

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
12th & 13th November 2022

Malachi 3:19-20; Psalm 97; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

BY YOUR ENDURANCE YOU WILL GAIN YOUR SOUL

While today's Gospel talks about the fall of the temple, I think the underlying message is about the transience of human structures, human ambition, and human power. No matter which temple we revere in this life, Jesus reminds us that the time will come when it will no longer exist.

The fall of the twin towers in New York is still a vivid reminder of this. The apparent grab for power by some countries is yet another example.

Jesus also warns us to be wary and not get lead astray. He tells us we may be arrested and persecuted in His name, but says this gives us the chance to testify, and He will give us the words of wisdom to use if this should happen.

Rather than be disturbed by this message, we need to recall what replaces these human temples that will one day be destroyed. We ourselves become temples of the Holy Spirit, born anew by the power of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We need to look forward to the time when nothing can separate us from the love of God.

God's kingdom is already with us, and we can partake of it every day by praying regularly and by living a Christian life as Jesus taught us. His help is continuously there for us.

God is often found in the quiet of our lives, in quiet prayer, in quiet kindness to others and in quiet endurance of whatever He asks of us.

Pray, Lord, let us be quiet and still so that we might hear what you are saying to us.

Fr Joe has been on a quiet retreat this past week at a monastery in the Kangaroo Valley. Let us hope he heard the word of the Lord with great clarity and comes back to us rested, refreshed and ready for all the parish events that are planned to take place between now and Christmas.

Finally, don't forget to pray for Fr Joe as he guides our parish community on its journey towards salvation.

*Peter McMahon
(on behalf of Fr Joe)*

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Sacraments

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Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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FR JOE'S EMAIL

Fr Joe's email appears to have been compromised.

Any parishioner receiving an email purporting to come from Fr Joe should refrain from opening it or any attachments, and delete it immediately. Fr Joe is on retreat and he assures you he will not contact any parishioner by email.

When he returns next week we will publish more information on this matter.

Peter McMahon

SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Patrick O'Connor 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.

PARISH CALENDAR

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Sunday 13th November <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms 3.00pm Children Choir Practice P/C
Monday 14th November	No Mass. Office is closed
Tuesday 15th November	9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Finance Committee Meeting M/R
Wednesday 16th November	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting M/R
Thursday 17th November <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 18th November	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 4.30pm Concert Committee Meeting M/R
Saturday 19th November	7.30am Men's Breakfast P/C 9.15am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 20th November <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/4VtAKekwgdQ 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group

First CPR Training Expressions of Interest!

The Diocese of Parramatta is participating in a program called FirstCPR that involves education and training in responding to cardiac arrest in the community. The program will provide you with CPR accredited training to parish staff and volunteers and is free of charge. Sessions will be organised across the Diocese and require a minimum of 10 people per session. For more information, and to express your interest, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/cpr-training-eoi/>
Safeguarding Responding to Domestic and Family Violence Training: 22 November

You are invited to a face-to-face training on the topic "Developing a Respectful Response to Domestic and Family Violence" on Tuesday 22 November from 10am to 12pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. The training is based on the Australian Bishops' 2022-23 Social Justice Statement and hosted by the Office for Safeguarding, MET – Peace, Justice, Ecology, and Catholic Care. Please register for this elective safeguarding module and help raise awareness about domestic violence.

Email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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 and also assorted Christmas decorations. Give 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.

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.

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/>

YOUTH NIGHT

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH, GLENBROOK



EVERY 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6PM

MASS: 6PM SUPPER: 7PM
THE LOUNGE YOUTH GROUP: 7.30-8.30PM

2023 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

Are now available at the Wardens table. Franciscan calendars are \$7 and Columban calendars are \$10.

Proceeds for sale go to Glenbrook St Vincent de Paul Society.

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

2023 EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE + FIESTA

Once again, the parishes of the Blue Mountains Deanery will host the Epiphany Pilgrimage from 2 – 8 January 2023. You can be part of the celebrations and help welcome the pilgrims to our beautiful mountains by:

- ✦ Participating in the full pilgrimage or otherwise joining for one or more days of bushwalking
- ✦ Praying and celebrating with them at the Blue Mountains parishes along the way
- ✦ Assisting with the festive meal when they visit us at St Finbars on Mon, Jan 2 2023
- ✦ Writing prayer intentions for the pilgrims to pray on your behalf (see prayer box at the church entrance)

Children are welcome to join the fun: Day 1 (Mon, Jan 2) is a family-friendly pilgrimage walk finishing with a jumping castle and fiesta here at Finnies!

To register for the pilgrimage and for more information, visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org

To assist with the meal and fiesta at Finnies, contact Lucie: 0424 793 359

ADVENT RETREAT

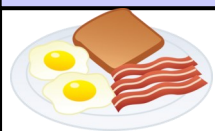
Jesus The Greatest Gift from God

Saturday 10th December 2022—9am to 3pm

Presenter:

Most Rev David walker,
BISHOP EM. – BROKEN BAY DIOCESE

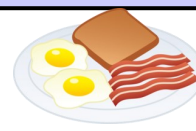
RSVP to secretary@stfinbars.org.au



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. Guest Speaker will be Brad Waugh who is the General Manager of Panthers on The Prowl Community Development Program. Brad is Panther number 131 and played for Penrith for a decade in the forward pack between 1976 and 1985. He will speak about the Building Young Men program within the Prowl movement. It is an outstanding initiative for boys aged 15 from High Schools in the Penrith area trying to help them with transitioning from boys into good men. 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

To Father Joseph, Juliana and all of the parishioners of St Finbar's Catholic Church.

On behalf of all the very grateful members of St Vincent de Paul across our diocese who benefitted from your generosity, dedicated service and fine welcome to us all. We were overwhelmed by the love you showed us all and your massive efforts in making our opening Mass so very special. From the very start we were impressed by the ease of getting all our needs met by both Father Joseph and Juliana, to the many local ministry volunteers for the Mass and setup of the hall, the incredibly gifted organist and choir, the feeling you all gave us that made us feel very much at home and right down to the fine homily that honoured our work. During our celebrations in the hall, we enjoyed the so well-equipped facilities and the way it had been setup for us the previous day and we know that Vince had organised that for us, thank you. During the morning we raised a donation for the parish which amounts to \$276. On behalf of the President of the Greater Western Sydney Central Council of the St Vincent de Paul Society for Parramatta Diocese, Vikram Pitre and all our members.

With kindest regards and every blessing.

Craig Walsh, St Vincent de Paul Society, Spiritual Advisor of Greater Western Sydney Central Council

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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:

Kenneth Hepburn, Ludgardia Way, Renee Belton-Webber, Eileen O'Keefe, Amy Mood, Brenda Amaral, John Howling, Kathleen Roberts, Marjorie Fitzgibbons, Sheila Hammerton, Beverley Pembroke, Mary McGee, Kevin Sharp, George Tinning, Colleen McHardy and Gary Shackleton.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 19TH & 20TH NOVEMBER 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 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Kevin Lloyd	Peter or Trish Hurley
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Margaret Dickson	Annisia Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
Music	Cantabile		N/A
IT Operators	Henry Hanco	Robyn Flynn	Patrick Watson
Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family
Communion	Pat Barrett	Terry Keogh	Irene Aligno
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	Cate		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Beth Killeen & Camilla Lobo		
Hospitality	Peter & Trish Hurley, Irene and Bert Aligno		



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