

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
15th & 16th October 2022

Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 120; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

110TH ANNIVERSARY - A LOOK INTO THE PAST FOR THE PRESENT

We built our first home in Mt Riverview in May, 1967 we had small children. Our eldest daughter Sharyn had started school at Mater Dei, Blakehurst, and transferred to St Finbars in Kindergarten. Her Kindergarten class was in what is known now as the Fr Barlow hall.

It didn't take us long before we had 4 children. Our first visitor was Michael Sayer, who had been sent by Fr. Fay to welcome us to the parish. A few people will remember the great evenings we had with the 'Fay's Follies'.

A Saturday evening full of fun, and dances. Our church, now the parish centre, had not long been opened as our Parish church. The school was quite small, but very quickly grew and it became evident that we didn't have sufficient classrooms to cater for the growing number of students. One of our parents, Terry Parkhouse, who was an architect, designed a complete block of classrooms.

After approval by the Blue Mountains City Council, every Saturday the fathers, mainly parishioners, started building the block. The mums and children helped in many ways, carrying bricks and providing the refreshments for the hardworking dads. I remember the friendships that were formed 55 years ago. Some unfortunately have passed away or moved, but others are still there.

That is what I have found about our parish, the support and friendship is extremely strong. I do remember there was a bit of a 'split' in the parish. It was the 'Warrimoo' vs 'Glenbrook', and the Warrimoo parishioners all sat on one side of the church, and the Glenbrook parishioners sat on the other side. The Parish has always been very 'close' to the school and before the Parramatta Diocese was formed, we were all under the control of the Sydney Diocese.

All school fees collected were immediately transferred to Sydney, so all the school bills, like electricity, water etc. were paid by the Parish.

The fete was controlled by the Parish, but the school did all the work! The fete was one of the most popular events in the district, and raised a lot of funds. It was later 'handed' over to the school, because the then Parish Priest said if the school does all the work, then they should keep the funds.

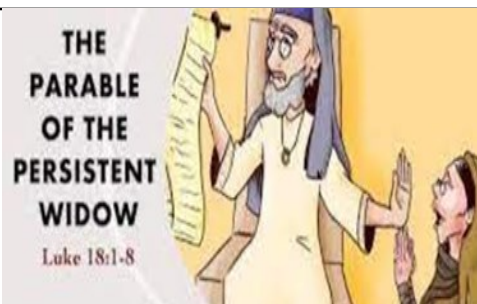
In the 55 years of a member of St Finbars Parish I feel that my faith has strengthened, possibly, because of my age! I am very proud to be a member of this beautiful Parish.

Carmel Higgins.

Stephen Critchley passed away this week, and his funeral Mass will be on Wednesday the 19th of October at 10.30am. May he Rest in Peace. (No 9.15am Morning Mass on Wednesday).

SAVE THE DATE -VOLUNTEERS DINNER

The Volunteers Dinner will be on Sat. the 26th of November at 7pm.



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SUNDAY RITE OF

WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes James Michael Geoffrey Tarbey and Harvey Chalmers into our Faith Community.

They are going to be Baptised at our Parish next weekend.



WELCOME

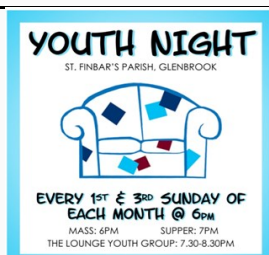
all visitors to our church today. We extend our greetings to you. If you wish to join St Finbar's Parish, please make yourself known to one of our Wardens so we can give you our Parish Welcome Pack.

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 16th October <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group
Monday 17th October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	No Mass. Office is closed 7.30pm Bible Study M/R
Tuesday 18th October <i>St Luke</i>	9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Wednesday 19th October	No 9.15am Mass 10.30am Stephen Critchley Funeral Mass 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 20th October	9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea 10.00am Bridge Lessons M/R 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 21st October	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 7.00pm Conversation with Fr Paul Marshall and Seminarians of Parramatta
Saturday 22nd October	9.15am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/U_E8k42oHkU
Sunday 23rd October <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms 2.00pm Memorial Melodies Concert 4.00pm Movie Night P/C



DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

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

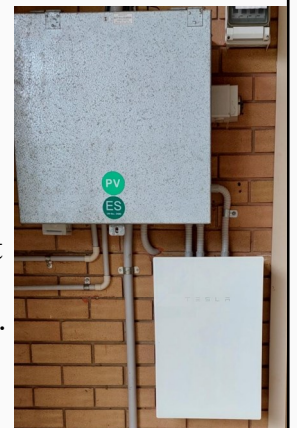
MET – Worship will be hosting a formation session for those already active in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying on Saturday 22 October from 9.30am – 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The formation day includes a reflection on the Spirituality of Suffering, Working within 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

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. If you have questions? Email qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

SOLAR BATTERY

The new Solar Battery has been installed this week. A special thanks to Carl Moll for organising it and for all the parishioners who donated to have it installed. So far we have raised about \$1500 of the cost, donations are still welcome. The total cost is \$17,000. We hope it will reduce the Parish electricity bills for the future.



You can donate via the "Make a Payment" button on the Parish Website and choosing the "Other" biller Code. Thank you for your generosity.

MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday 23 October

4pm: Kids Movie (G rating)
5.30pm: Dinner
6.30pm: Mature Audience Movie (M rating)
 \$15 for 1 ticket
 \$25 for 2 tickets
 \$10 each 3+ tickets

Price includes sausage sizzle and popcorn.
 Additional snacks, drinks, and glass of house wine
 available for gold coin donation.

RSVP by 22 October by emailing the Youth Team at sfyglenbrook@gmail.com or messaging Nicky on 0490 043 175



ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

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 the faithful departed with special remembrance of those whose funeral took place at St Finbar's during the past year only. Also invited to participate in the liturgy are parishioners who have lost a close relative during the past year only and whose funeral was conducted outside the Parish. A Candle ceremony will be part of the celebration so if you like your loved one remembered by lighting a candle, please contact the Parish Office on 47426958 before the 28th of October. A small framed photo of your loved one could also be placed on the sanctuary before the commencement of Mass. (Please note that this year the parish is not accepting last minute intake of names). Thank you for understanding.



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



ALL SAINTS PARTY

For Children of all ages

Monday 31st October 2022 5:00pm to 7:00pm

St. Finbar's Catholic Church Hall Glenbrook



Come and join us to celebrate the life of our Saints who are in Heaven and still inspire us today. There will be fun activities, games, treats and time to meet other families. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Cost: \$5/person.

Please confirm numbers of children and adults by Friday 28th October, to Lucie Twyford on 0424 793 359, with payment: BSB 032-323 Acct 174044.

We look forward to seeing you for this celebration in your favorite Saint costumes!

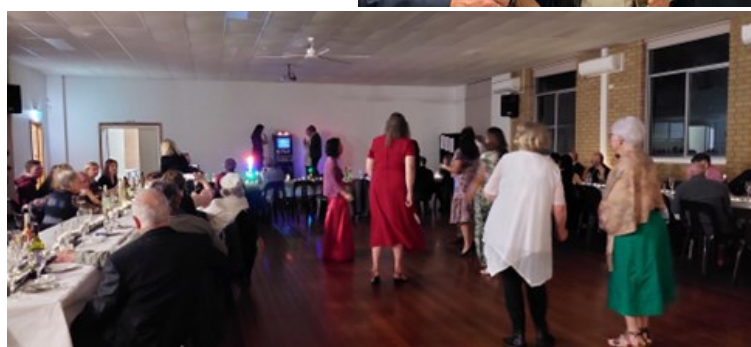
SAINT FINBAR'S FINEST CELEBRATION - 110TH ANNIVERSARY

To continue our celebration of 110th Parish Anniversary, the PPC and parish office organized a Formal Dress Gala Dinner Party on 8/10.

It was a great fun night for all of us. Adding to the excellent food, beverage and fun games was the dancing talent and singing voices of parishioners.

We would like to acknowledge Jeannine, Juliana, Ros and Martin, Lyndal and team for the organization. Also, thank you for Mari and Tamar for their help in the kitchen with washing up.

A big thank also goes to our sponsors of gifts and champagne.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pam Clyne, Stephen Critchley, 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, 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:

Hope Williams, Bruce Macbeth, Johanna Williams, Oliver Pinson, Margaret Corbin, Norval (Jnr) Thyrd, Peter Jeans, Margaret Collins, Robert Weston, Maurice Scaramuzzi, Mary Murray, Margaret Plim, Daphne Grange, Thelma Taylor, Eileen Burrowes and Arthur Kachel.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 22ND & 23RD OCTOBER 2022

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Servers	Harrison Bohan		Benjamin Grus & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Kevin Lloyd	Patricia Murnane
2nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Andrew Teece	Irene Aligno
Intercession	Volunteer Please	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
Music	Bernadette & Sam		Holy Light
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Kylie Mills	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Ann & Ray Keating	The Young Family
Communion	Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Todd Stanford
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	Pia		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		
Hospitality	Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		



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