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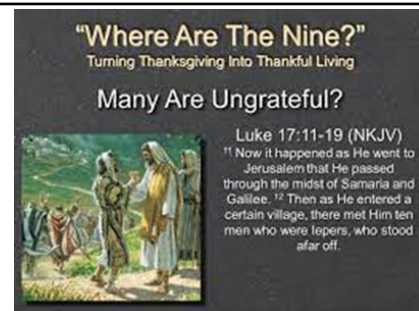
Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C  
8th & 9th October 2022

**2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19**

## 110TH ANNIVERSARY - A LOOK INTO THE PAST FOR THE PRESENTS

My 60 years as a committed and founding member of St Finbars?? I came to St Finbars in 1962, newly married to Jim Hurley, Jim from the Springwood Parish, I was from the Penrith Parish. We attended the old Church which was always crowded, Two and a half years later, April 1965, Fr Daniel Faye arrived as our 1<sup>st</sup> Parish Priest. Fr called on Jim at our home as he was familiar with the Hurley Family while a Student priest at St Columbas College Springwood. I was in Penrith at the time caring for my gravely ill father, sadly he died a few days later. I had two children 18 months and 4 months. Fr quickly started to get the Parish under way calling for volunteers to do a census, he then called a meeting at Glenbrook School of Arts, now Glenbrook Theatre, and the Planned Giving Program was introduced. A building program was introduced, extra class rooms, social life with concerts and a fancy Dress Ball attracting many children. People gave of their time generously and in 18 months a Church Hall was opened. A great Parish to belong. Yearly Fetes were started which became a great social and financial success in the district. I ran working bees at my home, day and evenings, to prepare goods for the fete, these were very popular, a social and financial success. The bushfires in 1968 saw many homes lost in the district, St Finbars, especially SVDP, played a huge part in the recovery. Jim, a member of the SVDP would be out very late at night, hampers were prepared from Jims shop and the 4 Square next door, we the ladies would deliver. The late Mick Hughes, a parishioner, a builder, and his business partner, opened their workshop 24 hours a day. Volunteers worked day and night to construct demountable homes. Jim died 1970 after a short illness, I was very grateful for the support I received from the Parish, help I will never forget. People I will never forget, I had four children under six years. Life was very difficult for me but I quickly learnt that life goes on regardless. Many Working bees were held, all well attended and catered for by many helpers. A day conference SVDP, involving ladies who helped out with new mothers etc. We also had our own playgroup for preschoolers for a few families. When Fr Faye left in 1990, Fr Scribberas was appointed Administrator, St Finbars members were quick to give assistance. Fr Larkey came as PP and embraced the community enthusiastically. We soon had a PPC, Finance committee, Task Force for new church, Presbytery, retreats, A sister of St Joseph as Pastoral assistant she was a great asset to our spiritual formation. St Finbars members again rallied helping where ever they could. Linen, vestments etc being made for the new Church.

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## SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Parker Douglas Mullampy and warmly welcomes him into our Faith Community. He will be Baptised after Mass this Sunday.



## 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><b>Sunday</b> 9th October</p> <p><i>28th Sunday in Ordinary</i> <i>Time Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>10.45am Baptisms</b></p>
<p><b>Monday</b> 10th October</p>	<p><b>No Mass. Office is closed</b></p> <p>5.30pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p> <p>7.30pm Bible Study M/R</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 11th October</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.00pm Parish Council Meeting M/R</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 12th October</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b></p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> 13th October</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>10.00am Bridge Lessons M/R</p> <p>1.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> 14th October</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> 15th October</p> <p><i>St Teresa of Jesus</i></p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice</p> <p>4.30pm Confessions</p> <p><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> 16th October</p> <p><i>29th Sunday in Ordinary</i> <i>Time Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</b></p> <p>1.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p><b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b></p> <p>Live Streaming Link</p> <p><a href="https://youtu.be/lfslWp7nvw">https://youtu.be/lfslWp7nvw</a></p> <p>7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group</p>

**Pastoral Formation Marriage and Natural Fertility Short Course: 20 October**

Preparing for marriage? Searching for a conversation space where mutuality, intimacy and wholeness in your relationship can be nurtured? Karin Abrams and Catherine Bourne invite you to Thursday 20 October for a workshop on marriage & natural fertility. Face-to-face from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by October 10 via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) OR via <https://pfparra.org.au/signup/>

**MET Worship Formation for Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying: 22 October**

MET – Worship will be hosting a formation session for those already active in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying on Saturday 22 October from 9.30am – 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The formation day includes a reflection on the Spirituality of Suffering, Working within Safeguarding Guidelines and the Practicalities of this ministry. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org)

**LIFTED Live in the Forecourt is back for 2022!**

All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on 22 October from 7pm to 10pm for LIFTED Live. Encounter the vibrancy and dynamism of young people of our Church. Live performances, games, activities, art exhibition, and adoration. Share your gifts and talent with our Diocesan community by visiting [www.parracatholic.org/liftedeoi](http://www.parracatholic.org/liftedeoi). If you have questions? Email [qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org](mailto:qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org)

**Faiths 4 Climate Justice Multi-Faith Service (St Patrick's Cathedral, 13 October)**

Join with people of various faiths to pray for climate justice, in solidarity with Pacific and First Nations peoples: St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, 13 October, 9:30–10.30am. The service will feature the OLMC Student String Ensemble, a Pasifika Choir, Buddhist and Muslim chanting, congregational singing led by a Rabbi, and prayers from a range of faith traditions. Find out more at [arcc.org.au/parramatta\\_f4cj\\_multi\\_faith\\_service](http://arcc.org.au/parramatta_f4cj_multi_faith_service)

**Aid to the Church in Need** invites you to join the prayer campaign ***One Million Children Praying the Rosary***. We are inviting families, parishes, catechists, and teachers to pray together with children on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October for peace and unity in the world. Prayer materials have been prepared for you to spread the word and be inspired when gathering the children to pray the rosary together. To register and learn more visit:

[www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children)



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Fr Peter Dowd followed, he continued with all the wonderful things happening adding many more spiritual activities.

Fr John McSweeney followed, members were encouraged to become further involved with Pastoral care and Bereavement, and all were extremely generous with their time and commitment

Many workshops held on lots of topics, all well attended, Suicide prevention, How men grieve, Bereavement support, Planning a Funeral, day retreats, communion to the sick, visiting the sick, aged care, far too many to mention.

Monthly visits to homes were welcomed by those who were unable to be active and about.

A singing group was formed in 2002, still active, to entertain residents in Nursing homes, To see the Joy experienced by those residents is more than enough reward for the effort.

I had a fall in 2014 and had to give up many activities, I have not been able to fully return to those activities.

St Finbars Parish is a wonderful Parish in which to belong, A reason while I continue to live in the district even though I am now unable to do things in the Parish and I require a lot of personal support.

What I would like to see happening is regular informal social gathering for parishioners?

Continued communications with people who for various reasons are no longer able to attend Mass or need to move away, These parishioners are now out of sight, out of mind, I find that very sad and disappointing.

God Bless all. *Marie Hurley*

### Invitation to a Cuppa and Conversation With

**Fr Paul Marshall**, Rector of the Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park (right)  
**Fr Dr John Frauenfelder**, Vice Rector of the Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park (left)



In the Second Vatican Council's great document on priestly formation, *Optatam Totius*, the seminary is described as "the heart of the diocese" (par. 5). While this statement may be true, there are still questions about:

- How the seminarians are formed and trained for a parish ministry
- What and where do they study
- What are conditions for the acceptance into the seminary
- Who are they and where are they from
- What is the vision of priestly ministry

If you are interested, please come along for a conversation with Fr Paul and John and seminarians. Bring some snacks and wine or other types of holy water to enjoy during the conversation.

Where: St Finbar Catholic Parish, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook - When: Friday 21 October 2022, at 7pm.

RSVP: [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)

### 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](mailto: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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**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:**

Francis O'Hare, Maria Obbens, Kenneth Glover, Dirkje Vleeskens, John Webber, Michael Harris, Jeffrey Hunt, Julie Grech, Verlie Gapps, Clifford McHardy, Terrence Judge, Robert Agnew, Ronald Groves, Peter Smith, Daniel McGrath, Kevin Taylor, Nellie Stanborough, Christine Frewer, Reginald Bailey, Albert Petty, Thomas Doyle and Rose Barrett.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 15TH & 16TH OCTOBER 2022**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Stuart Sheary
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Servers			Zoe Wilson, Dominic Sheary & Tim Kensey
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maire Griffin	John Killeen	Peter or Trish Hurley
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Margaret Dickson	Gary Clune
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Frank Fitzpatrick
Music	Bernadette & Sam		N/A
IT Operators	Volunteer Please	Elizabeth Konza	Eleanor Thompson
Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family
Communion	Bernie Fisher	Jessica Tiller	Annis Nilsson
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Children's Liturgy	Melissa		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Volunteers Please		
Hospitality	Peter & Trish Hurley, Irene and Bert Aligno		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Helen Keogh, <i>Volunteers Please</i>		

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