado Roque (Geraldine Agahari's Father) and Joan Periera (Marcia Periera's Sister).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Michael Taylor, Fred Clinton, William Waters, Thomas Charles, Baby Amber Jenkins, Pamela Cottee, Rosina Merchant, Victorio Girgenti, John Nolan, Philomena Quinn, Ethel Cornish, Eileen Gillian, Sylvia Bourke, Maria Boehm, Marie Hill, Christopher McNamara, Mary Heaver and Grace Chambers.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 24TH & 25TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	No Mass	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	No	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	7.30am	Stephen Brown
Junior Servers	Harrison Bohan		Zoe Wilson & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Huia Kingi	Morning	Gary Clune
1 st Reading	Eileen Jones	Mass	Cecelia Zammit
2nd Reading	Philomena Watkins	On	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Sunday	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Te Deum's	The	Holy Light
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	25th	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Steve & Heather Lee	Of	The Young Family
Communion	Lorraine Brown	September	N/A
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd & Beth Killeen		
Hospitality	St Finbar's Feast Day Celebration helpers are needed on the day.		



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