

St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
**The Barra**  
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B  
10th & 11th August 2024

I am  
the living  
bread  
that came  
down from  
heaven.



**1 Kings 19:4-8; Ps 33; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51**

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<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/>

**FR JOE'S MUSINGS**

Thank you and farewell

From the first day of my arrival at St Finbar's you have welcomed and allowed me to serve you as your Parish Priest. After nearly four years, I hope that now I am your friend and companion of faith. I really cherish my ministry amongst you, and I truly love St Finbar's. I sincerely thank God and you for all this. I also acknowledge my failings and would like to offer to you my apology should I have caused you distress at the announcement of my departure from you.

I am aware that my appointment has been shortened significantly since I still have at least another 2 years before my six-year tenure expires. I feel ashamed that I am unable to complete my term and to serve you as your friend and parish priest. I would have loved to be the one celebrating your wedding, baptising your children and presiding at your grandparents' funeral: a pastor for three generations! It has been always my intention to be here at least for one term till November 2026 Surely, you may feel confused and perhaps even betrayed.

It is of little consolation to you if I say that together we have achieved great things during the last four years. Most importantly, together we have transformed the culture of our parish where the joy of faith is being celebrated every Sunday, and where charity is combined with respect. St Finbar's has become a model parish within our diocese.

When Bishop Vincent proposed to me the parish of Baulkham Hills (St Michael and Our Lady of Lourdes), he was mindful of our journey at St Finbar's. Bishop Vincent did not force me to accept the appointment, but only asked that I pray over it and reflect on the broader pastoral need of the diocese. While I love St Finbar's, I sense that I can't be self-fish and only look after my own well-being. Often, I remind myself of St Augustine's words: "To lead a life of leisure, free from care, little force would be needed to make me do that. There could be nothing more enjoyable than rummaging about the divine treasure chest, with no one to plague me. . . , but preaching, arguing, rebuking, building God's house, having to manage for everyone -- who would not shrink from such a heavy burden?" (Sermon 339)

So, I consented to the proposal to move to Baulkham Hills. It is a very big parish with many administrative and sacramental responsibilities. It will be challenging. There are many unknowns. It requires also that I will need to start anew in building up new relationships.

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**SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:**

The Parish joyfully announces the  
Baptism of

*Eva Rose Iaria*

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

<b>Sunday</b> <b>11th August</b>  <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>10.45am Baptisms</b> 3.00pm Penrith City Choir Concert
<b>Monday</b> <b>12th August</b>	<b>No Mass. Office is closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>13th August</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> 9.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting M/R
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>14th August</b> <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>	<b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary—Fr Dave Austin</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>15th August</b> <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>No Morning Mass please check the neighboring parishes for their Assumption Mass.</b> 10.00am Bridge Lessons P/C 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>16th August</b>	<b>9.15am Mass—Fr Brendan Murphy</b> 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
<b>Saturday</b> <b>17th August</b>	8.00am Women's Retreat P/C <b>No Morning Mass</b> 4.45pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass -Fr Chris Dixon</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>18th August</b>  <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	<b>7.30am Mass -Fr Chris Dixon</b> <b>9.30am Mass -Fr Chris Dixon</b> 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass - Fr Clifford De Souza</b> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C

## 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.

## DIocese of Parramatta Notices

### ACBC 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement Launch: 20 August

All are warmly invited to attend the official launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, 'Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World' on Tuesday 20 August from 10am to 12pm in St Paul's Catholic College Sports Hall, Greystanes, adjoining Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Please RSVP your attendance via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/1Wd96tbps0>

### Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church

This weekend, on Saturday 10 August, the Diocese of Parramatta launched the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church. Our 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 16 months. To download a copy of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, visit [parracatholic.org/synodality](http://parracatholic.org/synodality).

### 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](http://tinyurl.com/soc-gathering24). Register for the Convocation by 12 August at [caritas.org.au/soc-convocation](http://caritas.org.au/soc-convocation).

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

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Talents and skills are helpful but are never sufficient in the labouring of the Lord's vineyard. The story of the tenants is a warning: Those tenants working the vineyard didn't earn the blessing or cause the abundant harvest. It is God who is the builder and the provider of the seeds. Our task then, is to acknowledge the blessings we've received, and then to live faithfully, presenting to God the fruit of our labour at harvest time, whatever that fruit might be.

As I take my leave (my annual leave starts from 13/8 to 15/9 2024) and then move to Baulkham Hills on 1st October, let us continue to pray for each other in thanking God for all the gifts we were able to share with each other in the past four years.

Once again, I thank you for your faith, love and friendship. Let us not be sad but rejoice in Christ: "What the world needs from the Church is our indomitable joy in Jesus."

Thank you and God bless you all.

*Fr Joe*

## NEW TAP'N'GO TERMINALS

Many of you will have noticed the new Tap'n'Go terminals in the church. The old ones became obsolete and had to be replaced.

The new terminals are slightly different in that you have to firstly select an amount before you tap your card. The terminal will then tell you the transaction is being authorised, and then has been approved.

It will ask if you want a receipt - just hit the No Thanks button and you are finished.

Thank you for contributing to the parish.

## GOOD OLD FASHION TRIVIA IS BACK!!

Parish Trivia night will be on Saturday the 7th of September after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.

Cost: will be \$10pp in Cash on night. The money raised Father Joe has decided is to go towards the parish Youth Group.

There will be 18 tables in total, each table will have 8 people, a list of the tables is available on the Wardens table. Please add your name.

If you need any additional information please contact Lyndal on 0423575521.



## ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST

*Date - Saturday 24th August 2024*

*Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am Venue - Parish hall*



The parish is holding another Men's breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their sons, grandsons, neighbours and friends. For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 18th of August 2024.

Please add your name to the list on the warden's table.

Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775

## THE CATHOLIC CHARITY, AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Is seeking applications for a full time, Benefactor Support Coordinator. The role is based at the national office in Penrith. Experience in customer service and/or the processing of donations is ideal.

For information visit, [www.aidtochurch.org/jobs](http://www.aidtochurch.org/jobs). Applications close 23 August.

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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:**

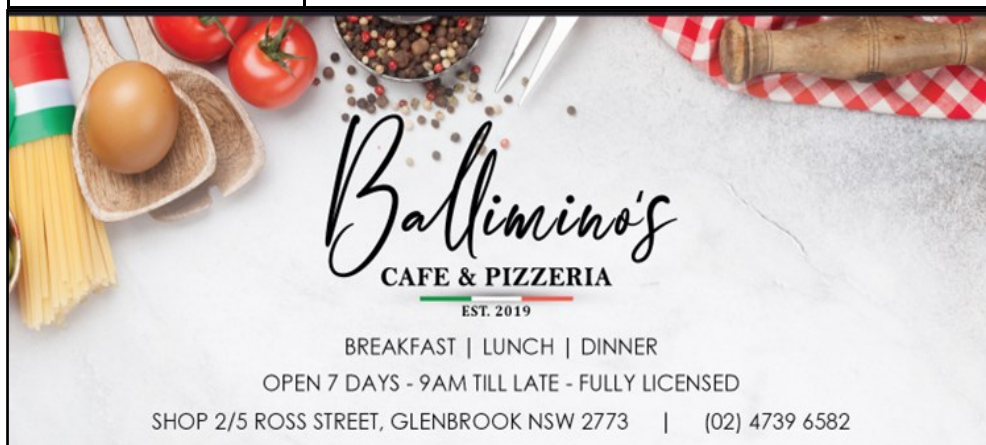
Sara Pinato (Matthew Pinato's Mother), Pat Barrett, Noreen Taylor, Sue Bland, Connor Sipple, Katie Maloney, Chris Paine, Jacqui Visser, Margaret Stevens, Christopher Thomson, David Haynes (Yvonne Scanlan's Dad), Gwen Cullinan, Lyn Downes, Sophie Hollies, Terry Stevens, Mark Bates, Margaret Christensen, 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:**

Maree Whitton, Anne Griffin, Marion Nardi, Norma Bardwell-Cook, Alban O'Loughlin, Thomas Burne, Thomas Walsh, Bernardina Bruinsma, James Rowe, John Gersbach, Leslie Slater and Annia Audet.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 17TH & 18TH AUGUST 2024**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am	6.00pm Youth Mass
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Stuart Sheary	Brendan Khnouf & Quentin Lynch
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers	Brendan Khnouf & Quentin Lynch
Junior Servers	Harrison Bohan & Volunteer Please		Zoe Wilson, Dominic Sheary & Tim Kensey	Sophia Lynch & Volunteer Please
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick	Daniel Lynch
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Volunteer Please	John Killeen	Peter or Trish Hurley	Volunteer Please
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Andrew Teece	Gary Clune	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Justin Dowling	Nick McMaster
Music	Cantabile		Naomi's Group	Youth Choir
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Elizabeth Konza	Pat Watson	Lachlan Lloyd
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family	N/A
Communion	Ahyiesha D'Souza & Bernie Fisher	Helen Keogh & John Killeen	Irene Aligno & Annissa Nilsson	Elizabeth Christie
Children's Liturgy	Cate			
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson			
Church Care	Volunteers please			
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene & Bert Aligno			



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