



The Barra
Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
16th & 17th September 2023

Sirach 27:30–28:7; Ps 102; Romans 14: 7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

The readings from today have a strong emphasis on the virtue of forgiveness. Love your neighbour and forgive him/her, even as many as seventy times, as Jesus said to Peter. To emphasise the point, Jesus told the story of the unforgiving servant and indicated that severe punishment is in store for any Christian who does not love and forgive their neighbour.

Here at St Finbar's we are Christians. At Mass every Sunday we remind ourselves of that fact by reciting the creed together. A creed tells us who we are, of the truths we believe, and it steers us away from mistakes such as the lack of forgiveness. It is why the church has the creed, and why it is said at every Mass on Sundays and major Feast days. If you believe what is in the creed then you are a Christian.

As Christians, mostly we use the pronoun WE, as in WE give glory to God (in the Gloria), and the priest uses WE in many of the parts of the Mass he says.

But there are three occasions where we use the pronoun I, and we are called upon to proclaim it out loud and in public. Do you know where these three occurrences are in the Sunday Mass?

- ✦ Firstly in the Penitential Rite, we say out loud I CONFESS.....
- ✦ Secondly, in the Creed we proclaim I BELIEVE
- ✦ The third time is before we receive Holy Communion when we say publicly, so that all present can hear us, LORD I AM NOT WORTHY

On these three occasions we have to take full responsibility as an individual for our beliefs.

I think it is the same situation in Matthew's Gospel where Jesus is asking us to take individual and personal responsibility for loving and forgiving our sister or our brother. If we can put this into practice in our daily lives we will be well on the way to being practising Christians.

By the time you read this, God willing, Fr Joe will have returned from his holiday and be back amongst us. Welcome home Fr Joe, and we hope you had a joyful time with your family and friends and a relaxing time travelling to various parts of the world. Juliana and I would like to thank the parishioners for working with us during Fr Joe's absence to keep the parish running smoothly.

We welcome Bishop Vincent to our parish on Sunday to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on all those who have prepared to receive it. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith forever. Our grateful thanks are extended to Jessica Doherty, to the candidates' parents and to all who helped them prepare to receive this great Sacrament.

Peter McMahon (on behalf of Fr Joe)

WELCOME

This weekend the parish welcomes ***Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.*** to the 9.30am Sacrament of Confirmation Mass.

Also we would like to welcome ***Father Joe*** back to our parish. He has been greatly missed.

CONGRATULATIONS

To all the children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. May the Holy Spirit enlighten them and guide them in their Christian journey.

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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

<p>Sunday 17th September</p> <p><i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Confirmation Mass</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>4.30pm Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>	<p><u>Ordination to the Presbyterate: 21 September</u> Bishop Vincent Long and the Diocese of Parramatta invite you to the Ordination to the Presbyterate of Tom Green on Thursday 21 September at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please RSVP to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org if you can attend. We hope you will be able to join us at this joyous event for our Diocese and our faith community.</p> <p><u>Peace, Justice and Ecology Season of Creation Weekly.</u> Join Peace, Justice & Ecology for an hour live online on Thursdays during Season of Creation as we ponder, discuss, and pray through Pope Francis' call to World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Message from Pope Francis. For more information, please email met@parracatholic.org.au.</p> <p><u>Diocesan Interfaith Commission Walking Together for Peace gathering: 21 September</u> The Interfaith Commission Diocese of Parramatta invites you to an interfaith gathering to mark the <i>UN International Day of Peace</i>. This is an opportunity to have real conversations and positive dialogue with people from faiths different to your own. The gathering will be held on Thursday 21 September from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To RSVP, please visit https://events.humanitix.com/walking-together-for-peace</p> <p><u>Diocese of Parramatta Season of Creation Mass: 23 September</u> Bishop Vincent invites everyone to join him to celebrate Season of Creation with a Diocesan Mass held on Saturday 23 September at 9am at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, followed by a simple eco-friendly morning tea and talk. For more information, please email met@parracatholic.org.au.</p>
<p>Monday 18th September</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>8.30am CCD Training Course M/R</p> <p>11.00am Lyn Beltran's Funeral Service</p> <p>12.30am Lyn Beltran's Wake P/C</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>	
<p>Tuesday 19th September</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.00pm Finance Committee meeting M/R</p>	
<p>Wednesday 20th September</p> <p><i>Sts Andrew Kin Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>	
<p>Thursday 21st September</p> <p><i>St Matthew</i></p>	<p>9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p>	
<p>Friday 22nd September</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers P/C</p>	
<p>Saturday 23rd September</p> <p><i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Joseph & Bianca's Wedding</p> <p>4.30pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p> <p>7.30pm Bach- Child of the Stars - Bach Akademie Australia Concert</p>	
<p>Sunday 24th September</p> <p><i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am St Finbar's Feast Day Mass followed by picnic lunch</p>	<p><u>SEASON OF CREATION CAMPING TRIP 2023</u> 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. <u>When:</u> Friday, September 29 – Monday, October 2, 2023 <i>* 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.</i> <u>Where:</u> Wogglesmai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale <u>Cost:</u> Individual campers: \$30; Camping couples: \$55; Family camping groups: \$75 For more information and to register visit: www.seasonofcreationcamping.org</p>

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

Ruth Robinson, will turn 100 years old this Friday the 22nd of September. We are all excited and very grateful that she is happy, healthy, and still so positive about everything.

Mum has been living at Our Lady of Consolation Aged Care at Rooty Hill since May 2016, but you most likely know that she and Dad (Ian Robinson) were stalwarts of St Finbar's parish from the time they moved to Mount Riverview in 1984. Dad died in 2012, but Mum is still going strong.

I thought that you might like to know that Mum is reaching this historic milestone, and there may be other parishioners who remember Ruth and Ian.

We are not having a big celebration it would be too tiring for a centenarian. If any of the parishioners would like to send her a note or card, that would be lovely. Please ask the parish office for her address.

Anne Roberts (Ruth's Daughter).



BACH A CHILD OF THE STARS

A program of music by Bach and other composers inspired by the heavens.

Join Bach Akademie Australia for their third concert series of 2023 featuring the Bach Akademie Australia Orchestra and Choir.

To truly understand a culture, we must explore its relationship to the land, but 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 and the First Nations peoples of Australia have seen every day for millennia – the Morning Star. We 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.

Program

J.S. Bach Cantata 'Himmelskönig, sei willkommen' BWV 182 – Sinfonia

Tomás Luis de Victoria O Magnum Mysterium

Presentation by Professor Jonathan Bland-Hawthorn 'Galileo, Bach and the western view of the heavens'

Vincenzo Galilei Excerpts from the Well Tempered Lute [Tommie Andersson – Lute]

Presentation by Uncle Jimmy Smith about indigenous astronomy

Troy Russell Clans

J.S. Bach Cantata 'Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern' BWV 1

Saturday September 23, 7.30pm at St Finbar's Church, Glenbrook

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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



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lyn Beltran, Joanne Macrae, Colin Haywood, 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:

Charlotte Mansour, Michael Taylor, Marie Lutton, Patricia Flynn, Fred Clinton, William Walters, Thomas Charles, Baby Amber Jenkins, Pamela Cottee, Rosina Merchant, Victorio Girgenti, John Nolan, Philomena Quinn, Ethel Cornish, Eileen Gillian, Sylvia Bourke, Maria Boehm and Marie Hill.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 23RD & 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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 & Volunteer Please		Benjamin Grus & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Justin Dowling
1 st Reading	Eileen Jones	Kevin Lloyd	Volunteer Please
2nd Reading	Naomi Cheeseman	Elizabeth Konza	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Carl Moll	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Te Deum		Holy Light
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Kylie Mills	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Steve & Heather Lee	Rivas Family	The Young Family
Communion	Lorraine Brown	Jessica Tiller	Mila Svehla
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Jessica Doherty, Dawn Willis & Wendy Bohan		
Hospitality	Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		



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