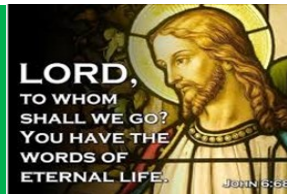


St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

24th & 25th August 2024



Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ps 33; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

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Reflection

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B readings remind us of the importance of choosing to follow God, living in loving unity, and facing the challenges of discipleship. These reflections will help us to deepen our understanding of the scripture and to apply its lessons to our lives.

In the first reading, Joshua challenges the Israelites to choose whom they will serve. This decision is crucial for their identity and future. Joshua reminds them of God's faithfulness and the many ways He has delivered them.

We, too, face choices about our allegiance. We can choose to follow God or be swayed by other influences. Our commitment to God shapes our lives and our actions.

Choosing God means putting Him first in everything. It means trusting His guidance and following His commandments. This choice is a daily decision, and it requires faith and dedication.

The second reading from Ephesians speaks about the love and respect in marriage. Husbands and wives are called to reflect the love between Christ and the Church. This unity is a model for all relationships.

Marriage is a partnership of mutual love and respect. Each person should care for the other, just as Christ cares for the Church. This kind of love is selfless and enduring.

This reading teaches us about the sanctity of marriage. It reminds us that love in marriage should be deep and genuine. This love builds a strong foundation for family and community.

In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the difficulty of His teachings but Peter reaffirms his faith in Jesus. Peter's confession shows true discipleship. He recognizes Jesus as the Holy One of God and chooses to stay. This teaches us the importance of faith and commitment, even when the path is hard.

Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist highlights both its challenging nature and the disciples' reaction. Jesus intensifies His language about eating His flesh and drinking His blood, which shocks many. Peter, however, reaffirms the faith of the disciples, recognizing Jesus as the Holy One of God.

We cannot overemphasize the importance of the Real Presence in the Eucharist and how it remains a key belief in the Catholic faith.

Lord, help us to choose You every day. Strengthen our commitment to follow Your ways. Fill our hearts with love and guide us through the challenges we face. Amen.

With thanks to young-catholics.com

This week the parish extends our thanks and appreciation to the following priests who will be celebrating Mass on the weekend and week days.

✦ *Fr Piotr Kruk OP who will celebrate the weekend Masses and Baptisms.*

✦ *Fr John Zhang who will celebrate weekday Masses except Friday.*

✦ *Fr Brendan Murphy who will celebrate Friday morning 9.15am Mass.*

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SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

Finley Brown & Charlotte Debra Watt

this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them 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 25th August <i>21st Sunday in</i>	7.30am Mass- Dominican Priest from Kingswood 9.30am Mass- Dominican Priest from Kingswood 10.45am Baptisms
Monday 26th August	No Mass. Office is closed
Tuesday 27th August <i>St Monica</i>	9.15am Mass -Fr John Zhang 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R
Wednesday 28th August <i>St Augustine</i>	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary - Fr John Zhang 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 29th August <i>The Beheading of St John the Baptist</i>	9.15am Mass - Fr John Zhang 10.00am Bridge Lessons 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 5.30pm Confirmation Preparation Session P/C 7.30pm SFNC Executive General Meeting P/C
Friday 30th August	9.15am Mass -Fr Brendan Murphy 9.15am Father's Day Liturgy P/C 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 31st August	9.15am Mass 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass -Fr John Zhang
Sunday 1st September <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass -Fr John Zhang 9.30am Mass -Fr John Zhang 6.00pm Youth Mass -Fr John Zhang 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal supporting our retired priests

This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. They have dedicated their lives to guiding us spiritually and emotionally, often at great personal sacrifice. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal which will be held in our parish on the coming Fathers' Day weekend, or at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



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.

The FaithFeed: 6 September

Looking for great conversations + live atmosphere + storytelling from those in their 20s, 30s 40s? Sign up for The FaithFeed, Friday 6 September 2024 – Doors open 7PM w/ live music for 7:30PM start. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org



MET FaithLIFE Spirituality Short Course:

Starting 17 September

Searching for a deeper understanding of spirituality? Hoping to find renewed ways of expressing your faith? Wanting to further discern God's call in your life? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Spirituality short course with spiritual director Jeff Hood on Tuesdays 17 SEP + 24 SEP + 1 OCT! Registration and more dates and details via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org



LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31st 2024. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

SVDP WINTER APPEAL

Every day at Vinnies, we are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic Social Teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture and inspire i.e., the power to change lives is in everyone. We will hold our Winter Appeal on this weekend the 24th & 25th August as an exit collection after all Masses. Your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is much needed and appreciated. May God bless you for your generosity.

SRE RECRUITMENT WEEKEND 31ST & 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

Too precious not to share...

Have you considered being part of our Parish SRE Catechist team as a teacher or helper? Please consider joining us in bringing the Gospel message to a new generation of students. Training and curriculum materials are provided. All we need is your warm and joyful presence. To learn more contact Melissa McDonald 0408693042 or email Melissa.McDonald@parracatholic.org

RECENT HAPPENINGS

- * The floor in the parish hall has been sanded back and resurfaced, and it looks good. In addition, all the chairs have had pads glued to the legs so they don't mark the floor (many thanks to all who helped with this big task). Please take care when using the hall to avoid damaging the new surface.
- * We had to get an emergency plumbing service last weekend to clear the blocked sewer, and then get the damaged carpets cleaned. Please do the right thing and don't flush any wet wipes or paper towel down the toilets.
- * The church sound system has been upgraded to HDMI over optic cabling, allowing for 4K usage and future proofing the system. Thanks to Pat Watson and Ryan D'Souza for overseeing this task.

GOOD OLD FASHION TRIVIA IS BACK!!

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

Cost: \$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.

THANK YOU CARD FOR FATHER JOE

Parish families are invited to write thank you cards for Father Joe to be presented to him in a folder at his farewell morning tea after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday the 29th of September.

You can leave your card in the specially marked basket on the Warden's table.

Thank you for your help.

SEASON OF CREATION CAMPING TRIP 2024

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the faith community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience for the whole family with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with our Creator and creation.

When: Friday, October 4 – Monday, October 7, 2024*

* *The SOC program kicks off Friday evening and officially finishes with Sunday Mass. Campers are welcome to arrive from Friday afternoon to get set up and also stay beyond Mass on Sunday for an informal time together until Monday.*

Where: Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale

Cost: Individual campers: \$30; Camping couples: \$55; Family camping groups: \$75

For more information and to register visit: www.seasonofcreationcamping.org

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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, Jacqui Visser, Katie Maloney, Chris Paine, 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:

Yvonne Price, Elizabeth Sefton, Les McDermott, Willy Boere, Andrew Wiecek, Ellen Fall, Maria Pay, Richard Nagle, Hermanus Voorn, James Griffin, Shiela Anderson, Walter Quealy and Noel Gibson.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 31ST AUGUST & 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am	6.00pm Youth Mass
Sacristan	Kylie Mills	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan	Nick McMaster
Senior Server	Kylie Mills	Carl Moll	Lukas Rajnoch	Nick McMaster
Junior Servers	Alex & Luc Nilsson	Zoe & Oliver Wilson	Xavier Rajnoch & Benjamin Grus	Sophia Lynch & Volunteer please
Warden	Vince Dobson	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune	Daniel Lynch
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	John De Mattia	Erin Kelly	Volunteer Please
2nd Reading	Volunteer Please	John Killeen	Amanda Moore	Quentin Lynch
Intercession	Greg Rowe	Kevin Flynn	Justin Dowling	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Naomi's Group		Anne Hobbs's Group	
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Joseph Wilson	Pat Watson	Lachlan Lloyd
Gifts	Janice Smith & Volunteer Please	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	The Grus Family	N/A
Communion	Elizabeth & Greg Rowe	Colleen Fuller & John Killeen	Wendy Brown & Mila Svehla	Brendan Khnouf
Children's Liturgy	Christyna			
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins			
Church Care	Volunteers please			
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