



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C  
24th & 25th September 2022

**Amos 6:1, 4-7; Psalm 145; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31**

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS

### ST. FINBAR'S PARISH COMMUNITY – A GREAT PLACE TO BE A PART OF

Hello fellow parishioners,

On this very special day, the feast day of St Finbar and the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our parish, Fr Joe would like to introduce a series of reflections written by parishioners, expressing how they see our parish community, what it means to them individually to be part of this community, what are the positives, and what more could we do to reach out to those in need, to help our local environment and to increase the bond of community among the parishioners.

I happened to be nearby and got tasked with writing the first one of what Fr Joe hopes will be an ongoing series. It was a big ask, and to add a bit more pressure, he asked that I write my piece within 24 hours!

When I think back to 1975 when I first moved here, my participation in the parish was fairly minimal, mostly just attending Mass when required. Over the years I found that if I volunteered to do a bit for the parish, I felt more involved with the community, and I gradually got to know people.

This got me even more involved, and I started to really feel that I belonged. It culminated in me being invited to attend some courses at the (then) Institute for Mission and to reassess my spiritual life and discern the things that were important to me in my life. Eventually this involvement with the parish led to me completing my Masters degree in Theological Studies at the University of Notre Dame Australia.

On a personal level, I feel that St Finbar's parishioners are a very caring lot and will do everything they can when a fellow parishioner is in need. This makes me very comfortable as one of my goals in life is to serve The Lord firstly, and then to serve my fellow people. Nearly every week there is a group meeting with a view to serving others, whether it be cleaning our church for us, visiting the sick and housebound, caring for each other at Men's Breakfasts, Timeout Tuesdays, Thursday Dancers, Friday Bowlers, helping plan for our future development or just being generous in their financial support of the parish.

Recently, under Fr Joe's stewardship, I have noticed more diversity in our activities. There are more social events (not my strong point!), our lawns and gardens have never looked better as we become more aware of the importance of our environment, there are more adult education opportunities, and I think more parishioners are becoming more involved in parish activities.

We can always do more, or do things better. From my point of view, I would like the church to be a quiet zone for a full 15 minutes before every Mass so that I (and others) can pray and prepare well for Mass. If you need to talk, do it before entering the church please!

Over to you now: Fr Joe would like one parishioner submission to publish each week, and it should be 400 – 450 words. Please email it the [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au). It would be needed by the Wednesday of that week.

May God continue to bless our parish.

*Peter McMahon*



*St Finbar's Parish Community would like to welcome Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv today to celebrate St Finbar's Feast with us all.*

## PARISH INFORMATION

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### **Sacraments**

Confessions: Saturday 4.30 – 5.15pm

Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

**Web:** [www.stfinbars.org.au](http://www.stfinbars.org.au)

**Facebook:** Glenbrook Catholic Church St Finbars

**Parish School:** Principal  
Mrs Robyn Clarke  
Phone: 4724 3600

## 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>25th September</b> <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> <b>9.30am St Finbar's Feast Day Mass and celebrations</b> Live Streaming Mass Link <a href="https://youtu.be/26_3b5mrvdY">https://youtu.be/26_3b5mrvdY</a>
<b>Monday</b> <b>26th September</b>	<b>No Mass. Office is closed</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>27th September</b> <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm October Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R 7.30pm St Finbar's Netball Club Meeting P/C
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>28th September</b> <i>St Matthew</i>	<b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>29th September</b> <i>Sts Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael Archangels</i>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>30th September</b> <i>St Jerome</i>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 1.00pm Bowlers <b>7.00pm Adoration</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>1st October</b> <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	<b>No Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>2nd October</b> <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	<b>Daylight Saying Time starts</b> <b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>6.00pm Youth HSC Mass</b> Live Streaming Link <a href="https://youtu.be/69kZwDL3N78">https://youtu.be/69kZwDL3N78</a> 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group



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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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Send us an inquiry -

[www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

## Masterclass for Sponsor Married Couples: 28 October

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 28 October at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Sponsoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa on (02) 8838 3460.

## Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 30 October

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 30 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) by 21 October. Family and friends are welcome.

## **PRAY FOR OUR HSC CLASS OF 2022**

Year 12 students and their families are invited to attend The Parish HSC Mass on Sunday the 2nd of October at the 6pm Youth Mass to recognise their hard work and dedication ahead of their exams.

## **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.

## **LAWN MOWING CLUB**

The lawn mowing (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 ring Tony Doyle on 0478661786. Thank you for your help and support keeping our parish grounds beautiful.



## **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



## **THE WISDOM OF AGE' BOOK REFLECTIONS ON GROWING OLD IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS**

This inspiring collection of reflections is written by 24 people (including the contributions of Marie Hurley, Vince Dobson and Pat Barret), all aged eighty years or older and living in the Blue Mountains of New South Wales. They seek to foster constructive conversation about ageing and how to grow old well. They acknowledge the importance of listening to the voices of those who are making the journey into later life, and their observations refute many of the negative stereotypes that surround ageing prevalent in our society. These reflections are authentic and courageous in opening topics that are sometimes hard to speak of publicly. They include sources of meaning, faith and spirituality, creativity, social engagement as well as grief, loss, dying and death. The reflections embrace examples of the wonderful ways in which individuals can overcome the hard things of life, leading to a new way of being. The contributors to The Wisdom of Age are pioneers in gerontology, telling the world what it is really like to continue to live well into later life. Please send Order and Postal Address to [contact@bmert.com.au](mailto:contact@bmert.com.au) Invoice with our EFT bank details will be enclosed with Order RRP \$25.

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## ***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.**



## **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 or Vince Dobson, (02) 4739 1376 if you would be interested to take over as the new Coordinator.

Church Care Volunteers: please note your new rosters are available on email early. Thank you Heather Lee

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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:**

Roch Cunningham, Mary O'Connor, Kathleen Rowe, Patricia Nagle, Thelma Dwyer, Shirley Glover, Thomas Beattie, Paul Morgan, Francis Luland, Anthony Cunningham, Rodney Mulvey, Kenneth Kelly and Joyce Richards.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 1ST & 2ND OCTOBER 2022**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Joseph Sukkar
Junior Servers	Alex & Luc Nilsson		Xavier Rajnoch & Patrick Sukkar
Warden	Vince Dobson	Volunteer Please	Justin Dowling
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Philomena Watkins	Michelle Wilson	Jessica Doherty
2nd Reading	Katy Ferris	John Killeen	Steve Baird
Intercession	Elizabeth Rowe	Kevin Flynn	Martin Rogers
Music	Naomi's Group		Jenny Long & Anne Hobbs
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Joseph Wilson	Patrick Watson
Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Volunteers Please
Communion	John Verhoeven	Ian Dickson	Wendy Brown
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn		
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins		
Church Care	N/A		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Vicky Ang, Karen Sukkar and Tamar Elzeined		
Lawn Mowing Club	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		



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