



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

13th & 14th July 2024

He began to send
them out two by two



Amos 7:12-15; Ps 84; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

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FR JOE'S MUSINGS

The Church has a Mission....

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve whom he designated as "apostles". By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a **communal endeavour**. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

Compassion and mercy drive us to mission. We are to become mindful that being missionary is, in fact, central to the Christian life. A person without a sense of mission cannot be described as fully Christian. Our call to mission means we are more focused on the needs of those to whom we are sent than we are on preserving our ways of doing things. Pope Francis puts it this way:

"I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation". (*The Joy of the Gospel*, 27)

Rather than be daunted by the challenge to be missionary, Pope Francis often returns to the idea that the more truly missionary we are, the more joyful we will be.

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SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

Emily Jane Stein

this Sunday, and warmly welcomes her into our Faith Community here at St Finbar's.



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

Sunday 14th July <i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms
Monday 15th July <i>St Bonaventure</i>	No Mass. Office is closed
Tuesday 16th July	9.15am Mass 10.00am No Timeout Tuesday— <i>Refurbishing of the Parish Hall.</i> 2.00pm Funeral Mass for Patricia Bates 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting M/R
Wednesday 17th July	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm No Bridge Club P/C— <i>Refurbishing of the Parish Hall.</i>
Thursday 18th July	9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea 1.15pm No Bridge Club P/C— <i>Refurbishing of the Parish Hall.</i>
Friday 19th July	9.15am Mass 1.30pm No Bowlers P/C— <i>Refurbishing of the Parish Hall.</i>
Saturday 20th July	9.15am Mass 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 21st July <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptism 1.15pm No Bridge Club P/C— <i>Refurbishing of the Parish Hall.</i> 6.00pm Youth Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/Q5KbOt_DrDs?feature=share 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening: 25 July

You are invited to a Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening with keynote speaker John Lochowiak, Chair of NATSICC. The event will reflect on the 2023-24 Social Justice Statement “Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People”, and is hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay, together with the Diocese of Parramatta and Archdiocese of Sydney: 25 July 2024, 6pm, The Epping Club (45-47 Rawson St, Epping). Please register by 17 July at trybooking.com/etcfo

MET Worship Music Copyright Workshop: 30 July or 1 August

Calling all Parish musicians and members of our parish communities who create slides and booklets for our Masses. Mr Eric Grella will be holding a workshop on THE IMPORTANCE OF COPYRIGHT. Bring all your questions to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on 30 July or to St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith on 1 August at 7pm. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship> or email lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org.

MET Worship A Journey of Faith RCIA Seminars: Beginning 31 July

The MET Worship team are holding a series of seminars for RCIA coordinators to come together to learn and ask questions about how to run an RCIA program in their parish. The sessions will be held on Wednesdays (and one Tuesday) from 31 July to 28 August at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Participants may attend as many workshops as they are interested in. For more information and to register, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=rcia-seminars> or contact lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.

UNIVERSAL SISTERHOOD PRESENTS



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St Finbars Parish Glenbrook

17th August, 2024.

8:45am - 5:15pm (Vigil mass @5:30)

Speakers Fr. Chris Del Rosario

Leonie Nahhas & Jessica Doherty.

Praise and Worship led by Rachael Kama.

Food and goodie bag included.

Confession available and Catholic merchandise.

FR JOE'S MUSINGS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

“By living out our faith in both word and deed, Pope Francis promises us deep and profound joy: ‘With Christ joy is constantly reborn anew’ (The Joy of the Gospel, 1).

The mission we are on is going to call us out of our comfort zones. A complacent attitude and the Christian faith do not go well together. This is going to require us to think differently about our priorities individually and collectively.

So, what can we do as a parish community? A young parishioner who travelled by train to his school observed lately that around the train station in Penrith the number of tents of homeless people has increased. He asked whether St Finbar's can put hands together to assist them. In doing so, this young parishioner is convinced that St Finbar's can become the hands and feet and mouth of Jesus proclaiming the GOOD NEWS through GOOD DEEDS.

This Sunday, our Social Justice team will start a first step by joining the Winter Appeal organised by Catholic Care in Springwood. In the narthex, there will be a list of basic items that homeless people need to “survive” in the winter months.

God bless you All.

Fr Joe

RECENT EXTRA COLLECTIONS

The parish recently held the Bishop's June appeal for which envelopes were left in the pews. Thank you all for your contributions. The parish has sent \$1,640 to the Bishop on your behalf.

The parish also called for contributions to the annual Peter's Pence collection which supports the upkeep of the Holy Places. The parish has sent \$200 to this appeal on your behalf.

May God bless you all for your generosity.

UPCOMING PARISH ROSTERS—AUGUST TO JANUARY 2025

Please note that I am in process of preparing the new upcoming rosters August to January 2025. The parish is in desperate need for more Sacristans and Senior Servers specially for the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. If you are able to help please contact the parish office on secretary@stfinbars.org.au. Training will be provided and you will be rostered on 1 Saturday per month. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you. *Juliana Khnouf*

APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE DROP-IN CENTRE IN SPRINGWOOD

The Catholic Care Drop in Centre in Macquarie Road Springwood provides support for all in need, without exception.

They provide a listening ear, a cup of tea/coffee, as well as the provision of essential household goods. Their outreach coordinator has said that they are in urgent need of these essential goods as the cupboard is looking very bare and the demand is increasing.

St Finbar's Parish will be running an appeal over the weekend of 13/14 July to support the center. There will be boxes in the Narthex where parishioners can place non-perishable goods at all Masses. Possible donations are:

Tinned food
Body wash
Rice/pasta
Hand wash
Pasta sauces

Toilet paper
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Sunscreen
Tissues

Biscuits
Moisturizers
Snack foods
Hand cream
soap

St Finbar's Parish has been very generous in the past and no doubt will be again.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patricia Bates, Sam Chew (Camilla Lobo's Fiancé), Diosdado Roque (Geraldine Agahari's Father) and Kerrie-Anne Regent (McGrath).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Huia Kingi, Pat Barrett, Noreen Taylor, Sue Bland, Connor Sipple, Katie Maloney, Chris Paine, Jacqui Visser, Margaret Stevens, Christopher Thomson, David Haynes (Yvonne Scanlan's Dad), Gwen Cullinan, Lyn Downes, Sophie Hollies, Terry Stevens, Mark Bates, Margaret Christensen, Colleen & Michael Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson), Hubert Pereira & Maureen Brown (Marcia Pereira's Sister, Brother & Niece), Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika Gawlik.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Janette Noonan, Eliza Jean Nolan, Geraldine James (Boyle), John Kelly, Margaret Frost, Kim Nolan, Jean Cottier, Kevin Bohan, Waclaw Zajicek, Thoms Binns, Kevin O'Donnell, Peter Nash, Kathleen O'Connor, Rita Cloran, William Worthington and Thomas Brooks.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 20TH & 21ST JULY 2024

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	Harrison Bohan & Volunteer 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	Volunteer Please	Annis Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
Music	Cantabile		Naomi's Group
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Joseph Wilson	Pat Watson
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family
Communion	Ahyiesha D'Souza & Volunteer Please	Brian Grech & Helen Keogh	Todd Stanford & Annis Nilsson
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Youth Group, Claire Warren, Liam & Connor Isaksen		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene & Bert Aligno		
Lawn Mowing	Tony Doyle, Darren Dukes & Bryan Egan		



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