



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
3rd & 4th August 2024



Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 77; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

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FR JOE'S MUSINGS

What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?

Imagine how much easier life would be if you had an endless supply of free bread appear on your doorstep each morning! The crowds were pursuing Jesus because they wanted him to keep providing them with free bread. While they are looking for someone to feed their stomachs, Jesus was talking about providing them, and us, with something to satisfy a much deeper hunger. Jesus wanted to give us something that will feed our hungry hearts and souls, not just our stomachs. He gives himself to us: Son of Man—the one who filled their bellies and is offering to fill their hearts, is God's gift. In the beautiful consistency of the way God works, God's already done it. The miracle we explored last week was *Jesus doing the work* of being the bread of life for both body and soul. All that's left is to accept belief.

When we are hungering and thirsting, we are craving more of something. In a spiritual sense, if we know and trust Christ as the source of all good things, we will want more of him and his will in our lives, of Christ ruling in our hearts and the Spirit's presence filling us. Better than a belly full, our hearts are full of wonder and holy desire, able to expand and become a vessel of God's nourishment and blessing for others. So changed by what Jesus has done and is doing that we want to share everything about what it has meant for us with him. We do that through prayer and a lifestyle of grateful living.

To believe is not so much what we do as being open to what God is doing.

Last Sunday we witnessed what God has done for Andrew and James Howard and for Jackson Pollack. Andrew (Uniting church) and Jackson (Catholic church) were baptised as children but have not received the sacrament of Holy Communion as adults. Perhaps, it was their hungering and thirsting that are now being met by Jesus Christ. Let us continue to pray for James, Andrew and Jackson. May they find Christ through their encounter with each of us.

I would also like to welcome Sarah Hanson into our catechetical instruction program that prepares her to be welcomed into the full communion with the Catholic church. Sarah is the mother of Arthur and Harvey who have just received their sacrament of the First Holy Communion. Sarah was baptised as a Presbyterian.

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SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes

Eva Rose Iaria

into our Faith Community.

She is going to be Baptised at our Parish next weekend.

May God bless her.



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

<p>Sunday 4th August</p> <p><i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/eq7MYmS-IE?feature=share</p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p>Monday 5th August</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 6th August</p> <p><i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i></p>	<p>9.15am Funeral Mass for Mary Roberts</p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.00pm Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p>7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Wednesday 7th August</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 8th August</p> <p><i>St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Bridge lessons P/C</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Friday 9th August</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Concert Rehearsal</p>
<p>Saturday 10th August</p> <p><i>St Lawrence</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>12.30pm Wedding—Linda Pham & Michael Ana</p> <p>4.45pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 11th August</p> <p><i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>10.45am Baptisms</p> <p>1.00pm Penrith City Choir Concert</p>

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS - PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

1. Family Mass followed by sausage sizzle – Sunday the 11th of August after the 9.30am Mass.
2. Trivia Night on Saturday the 7th of September at 7pm. More information will be sent out soon.
3. St Finbar's Feast Day celebration – Sunday the 22nd of September at the 9.30am Mass.
4. Father Joe's Last Mass celebration will be on Sunday the 29th of September at the 9.30am Mass.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church

The Diocese of Parramatta is excited to announce that the launch and release of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church is only one week away, on Saturday 10 August. The pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 15 months. For more information, visit parracatholic.org/synodality

Adult Confirmation 2024 Formation Day: 24 August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 24 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. For more information please contact Lucy Woodbury on lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Diocesan Season of Creation Mass: 1 September

The Diocese of Parramatta's Laudato Si' Action Team and Sacred Heart Parish Blackheath invite you to Mass with Bishop Vincent Long to launch the Season of Creation 2024 (1 September – 4 October) on Sunday 1 September at Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath, at 9.30am. Morning tea will be served after Mass. Let us join in praise and celebrate the gifts and wonders that God bestows on us.

Diocesan Season of Creation Gathering: 14 September

You are invited to a Diocesan Season of Creation gathering on Saturday 14 September from 10am to 4pm at Winbourne Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. This event is part of Catholic Earthcare's national Season of Creation Convocation from 12-14 September. Cost is \$50 for the Diocesan gathering only, or \$100 for the full Convocation (with days 1 and 2 online). For program details, please visit tinyurl.com/soc-gathering24. Register for the Convocation by 12 August at caritas.org.au/soc-convocation.

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If God's willing, Sarah, Andrew and Jackson will be confirmed on the feast day of St Finbar, Sunday 22nd September 2024 at the 9.30am Mass. Please pray for Sarah and her family on this important journey of faith.

Please be aware also that I will be taking my annual leave from 14/8 – 16/9 to visit my dad in Germany and to attend my brother's 30th anniversary of priesthood in Norway. While in Europe, I will deliver lectures at various universities in Germany and Italy, including two doctoral examinations of my students. I hope then to visit my lepers' friends on my way back to Australia. I am not sure whether it would be possible this year. It depends on the political situation there.

My abbreviated tenure at St Finbars will officially end on Sunday 29th September 2024 with the Sunday's 9.30 am Confirmation Mass presided by Father Peter Williams AM, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.

I hope that Bishop Vincent will announce the name of the new PP soon, perhaps in a week's time.

Have a good week ahead.

Fr Joe

MASS SCHEDULE DURING FATHER JOE'S ANNUAL LEAVE.

Please note that Father Joe will be going on his annual leave on Monday the 11th of August. In his absence weekend Masses will be on their regular times. The weekday Masses will be as follows:-

- ✦ Week starting 12th of August - Masses will be on Wednesday the 14th and Friday the 16th. Please note that there won't be an Assumption Mass that week, please check the neighboring parishes for their Assumption Mass times.
- ✦ Week starting 19th of August - Masses will be on Wednesday the 21st and Friday the 23rd.
- ✦ Week starting 26th of August - Masses will be on Tuesday to Saturday as we are having a visiting priest staying with us.
- ✦ Week starting 2nd of September - Masses will be on Wednesday the 4th and Friday the 6th.
- ✦ Week starting 9th of September - Masses will be on Wednesday the 11th and Friday the 13th.

Wishing Father Joe a safe and enjoyable holiday.

CATECHIST TRAINING

Come join our team of Catechists. We could always use more people to join this wonderful ministry which inspires young people in the faith while enriching your own faith.

The next training course commences Friday 9th August 9.30 at St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith parish.

Queries: call Melissa McDonald 0408693042 or ask at the parish office.

SPONSORING REFUGEES WHO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FOR IMMIGRATION

Dear Parishioners. The Blue Mountains Deanery Pastoral Council has been given the challenge to recruit anyone that feels called to serve on a team of 5 or more sponsoring a refugee family. This is a 12 month commitment with many challenging responsibilities which would assist the family to settle in Australia. IS THIS INVITATION SOMETHING THAT SOUNDS IN HARMONY WITH THE TIME AND SPACE YOU FIND YOURSELF IN?

Please consider. Then please contact Len (0405 916 326; leonard.usa@me.com) with all the questions you may have to see if it sounds like something for you right now.

Training is given to the team to take on this unique challenge.

Many thanks.

Len Blahut (chairperson)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Roberts, Bishop Kevin Manning, Huia Kingi, Patricia Bates, Sam Chew (Camilla Lobo's Fiancé), and Kerrie-Anne Regent (McGrath).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Sara Pinato (Matthew Pinato's Mother), 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, Maddison Farrugia, Colleen & Michael Nolan, 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:

Karl and Ute Moll, Daisy Watterson, John Guerin, Gweneth Pinson, Carmel Harris, John Costello, Robert Murphy, Freda Weston, Robyn Connors, Eric Jeckeln, Reginald Hambilton, Michael Cahill, William Mathew and Mark Roebuck.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 10TH & 11TH AUGUST 2024

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahan	Garry Pursehouse
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahan	Joseph Sukkar
Junior Servers	Quentin Lynch & Eoghan McKenna		Family Mass
Warden	Maree Roach	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Maureen Tulk	Carl Moll	Family Mass
2nd Reading	Jessica Doherty	Elizabeth Konza	Family Mass
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Family Mass
Music	Bernadette Phillips & Michael Taylor		Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Kylie Mills	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret & Michael Richards	Volunteers Please	Family Mass
Communion	Thea & Brian Robertson	Jim & Kath Tierney	Gerard Egan & Yvonne Scanlan
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan De Bie, Wendy Bohan, Marsha O'Meara & Andrew Flaherty, Carl Moll, Steve Lee & Bryan Egan for church mopping.		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Liz & Daren Dukes		



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