

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
5th & 6th November 2022

Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalm 16; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38

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

This is the final reflection for our time of remembering and reflection around our 110th Anniversary. Thank you to the contributing writers to the Barra over the last few weeks. It's been wonderful to read your heartfelt thoughts. These writers have all expressed a strong sense of belonging and commitment to St Finbar's as well as a huge amount of goodwill towards our community.

Through the history display on our anniversary day and the booklet of the same, we have been informed about the context and the people behind the basic fact that a small wooden Catholic church was built in 1912 in Glenbrook and was named St Finbar's. Upon reflection, I think that our St Finbar's pioneers in the 1910s displayed similar characteristics. Therefore, we can look into our past to see features of our present time as a parish.

Many of the congregation in 1912 lived in camp conditions and held temporary work. Some were permanent residents of a small village of modest means. By 1915, the war in Europe was occupying the consciousness and hearts of Australians. By 1919, the Spanish Flu pandemic arrived and infected 40% of the population. While our standard of living has improved, our 2022 issues of family, work, concerns about a war in Europe and lack of peace in other countries, as well as the last few years of a pandemic, would all resonate with the people of 1912. Pioneers or the most recent new parishioner, we are all linked.

The people of 1912 displayed faith in their situation and held hope for their future as a Catholic community in Glenbrook. There is no doubt that they had many worries and woes. However, they remained determined to work and celebrate together as a community and have a positive attitude. They kept their faith in their God and community. We can use our pioneers of 1912 and those generations after them as models to assist us with the continuous and dynamic work of community creation.

Tomorrow a stranger may ask us 'who are we?'. Beyond the basic reply of 'St Finbar's Catholic Parish' what would be your answer? As I stated earlier, the writers of previous weeks in the Barra identified the traits of belonging, goodwill, commitment. Words which elaborate upon these three traits include affinity, friendly, helpful, feeling cooperative, positive attitude and participation. Would you use some or all of these words to describe our parish? Is this your experience with others in our community? It is important to acknowledge that each person's relationship and commitment may vary according to a person's situation and age, stage and context. No one can be all things to all people! However, come what may, do you feel some ongoing belongingness and connection? If you think your relationship with others in our community could be strengthened, what can you do and what efforts does our community also need to make? It is a two-way street. Let's cherish the gifts to be found here.

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Father Joe will be on his annual retreat this week. So there won't be 9.15am morning Masses during the week. On Wednesday and Thursday morning there will be Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion. Also, there won't be any Confessions on next Saturday afternoon. Weekend Masses will on at their regular times.

SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME



The Parish joyfully welcomes Patrick O'Connor into our Faith Community.

He is going to be Baptised at our Parish next weekend.

May God bless him and his family.

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

Sunday 6th November <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/igleQau-49Y 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group
Monday 7th November	No Mass. Office is closed 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 6.30pm Finnie's Choir practice
Tuesday 8th November	No Morning Mass—Father Joe is on retreat 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Netball Club Meeting P/C
Wednesday 9th November <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion 9.30am Playgroup P/C 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 10th November <i>St Leo the Great</i>	9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 11th November <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	No Morning Mass—Father Joe is on retreat 1.00pm Bowlers
Saturday 12th November <i>St Josaphat</i>	No Morning Mass—Father Joe is on retreat 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 2.30pm Marshall Arts P/C No Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/y6HALCWHE-w
Sunday 13th November <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms



Young Adult Faith Formation sessions

On Sunday 13th November 2022 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speakers are [Cardinal Joseph Coutts, Archbishop Emeritus of Karachi, Pakistan, and Miss Regina Lynch, International Head of Projects, ACN International \(Germany\)](#). They will speak of the suffering Church and share inspiring stories of the **Witnesses of Faith**; those brothers and sisters following Christ amidst oppression and persecution. We will conclude with light refreshments to allow a chance for all of us meet and greet. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship!

Cardinal Coutts was Archbishop of Karachi from 2012 until his retirement last year, and still serves on the Vatican Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue. Regina has been working at ACN International for over 40 years and oversees the annual distribution of more than \$150 million into 5000 projects. Her accumulated understanding of the global suffering Church is close to unmatched.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."

The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre is currently promoting a petition which aims to improve opportunities for refugees by:

- Providing all refugees and people seeking asylum with the right to work, study and access Medicare, and
- Ensuring that all people seeking asylum can access mainstream social safety nets when needed

Please consider signing this important petition which can be accessed here

<https://action.asrc.org.au/>

NOVEMBER'S CALENDER

- Sat & Sun 12th - SVDP Christmas Appeal
- Sat 19th at 7.30am - Men's Breakfast
- Sun 20th at 9.30am - **Reception into the full Communion with the Catholic Church and Confirmation of 5 RCIA Candidates**
- Sat 26th at 2pm - Dawn Willis Advent Concert
- Sat 26th at 7pm - Volunteers Christmas Dinner
- Sat & Sun 26th & 27th - Bishop's Christmas Appeal
- Sun 27th at 9.30am Mass - **Father Andrew Rooney's Thanksgiving Mass**
- Sun 27th at 3pm - Academy Singers Concert

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

ADVENT SEASON

As we will soon journey through the seasons of Advent and Christmas this year, you are invited to join us as we reflect on the wonder of the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

There will be two Advent groups, Wednesday afternoon at 3:30pm and Saturday morning at 8.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. If you would like to join a group, please add your name to the registration list on the Warden's table or call Mila on 47391470.

TIMEOUT TUESDAY

Has donated quite a few items to Lismore flood relief over the past few months Beanies, Scarves etc. all made by our group.....Lismore are so grateful for items sent, however, they are in need of towels, face washers, sheet sets (single, double, queen, king) new would be most acceptable also assorted Christmas decorations. Giving these people hope knowing others care. Donations to be in by Sunday 27th November. A box will be in the Narthex labeled LISMORE FLOOD RELIEF.



ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST

Date - Saturday 19th November 2022

Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am

Venue - Parish hall



The parish is holding another informal breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners and others to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their neighbours and friends.

For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 13th November 2022. Please add your name to the list on the warden's table.

Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

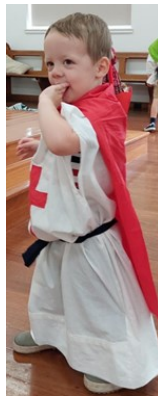
The Book of Remembrance is on permanent display in the Sanctuary during the month of November. Parishioners can add the names of any family members or loved ones who have passed to eternal life. Please do not enter any names that are already in the book.

NOVEMBER.

Is the month we especially remember our departed brothers and sisters, parents and family members. Please pray for them and remember them in the Masses. Special Mass Envelopes are available on the Warden's table.

ALL SAINTS PARTY FOR ST FINBAR'S CHILDREN LAST MONDAY

Many thanks for everyone who helped organise a great event for the parish, the kids had so much fun, about 150 people attended.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Mullane, Ken Townsend, Pam Clyne, Stephen Critchley, Joan Paine (Maree Roach's Mother), Thelma Roach, Eileen Farrell, Janet Noonan, Esther Crambrook, Hazel Caldwell and Patricia Mungovan.

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:

Rose Hannigan, Genevieve Donnelly, Elizabeth Rynne, Agnes Gregory, Clive McInnes, Ludo Bos, Rose Hughes, Mikaela Au, Monica Roebuck, Michele Tagg, Terence McGrath, Kevin O'Neill, Gregory Kelly, Therese Voorn, Patrick Broughan, Lorraine Tolhurst, Patrick Field and Alma Melville.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 12TH & 13TH NOVEMBER 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	Philomena Watkins	Carl Moll	Richard Cutler
2nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Geraldine Agahari	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Maureen Tulk	John Killeen	Joanne Stubbs
Music	Volunteers please		Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Robyn Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Brian Robertson	Kath Tierney	Gerard Egan
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Volunteers Please		
Hospitality	Ann King, Lynne Atkinson, Liz & Daren Dukes		
Lawn Mowing	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		



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