

The Barra
Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
23rd & 24th September 2023

Isaiah 55:6-9; Ps 144; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

St Finbar - Parish Feast Day

The Patron of our Parish is St Finbar. Not much is written about his life, except that he was a Monk-bishop who also founded the Irish City of Cork. Born in Connaught, Ireland, and baptized Lochan, he was educated at Kilmacahil, Kilkenny, where the monks named him Fionnbharr (white head) because of his light hair; he is also known as Bairre and Barr. He went on pilgrimage to Rome with some of the monks, visiting St. David in Wales on the way back. Supposedly, on another visit to Rome the Pope wanted to consecrate him a bishop but was deterred by a vision, notifying the pope that God had reserved that honour to Himself, and Finbar was consecrated from heaven and then returned to Ireland. At any rate, he may have preached in Scotland, definitely did in southern Ireland, lived as a hermit on a small island at Lough Eiroe, and then, on the river Lee, founded a monastery that developed into the city of Cork, of which he was the first bishop. His monastery became famous in southern Ireland and attracted numerous disciples.

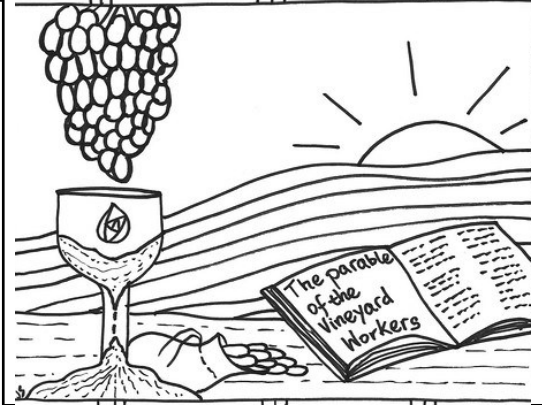
Many extravagant miracles are attributed to him, and supposedly, the sun did not set for two weeks after he died at Cloyne about the year 633.

Because of the strong Irish presence around Glenbrook, the Parish was named after this Irish Saint. Hence, on this Feast Day we give thanks to God in honour of our foundational pioneers. Let us also pray for and honour all those who have generously contributed to the life and financial well-being of our Parish. Today, I wish to say a big **THANK YOU** to you. As Jesus said, we are together one **Body** and all members pray and work together for the benefit of all, beyond individual ambitions.

Here, I would like to express my gratitude to all who have assisted the Parish with the preparation leading to the FEAST: a) Juliana and Peter from the Parish office, Jeannine Ashbee and the hospitality team, Brian Sayah and Joe Sukkar, Carl Moll and his Men's Breakfast team, our Church's cleaners, musicians, teachers, parents, and students from the primary school.

There is little doubt that our Parish is now being recognized by the diocese as one that is most active and blossoming. Beyond being a spiritual and prayerful Home, St Finbar is also a missionary community cherishing ecumenical friendship and caring for the disadvantaged in very generous ways.

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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.

<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 a picnic lunch</p>
<p>Monday 25th September</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>7.00pm St Finbar's Netball Club M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 26th September</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>
<p>Wednesday 27th September</p> <p><i>St Vincent de Paul</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 28th September</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>7.30pm Netball Executive Meeting P/C</p>
<p>Friday 29th September</p> <p><i>Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers P/C</p> <p>7.30pm Adoration</p>
<p>Saturday 30th September</p> <p><i>St Jerome</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>4.30pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 1st October</p> <p><i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass (Daylight Saving Starts)</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>



Blessing of your animals

Wednesday 4th October is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi.

On this day Fr Joe is offering a special blessing for all your animals at 6:30pm at Elizabeth Lookout. It will be Daylight Saving Time, and so why not take this opportunity to take your pets on a leisurely stroll to the lookout for the blessing. Just make your own way to the lookout and Fr Joe will meet you there.

Catholic Care Circle of Security Education Program: Starts 11 October

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is running an online parenting series via Zoom for parents or caregivers of children from birth to 18 to make sense of what your child is really asking from you, and how to strengthen the parent-child relationship. The sessions will run each Wednesday from 10am to 12.30pm from 11 October to 29 November. The cost is \$105, with discount or free training offers available to eligible families. To register and for enquiries, please call (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au

Catholic Care Keeping Kids in Mind Education Program: Starts 16 October

More details about this five week online program on supporting children following a family separation will be in next week's Barra.

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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on 18 October 2023.



Last year 40,000 Australian children participated. Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God.

To learn more and to register visit www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren.

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

FR JOE'S MUSINGS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

While we can rightly be proud of our achievements, there are still many things that we can do together to build up a community that lives by the values of Christ's gospel. Please allow me to highlight a few:

- Sacredness -** Seeing life as a gift from God to be celebrated and respected.
 - The Joy of Faith –** as a response of unwavering trust in God's presence.
 - Peace -** committed to peace-making and non-violence.
 - Stewardship of creation -** Honoring the created universe as a gift from a loving Creator God given in trust for all.
 - Courage -** standing up for the truth.
- Living by these values will truly let the FACE OF CHRIST shine forth and change the lives of many.

Once again, thank you for all you do for your fellow parishioners.

Fr Joe

PRAY FOR OUR HSC CLASS OF 2023

Year 12 students and their families are invited to attend the Parish HSC Mass on Sunday the 1st of October at the 6pm Youth Mass to recognise their hard work and dedication ahead of their exams.

ALL SOULS MASS

Mass this year will be celebrated on Thursday the 2nd of November at 7pm. The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered for only the faithful who departed during this past year. Also invited to participate in the liturgy are parishioners who have lost a close relative during the past year and whose funeral was conducted outside the Parish. A candle ceremony will be part of the celebration so if you would like your loved one remembered by lighting a candle (which your family member will place on the sanctuary during the Mass), please email the parish office on: secretary@stfinbars.org.au. A small photo of your loved one could also be placed on the sanctuary before the commencement of Mass. **Please note that the parish is not taking any names after the 28th of October.**

ALL SAINTS CHILDREN'S PARTY - Tuesday 31st October 2023

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.

- When:** Tuesday 31st October 2023
- Time:** 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- Where:** St Finbar's Catholic Church Hall
- Cost:** \$5/ person (capped \$30/family)

How to get your tickets:

Step 1: Book your ticket online (it will say \$0 at checkout)

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/stfinbarsglenbrookplaygroup/all-saints-party-1546963134>



Step 2: Then transfer your payment to Lucie Twyford BSB 032-323 Acct 174044

LIMITED SPOTS ONLY!

Any questions, please contact Lucie Twyford on 0424 793 359.

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

The St Finbar's Glenbrook Playgroup

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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:

Christopher McNamara, Mary Heaver, Grace Chambers, Roch Cunningham, Mary O’Connor, Kathleen Rowe, Patricia Nagle, Thelma Dwyer, Shirley Glover, Thomas Beattie, Paul Morgan, Francis Luland, Anthony Cunningham, Rodney Mulvey and Kenneth Kelly.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 30TH SEPTEMBER & 1ST OCTOBER 2023

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Father Joe	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Emily Dowling	Carl Moll	Volunteer Please
Junior Servers	Alex & Luc Nilsson		Xavier Rajnoch & Volunteer Please
Warden	Vince Dobson	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Michelle Wilson	Jessica Doherty
2nd Reading	Katy Ferris	John Killeen	Steve Baird
Intercession	Elizabeth Rowe	Kevin Flynn	Martin Rogers
Music	Naomi’s Group		Anne Hobbs’ Group
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn & Phillip Eltakchi	Joseph Wilson	Patrick Watson
Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Volunteers Please
Communion	Vince Dobson & Brian Robertson	Ian Dickson	Mila Svehla
Children’s Liturgy	School Holiday		
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins		
Church Care	Volunteers Please		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Vicky Ang, Tamar Apkarian & Karen Sukkar		
Lawn Mowing	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard & Stuart Sheary		

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