



Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 14; St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23

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For details on safeguarding, please visit the diocesan safeguarding website:

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A REFLECTION

The readings for this Sunday teach us about the importance of following God's commands, acting on His word, and understanding true purity. They guide us in living a holy and faithful life.

Moses speaks to the Israelites, urging them to follow and be obedient to God's laws. He emphasizes that by doing so, they will show wisdom and understanding. This wisdom will set them apart from other nations and bring them closer to God.

God's laws are not just rules. They are a guide for living a good and holy life. When we follow them, we receive many blessings and experience God's closeness.

We should take Moses' message to heart. By obeying God's laws, we show our love and respect for Him. This obedience also brings peace and order to our lives.

In the second reading, James reminds us that all good things come from God. He is unchanging and always gives us what we need. We must embrace His word and act on it.

Hearing God's word is not enough. We must put it into action. True faith is shown by our deeds, especially in caring for those in need.

James also teaches us that pure religion means helping the vulnerable and keeping ourselves pure. This shows our commitment to God and His teachings. By acting on His word, we live out our faith every day.

The Gospel of Mark tells us about a time when Jesus was challenged by the Pharisees. They were focused on external rituals, like the washing of hands, rather than matters of the heart. Jesus explained that true purity comes from within.

Our thoughts and actions show our true selves. Evil thoughts and actions come from within and defile us. Jesus teaches us that what matters most is our inner purity.

We should focus on our hearts and minds, not just external practices. By keeping our thoughts and actions pure, we live in a way that honours God. Inner purity is what truly pleases Him.

Lord, help us to obey Your laws, act on Your word, and keep our hearts pure. Guide us in showing our faith through our actions.

Please continue reading on page 3

We welcome Father John Zhang to our Parish. Father John will be celebrating all this weekend's Masses including the 6pm Youth Mass on Sunday evening as well as morning Masses Tuesday to Thursday.

Also we welcome Father Brendan Murphy who will be celebrating Friday morning Masses.

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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.

PARISH CALENDAR

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| 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 |
| Monday 2nd September | No Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R |
| Tuesday 3rd September <i>St Gregory the Great</i> | 9.15am Mass—Fr John Zhang 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice |
| Wednesday 4th September | 9.15am Mass followed by Rosary - Fr John Zhang 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C |
| Thursday 5th September | 9.15am Mass—Fr John Zhang 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 5.30pm Confirmation Preparation Session M/R |
| Friday 6th September | 9.15am Mass - Fr Brendan Murphy 1.30pm Bowlers P/C 5.00pm School Disco Night P/C |
| Saturday 7th September | No Morning Mass 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass - Fr Huy Nguyen SJ 6.30pm Parish Trivia Night P/C |
| Sunday 8th September <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i> | 7.30am Mass - Fr Huy Nguyen SJ 9.30am Mass - Fr Huy Nguyen SJ 10.45am Baptisms - Fr Huy Nguyen SJ |



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

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NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024.

This weekend begins National Child Protection Week. In today's Mass we are reminded that all of God's creation is good. We are challenged to do all we can to help and nurture all He has created. In our prayer, in our conversations and in our actions, let us always show our commitment to actively promote the dignity and rights of all persons and, most particularly in this week, let our ministry and service actively support the voices and wellbeing of children in our Parish and local community.

DIocese of Parramatta Notices

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. Your compassionate donation cares for our clergy's health and wellbeing during sickness and retirement. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal using the envelopes on the seats, or at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



Vote now for our Kids' Art Competition People's Choice Awards

Vote now for People's Choice in our 2024 Kids' Voices art competition! The 2024 Kids' Voices art competition underpins our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person. The competition aims to engage children and young people in our community about safeguarding by giving them a voice. Hurry, voting closes Sunday 1 September. Find out more at www.parracatholic.org/peoples-choice

ACBC 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has formally launched its 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, 'Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World'. In the statement, Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. Download your copy of the Statement and a range of resources by visiting <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/07/25/social-justice-statement-2024-25/>

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

A REFLECTION - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

We have heard from Fr Joe recently, and even though he is on holidays he is still watching over the parish and asking about things that are happening here. He has been unwell and had to cancel one of his trips, but he did get to Norway to see his brother on the occasion of his brother's 30th anniversary of Ordination.

Preparation for Confirmation started this week The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at Fr Joe's final Mass with us on Sunday 29th September.

Father Joe wishes all Fathers & Grandfathers a Happy Fathers Day

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - ST FINBAR'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

Please note that the parish will be celebrating the Feast of St Finbar on Sunday the 22nd of September at the 9.30am Mass with the celebration of receiving 3 new RCIA candidates into full communion with the Catholic Church. After Mass we will continue the celebrations with a sausage sizzle, morning tea and games for the children.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS continue on Sunday 8th September 2024 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is **Fr Tom Green** who will talk about and lead discussion on **How not to be a proselytizer**. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477004678.

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.

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.

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

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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:

Mary McKenzie, Michael Price, Valma Jones, Eileen Trevaskis, Anna Instance, Elsie Whitton, Gweneth Scott, June Jones, Harold Brown, Dorothy Parslow and Arthur Auckett.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 7TH & 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

| Liturgical Ministries | 5.30pm | 7.30 am | 9.30 am |
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| Sacristan | Volunteer Please | Peter McMahon | Garry Pursehouse |
| Senior Server | Volunteer Please | Peter McMahon | Joseph Sukkar |
| Junior Servers | Quentin Lynch & Eoghan McKenna | | Oliver Wilson, Noah Young & Patrick Sukkar |
| Warden | Maree Roach | Volunteer Please | Patricia Murnane |
| 1 st Reading | Maureen Tulk | Carl Moll | Richard Cutler |
| 2nd Reading | Dawn Willis | Geraldine Agahari | Carmel Higgins |
| Intercession | Felicity Lindfield | Elizabeth Konza | Joanne Stubbs |
| Music | | | Finnie's Group |
| IT Operators | Anne Hobbs | Kylie Mills | Joanne Stubbs |
| Gifts | Margaret & Michael Richards | Volunteers Please | Dorothea Walsh |
| Communion | Brian & Thea Robertson | Brian Grech & Helen Keogh | Yvonne Scanlan & Colin Stead |
| Children's Liturgy | Elizabeth | | |
| Piety Stall | Beth Culliver | | |
| Church Care | Jeannine Ashbee, Leesa & Wayne Gillard | | |
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