

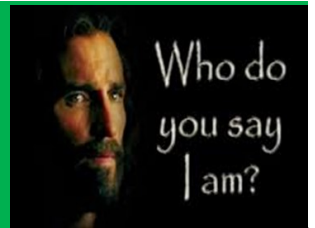


St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

14th & 15th September 2024



Isaiah 50:5-9; Ps 114; St James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

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

A REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS

The readings for today guide us in understanding faith, suffering, and discipleship. They teach us to listen to God's word, to act on our faith, and to follow Jesus' path. Reflecting on these themes helps us grow closer to God and strengthens our commitment to our faith.

Listening to God

In the first reading Isaiah speaks about the servant who listens to God and does not turn away. This shows us the importance of being attentive to God's voice in our lives. We are called to be open and willing to hear what God has to say to us.

Listening to God means being present, being still and paying attention to God's guidance. It involves setting aside time for prayer and reflection. By doing this, we can better understand God's will for us and how we should live.

Faith and Works

James teaches us in the second reading that faith without works is dead. Believing in God is important, but we also need to show our faith through our actions, particularly by helping those in need.

Helping others and living out our faith go hand in hand. When we help those in need, we show the love of God in action. Our faith becomes alive and active through our good works. Here we are called to examine our lives. Are our actions reflecting our faith? Are we living in a way that shows our commitment to God?

Following Jesus

In the Gospel Jesus asks His disciples who they think He is. Peter responds, "You are the Christ." But following Christ means accepting His path, even when it is difficult.

Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow Him. This means we may face challenges and hardships as part of our faith journey.

We may have to give up our own desires and face many difficulties, but by doing so, we find true life in Christ.

Lord, help us to listen to Your voice and follow Your path. Give us the strength to live out our faith through our actions. May we take up our cross and find true life in You. Amen.

Please continue reading on page 3

We welcome Father Huy Nguyen to our Parish who will be celebrating all this weekend's Masses and Father Paul Marshall who will be celebrating the Youth Mass.

The Parish welcomes Father Joe back from his annual leave this week on Tuesday.

Weekday Masses will be back to their regular time from Wednesday morning.

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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.

<p>Sunday 15th September</p> <p><i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass - Fr Huy Nguyen SJ</p> <p>9.30am Mass -Fr Huy Nguyen SJ</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass -Fr Paul Marshall</p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p>Monday 16th September</p> <p><i>St Cornelius</i></p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 17th September</p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.00pm PFC Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Wednesday 18th September</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 19th September</p>	<p>9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>5.30pm Confirmation Preparation Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Friday 20th September</p> <p><i>Sts Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang and Companions</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p>Saturday 21st September</p> <p><i>St Matthew</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>4.45pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 22nd September</p> <p><i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass—St Finbar's Feast Day followed by sausage sizzle and morning tea.</p>

Positions Vacant:

- ✦ Development Manager – Property Services, Diocese of Parramatta.
- ✦ Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan Implementation – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 25 September**
- ✦ Marriage Facilitator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 3 October**

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/
From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: Behold, I Am With You Always

"Our journey has only just begun. As we move forward, we endeavour to institutionalise best practice in communal discernment, decision making and governance, which would enhance the authority of the ordained and the rightful participation of the faithful..." – Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv (Pg. 4, 'Behold, I am with you always' Pastoral Plan). Read more and share in our diocesan vision at parracatholic.org/synodality.

Catholic Schools Bishop Manning Support Fund

Would you like your child to receive a Catholic education but are worried that your family cannot afford it? Please consider applying for a bursary that will cover the school fees, the cost of uniforms and equipment for primary or secondary school students for up to four years of enrolment. The fund, named in honour of the recently deceased Bishop Kevin Manning, is a Diocesan charity that seeks to ensure all families who want a Catholic education for their child can receive one. Please scan this code or visit



<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/affordable-education/bishop-manning-support-fund>. **Applications close 18 October.**

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 28 September at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys for Modules 1-3. More training opportunities will be available throughout September and October. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please

email: safeguardingtraining@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



SCAN ME

REFLECTION (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Many of you will have seen information sent from Fr Joe where he attended the Solemn Mass to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of his brother's Ordination to the Priesthood. It was good to hear that most of his family was there with him for the celebration. Fr Joe's holiday will soon be over. He will return to us during the day next Tuesday, but will not be able to say Mass that day. He will say Mass for us from Wednesday onwards. He then starts his move to the Baulkham Hills parish. It will be an extremely busy time for him.

The Bishop met with representatives of our parish as part of the process of appointing a new priest to Glenbrook. So far there has been no announcement from the Bishop.

Many thanks to all who organised and attended the parish Trivia Night. It was a great success and significant funds were raised for the activities of our youth group.

(Adapted from Young Catholics/ On behalf of Fr Joe)

ST FINBAR'S GLENBROOK CHILDREN'S ATRIUM. JOIN OUR TEAM OF CATECHISTS!

Since April this year, the St Finbar's Glenbrook Children's Atrium offers a sacred space of faith formation for children using the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd method. Works in the Atrium are designed to help children to fall in love with God, and to enjoy "being" in relationship with God. They invite the children into the experience of wonder and into the mystery of God.

As our program is expanding, we need more Catechists to be able to welcome all the children who would like to attend our program. Join our amazing team and help children to grow closer to God. Our team need the following from February 2025:

- An Assistant Catechist for Level 1, 3-6 years old children - Tuesday 9:15-10:45am (role is to support the 2 Catechists in the session. No formation required)
- A Catechist for Levels 1&2, 6-9 years old children - Tuesday 3:45-5:15pm (this role is to support the Catechist Lead running the session. Formation is required and offered by the Atrium)
- A Catechist for Level 1, 3-6 years old children - Wednesday 3:45-5:15pm (this role is to support the Catechist Lead running the session. Formation is required and offered by the Atrium)

Get in touch with Lucie 0424 793 359 if you're interested to hear more about it.

God Bless, Lucie Twyford - St Finbar's Glenbrook Children's Atrium Coordinator



THANK YOU CARD & GIFT 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.

We will be raising money for a gift for Father Joe at all this weekend Masses a special collection will be done at all Masses this weekend.

Please place your donation in the basket on the Warden's table.

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The Sunday morning hospitality team are in desperate need of 2 more volunteers to help after the 9.30am Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month. If you are able to help with this great ministry please contact Lina Wiecek on 0414323265. Thank you for your help and support.

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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:

Colin Haywood, Lynette Beltran, Margaret O'Hare, Paul Moore, Margaret Hunt, Marie Lutton, Patricia Flynn, Fred Clinton, William Waters, Thomas Charles, Baby Amber Jenkins, Pamela Cottee, Rosina Merchant, Victorio Girgenti and John Nolan.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 21ST & 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahan	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahan	Stephen Brown
Junior Servers	Sophie & Juliette Lynch		Elija & Oscar Baird
Warden	Margaret Richards	Volunteer Please	Justin Dowling
1 st Reading	Jessica Doherty	Kevin Lloyd	Cecelia Zammit
2nd Reading	Naomi Cheeseman	Andrew Teece	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Carl Moll	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Te Deum's		Holy Light
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Kylie Mills	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Steve & Heather Lee	Rivas Family	The Young Family
Communion	Lorraine Brown & Vince Dobson	Jessica Tiller & Kath Tierney	Erin Kelly & Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson & Gabrielle Lynch Mopping: Youth Group Leaders.		
Hospitality	Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		

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