



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
1st & 2nd October 2022

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Psalm 94; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

REFLECTION

St. Finbars has been a great constant in our lives for both Thea and myself and later our four children who were baptized, made their first communion, confirmation and had their schooling at St. Finbars. Over the years Thea and I have received great spiritual comfort and support from the community. Thea and I arrived in the parish as a newly married couple in October 1967. Our first Mass at St. Finbars was in what was then the new church hall as the original church was too small for the growing community. The parish has a great record of volunteering and involvement which we had not experienced in our previous parishes. The school was built mostly by volunteers led and encouraged by our Parish Priest. By using volunteers the parish was able to save for a new permanent church. To this end the Parish Priest had been able to purchase sandstone blocks from the part redevelopment of Sydney Hospital which were eventually used in the construction of our beautiful new church. Prior to the construction of the church it had been necessary to move the blocks two or three times. This was again achieved with volunteer labour with the help of machinery. Over the years we had lots of parish events, such as fetes, concerts (many being performed by parishioners), working bees etc. There was never a shortage of willing helpers for these events. During this time we had various groups formed for the benefit of the parish, however, we did have our ups and downs and at times there was discord between the groups. We felt let down by some of the Parish Priests who had their own ideas which contributed to the discord and caused angst among the parishioners resulting in some leaving the parish or the church. In our opinion one of the biggest losses to the parish community was the disbanding of the bereavement team which was led superbly by a person who we felt had not been treated with respect and eventually left the parish. Over our 55 years in the parish it was a band of faithful people who kept our community alive even with all the ups and downs. Many of these parishioners have now sadly passed on. However, in recent times new young families have moved into the parish and together with existing parishioners are doing a brilliant job of serving on various committees and volunteering their time and skills for the benefit of the parish. There is one aspect of our parish that could be improved and that is the need for more volunteer workers to undertake the various jobs which have to be done to keep the parish running. Many parishioners are not aware of the behind the scenes jobs which are left to the faithful few which in many cases are older parishioners who are not getting any younger. There is no need to be on a committee to volunteer for these jobs. We feel the parish community has benefited and appreciate the social and spiritual activities that have been introduced as we think this is very important in creating community spirit. It is also wonderful to see many of our young people involved in the parish activities e.g. the youth group and various other ministries. At present we believe that we have a closeness in the parish which on occasions in the past had been lost. We have been blessed with a great parish of which we are very proud and feel comfortable in the knowledge that with God's help the future of the parish is in good hands. God Bless. **Brian Robertson**

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.

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OCTOBER'S CALENDER

- 8th at 7pm - Finbar's Dinner, Dance and Fun - Parish Hall.
- 21st at 7pm - Conversation with Father Paul Marshall and Parramatta Seminary
- 23rd at 2pm - Memorial Melodies Concert

Daylight saving starts this Sunday morning, please remember to put your clocks forward one hour.

SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes Parker Douglas Mullamphy into our Faith Community. He is going to be Baptised at our Parish next weekend. May God bless him and his family.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 2nd October <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth HSC Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/69kZwDL3N78 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group
Monday 3rd October	No Mass. Office is closed 6.30pm Finnie's Choir Practice
Tuesday 4th October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9.15am Mass. Office is closed 10.00am Timeout Tuesday 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Wednesday 5th October	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm RCIA Meeting M/R
Thursday 6th October	9.15am Mass 10.00am Bridge lessons M/R 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Friday 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers
Saturday 8th October	9.15am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass https://youtu.be/xui00pHk4Bs 7.00pm Finbar's Feast Dinner, Dance P/C
Sunday 9th October <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms



ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

ST FINBAR'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Last Sunday was a very special day in the life of our parish. In the presence of Bishop Vincent and Fr Joe we celebrated the feast of St Finbar as well as the 110th anniversary of the founding of our parish, and of the blessing of our first church. It was a glorious sunny day and the church was full for the occasion.

A day such as this does not just happen. There were many hands working behind the scenes to make sure it was a success. Tricia and Kieran Murnane were instrumental in planning and executing the day, and our grateful thanks is extended to them. Many others also contributed, including the School principal, staff and many students. Thanks also to the choir and altar servers, those who prepared and served the food and drink, the parish netballers and others who provided and oversaw the various games and activities, and those who provided or donated food and drink for the event.

The whole day was supported by Martin Rogers and the Parish Pastoral Council, and by many other unsung heroes who did a host of menial tasks to help the day run smoothly.

Finally, a big thank you to all the parishioners who came along and supported this great parish community day.

Parish Administration



Glenbrook's 1912
St Finbar's Catholic Church
- Its Context, Building and
Inauguration
Patricia Murnane

Did you know that the Titanic sank in 1912? Sure, you've seen the movie! A sad fact.

But what was the good news in 1912? St Finbar's Glenbrook!

Did you know that our parish's 'DNA' can be traced to Catholics living in Glenbrook in 1912?

Our new booklet which was released last week for the 110th Anniversary of the building of our first St Finbar's Church in Glenbrook tells you all about our 'DNA', our proud storyline. It also covers a summary history of the development of Glenbrook and the social context of Australians in the early 1900s. Copies are available for \$5 from the Wardens' table or through the parish office. You can pay using cash or through the \$5 Tap n' Go terminal near the sacristy. The fee covers printing costs of the booklet.

ALL SOULS MASS

Mass this year will be celebrated on Wednesday the 2nd of November at 7pm. The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered for only the faithful who departed during this past year. Also invited to participate in the liturgy are parishioners who have lost a close relative during the past year and whose funeral was conducted outside the Parish. A candle ceremony will be part of the celebration so if you would like your loved one remembered by lighting a candle (which your family member will place on the sanctuary during the Mass), please email the Parish Office a photo of your loved one before the 28th of October on:

secretary@stfinbars.org.au . A small photo of your loved one could also be placed on the sanctuary before the commencement of Mass. ***Please note that the Parish is not taking any names after the 28th of October. Thank you.***

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ST FINBAR'S GLENBROOK NETBALL CLUB 2022 SEASON WRAP UP

SFNC would like to thank the Parish for the ongoing support of our Netball Club.

On Friday night (24 September) our members, from all 13 teams, gathered in the Parish Hall to celebrate our annual Presentation. All of our Players put in a huge effort in 2022 but a special mention must go out to the following Junior Players who received an award from their Coach:

	Team Player	Most Consistent	Most Improved
10B Wagtails	Grace Aldous	Brigid Hassett	Sophia Karatovic
12A Honeyeaters	Emily Dowling	Rosie Moss	Jemima Guy
12B Kingfishers	Makenna O'Callaghan	Alana Callaghan	Isabel Hallam
14C Emus	Hailey Crameri	Holly Newland	Ambrielle Good
Inter B Hummingbirds	Nicola De La Mare	Zoe McKenzie	Anna-Bella Kuzmanovski

We also awarded the following:

Rookie Coach: Zoe Clarke & Makenzie Vrsaljko Junior Coach: Charlotte Clinton Senior Coach: Jess Halls	Junior Umpire: Louise Viney Senior Umpire: Susan Toole
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Spirit of St Finbar's: Rachael Doughty

Club Player: Louise Viney

Club Person: Ffion Ankers

Thank you to the players, umpires, coaches, managers and supporters of our U/8 Penguins, U/9 Fantails, 10B Wagtails, 12A Honeyeaters, 12B Kingfishers, 14C Emus, Intermediate B Hummingbirds, Cadet Swans, Div 1 Bellbirds, Div 2 Finches, Div 3 Kookaburras, Div 3 Sandpipers, and Div 4 Sunbirds for a great season.

If you are interested in playing Netball in 2023 please keep an eye on the Parish Bulletin next January for our registration links. Girls and boys, young (6+) and old, are welcome to get involved.



Get a spring in your step and peace in your heart!
Take a walk along the prayer path as the plants begin to blossom.
Begin the walk on the south side of the church.
Fully accessible- no steps. Seats along the way.

Sharp eyed children might see our resident blue-tongue or nests being built by busy birds. Two rules only: Leave the animals to themselves and keep to the path.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

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:

Donald King, Barry Ward, Vincent Flynn, Kelvin Lawrence, Olive Power, Bernard Graham, Eugenia Bojec, Margaret Oxford, Stanislaus Lynch, Norman Bell, Phil Fehon, John McGregor, John Pain, Michelle Kerzinger, Ingrid Frank, Patrick Fitzgerald Frederick Pay, Harry Harris, Betty Smith, Olive Dickson, Jeffrey Hunt and Imelda Critchley.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 8TH & 9TH OCTOBER 2022

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Servers	Quentin Lynch & Matilda Howard		Emily Dowling & Leia Agahari
Warden	Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Eileen Jones	Carl Moll	Irene Aligno
2nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Te Deum		Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Patrick Watson	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Brian Robertson	Gwen Cullinan	Gerard Egan
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Jessica Doherty, Dawn Willis & Amira Nassif		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Liz & Daren Dukes		



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