

The Barra
Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
9th & 10th September 2023

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Ps 94; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

GOSPEL REFLECTION

All the readings from today's Mass encourage us to follow the Word of God to achieve our eternal salvation. In Ezekiel we are urged to encourage others in our community to follow God's Word.

In Matthew we are urged to discuss any issues with our fellow parishioners and resolve them if we can, otherwise to get 2 or 3 others involved, just as we usually do at St Finbar's. We then have the promise that where 2 or 3 are gathered in the name of The Lord, He will be there with them.

I think St Paul summarises it all very well when he says that if you truly love your fellow man you have carried out all your obligations – love is the answer to all the commandments! By loving our fellow man, especially our children and vulnerable adults, we are truly acting as Christians.

Today is **Child Protection Sunday** and it marks the commencement of Child Protection week. This is meant to act as a reminder to all, especially to those of us who are active in the various Ministries in the parish, that we are required to ensure that any children we have dealings with are at all times safe, protected and enabled to flourish. This is part of the Bishop's statement of our Diocesan Commitment to Safeguarding, and the message is reinforced by all of today's readings.

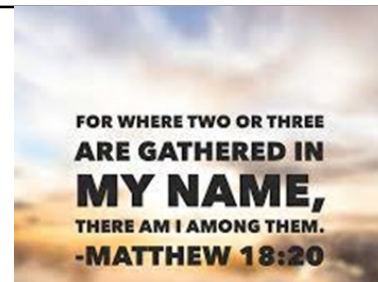
The **Parramatta Way of Safeguarding** is that we are to have zero tolerance of any form of abuse or harm to children or to any person; we are to accept and love any person who comes to our Diocese (and Parish) from a different culture or walk of life; we are to look after and prioritise children and care for those who may be in a difficult situation or at risk of harm, and to walk beside them in prayer and support.

The Diocese has a strong Safeguarding program which is free and is recommended to all parishioners. It is a requirement to undertake this course for those parishioners who are active in the various Parish Ministries (to an even higher level for priests and some parish staff). The course is available as three modules, either in person or online.

You can do all three modules face to face in one day if you like – this option is available at St Canice's Katoomba on Saturday 28th October, but you need to register first at safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org. Congratulations to the dozen or so of our parishioners who have just completed this training over three nights in August. Your certificates will be available soon.

Don't forget to continue praying for Fr Joe that he enjoys his holiday and comes back to us refreshed on 16th September.

Peter McMahon (on behalf of Fr. Joe)



WELCOME

This weekend the parish welcomes **Father John Frauenfelder** for the 5.30pm Vigil Mass and **Father Percival Severe O.S.A.** for the 7.30am Mass & 9.30am Mass and we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for their help.

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Weddings: By Appointment

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WE 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

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| Sunday 10th September <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i> | 7.30am Mass - Fr Percival Severe O.S.A. 9.30am Mass - Fr Percival Severe O.S.A. |
| Monday 11th September | No Mass. Office is closed 8.30am CCD Training Course P/C 7.30pm St Finbar's Netball Club M/R |
| Tuesday 12th September | No Morning Mass 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice |
| Wednesday 13th September <i>St John Chrysostom</i> | 9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C |
| Thursday 14th September <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> | 9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 5.30pm Confirmation Rehearsal |
| Friday 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> | 9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers P/C 4.30pm Concert Committee Meeting M/R |
| Saturday 16th September <i>Sts Cornelius and Cyprian</i> | 8.30am ARISE Women's Retreat 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice No Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass -Father Joe |
| Sunday 17th September <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i> | 7.30am Mass -Father Joe 9.30am Confirmation Mass -Bishop Vincent 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 4.30pm Wedding Rehearsal 6.00pm Youth Mass -Father Joe 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C |



Bishop's Father's Day Appeal: Caring for those who have cared for us

Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carrying out God's ministry for as long as they are able. Let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your compassionate donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation to care for our priests, and provide them with personalised health and wellbeing support. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal using the envelopes on the seats or at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



Arise Women's Retreat: 16 September

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a day of reflection, inspiration and encounter with Christ at this year's Arise Women's Retreat: 'Arise – Talitha Koum – Little girl, I say ARISE' on Saturday 16 September from 8.30am to 8.30pm. The retreat will include Mass, meditation, talks, praise and worship, creative expression, spiritual direction and healing Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. All meals are included. For bookings and more information, please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1078404>

Spring | Season of Creation 2023 Catholic Outlook Magazine out now!

The Spring | Season of Creation 2023 edition of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine* – the news and views of the Diocese of Parramatta – is out now! In this edition, we welcome home our World Youth Day pilgrims and we ground ourselves spiritually and environmentally in this Season of Creation. Pick up your free copy from your parish or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine

Masterclass for Sponsor Married Couples: 19 October

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Thursday 19 October at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Sponsoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance in-person or via Zoom or to ask further questions, please email marriage@parracatholic.org or phone Marisa on (02) 8838 3460.

Volunteer for the House of Welcome at Granville

Volunteers are needed by the House of Welcome to do odd jobs around properties which house refugees and people seeking asylum. If you are a handyman or woman with a few hours you can donate, contact Maricar at m.tupaea@houseofwelcome.com.au

ST FINBAR'S FEAST DAY MASS AND PICNIC

When: Sunday the 24th of September at 9.30am Mass
Where: St Finbar's Parish Glenbrook
What to bring: Your own supply of plates, cups, cutlery, wine/beer, picnic rug or table & chairs.
Lunch on offer: Spit lamb, baked potatoes, salad and bread rolls.

Please note that on the day there won't be any plates, cups or cutlery available to use. Please ensure to bring enough of the above mentioned for your family.

Thank you
Jeannine Ashbee/ Social Committee



ST FINBAR'S FINEST FEAST DINNER, DANCE & FUN

Saturday 7th October 2023 At: St Finbar's Parish Hall- BYO Alcoholic Beverages

Attire: Your Sunday Best

Tickets: \$30 Per Person including a glass of bubbly on arrival

RSVP: 2nd of October - Strictly 90 people only.

Please email the parish office on secretary@stfinbars.org.au if you would like to attend



BACH—CHILD OF THE STARS CONCERT - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 7.30PM AT ST FINBAR'S PARISH GLENBROOK

To truly understand a culture, we must explore its relationship to the land, and also to the skies. The land and sky are as one, forever connected. It is with a spirit of connectivity that we present this program of music inspired by the heavenly body that both J.S. Bach saw every day of his life, and the first nations peoples of Australia have seen for millenia - the Morning Star. We are an ensemble dedicated to the works of J.S. Bach.

However we are Bach Akademie Australia, therefore seek to unite the incredibly important musical cultures of Europe with the country we stand on by presenting a program of music by Bach and other important composers inspired by the heavens, alongside a newly commissioned work by Australian indigenous composer Troy Russell, inspired by the Morning Star, just as J.S. Bach was centuries ago.

SEASON OF CREATION CAMPING TRIP 2023

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the Christian community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with our Creator and creation.

When: Friday, September 29 – Monday, October 2, 2023

** The SOC program will kick off Friday evening and finish with Sunday Mass. You are welcome to come early on Friday to set up and hang out, and stay on Sunday night for a relaxed and informal time together.*

Where: Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale

Cost: Individual campers: \$30; Camping couples: \$55; Family camping groups: \$75

For more information and to register visit: www.seasonofcreationcamping.org

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lyn Beltran, Joanne Macrae, Colin Haywood, Paul Wesley (Mike, Laurie and Margaret's cousin), Helen Hunt, Mary O'Sullivan, Shirley Cameron and Joe Grange.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

David Haynes (Yvonne Scanlan's Dad), Mark Cheeseman, Gwen Cullinan, Pat Bell, Chris Paine, Jacqui Visser, Margaret Stevens, Lyn Downes, Margaret Christensen, Mark Bates, Terry Stevens, Sophie Hollies, Colleen & Michael Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson), Diosdado Roque (Geraldine Agahari's Father), Joan and Hubert Periera & Maureen Brown (Marcia Periera's Sister, Brother & Niece).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Bernadette Greig, Barbara Fisher, Raymond (Frank) McSweeney, Barbara Short, Alexandra Jankowski, Cecilia Mitchell, Stefanie Webber, Edward Parslow, Agnes Auckett, John Gillian, Margaret O'Hare, Paul Moore and Margaret Hunt.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 16TH & 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

| Liturgical Ministries | 5.30pm | 7.30 am | 9.30 am |
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| Sacristan | Vince Dobson | Carl Moll | Stuart Sheary |
| Senior Server | Vince Dobson | Carl Moll | Martin Rogers |
| Junior Servers | Volunteers Please | | 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 | | Naomi's Group |
| IT Operators | Thais Turner | Kylie Mills | Susan Dowling |
| Gifts | Allan & Eileen Jones | Kay Whitty | The Wilson Family |
| Communion | Gwen Cullinan | Volunteer Please | Todd Stanford |
| Children's Liturgy | Elizabeth | | |
| Piety Stall | Lee Jackson | | |
| Church Care | Claire Warren, Liam Isaksen & Connor Isaksen | | |
| Hospitality | Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene and Bert Aligno | | |
| Lawn Mowing | Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon & John Killeen | | |



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