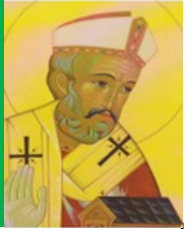


# St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

## The Barra

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B  
21st & 22nd September 2024



Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Ps 53; St James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

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

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

### FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Home Sweet Home...

"Home sweet home" is usually said by someone who is pleased or relieved to be in their own home, after having been away from it.

It is a delight to be back after nearly five weeks away from St Finbar's. While vacation is important for our well-being and relaxation because it reduces the levels of these stress hormones and allows our immune system to recover, hence making us less prone to get sick, the time spent away from home may cause anxiety as well. The home seems primarily to represent a 'comfortable' place, a concept that combines both physical and emotional comfort derived from familiarity with space and people.

To me, St Finbar's is my home and a place of comfort. Home is where life unfolds, and relationships are created and fostered and where we feel physically and spiritually rooted. In this sense, Scripture is "a home story" and the truth of the gospel is best understood in terms of our yearning to belong, our struggle with homesickness, and the ache of all our longings.

History and literature attest to humanity's desire for rootedness, and even the biblical narrative opens in a garden paradise and ends with the permanence, rest, and refuge of The New Jerusalem. The journey from Genesis to Revelation is a story of wandering, of nostalgia for a settled place . . . until God enters history at a particular time in a particular place so that He could "seek and save the lost."

Just as the incarnation brought dignity to the mortal body and to the notion of occupying a particular time and space, God's compassionate homemaking sets the standard for our living together that seeks to create safe and welcoming spaces for all.

"Stability" is a term that occurs early and often in *Keeping Place*. Presenting as a spiritual discipline and as an opposite to rootlessness, it signifies a commitment to make a difference in a specific place and time. The paradox of the Christian life is this need for full investment, wherever we are, whatever our calling — in stark contrast to the need to also hold it all loosely.

Henri Nouwen defines our spiritual home this way: "Home is the centre of my being where I can hear the voice that says: 'You are my beloved, on you my favour rests.'"

*Please continue reading on page 3*

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***Congratulations to our RCIA candidates Jackson Pollack and Andrew Howard who are going to be received into the full communion with the Catholic Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit enlightens them and guides them in their Christian journey.***

**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><b>Sunday</b> 22nd September</p> <p><i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass—St Finbar’s Feast Day followed by sausage sizzle and morning tea.</b></p>	<p><b>Positions Vacant:</b> Development Manager – Property Services, Diocese of Parramatta.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan Implementation – Diocese of Parramatta – <b>Applications close 25 September</b></li> <li>+ Marriage Facilitator – Diocese of Parramatta – <b>Applications close 3 October</b></li> <li>+ Manager, Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) – Diocese of Parramatta – <b>Applications close 12 October</b></li> </ul> <p>More details at: <a href="http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/">parracatholic.org/about/jobs/</a></p> <p><b>From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: ‘Behold, I Am With You Always’</b> “The People of God have shared their hopes, fears, dreams and anxieties. These have now gained shape and form this Pastoral Plan. Our pastoral plan invites every person to become co-creators in the building up of the Kingdom of God. We take heart, trusting in God who loves us unconditionally and without limits, allowing the words of Jesus to echo in our hearts ‘Behold, I am with you always’ – Matthew 28:20.” (Pg. 7, Diocesan Pastoral Plan). Download your copy of the Plan at <a href="http://www.parracatholic.org/synodality">www.parracatholic.org/synodality</a>.</p> <p><b>Calling all Year 12 Students!</b> The annual HSC exams are just around the corner! We invite you to attend your local HSC Mass, where you’ll join countless other students from across the Diocese in prayer for those undertaking their final exams. Masses will be held during the weekend of 5-6 and 12-13 October 2024. During the Mass, you will receive a blessing along with a small gift.</p> <p><b>Holy Hour for Vocations: 18 October</b> Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at St Aidan’s Parish, Rooty Hill on Friday 18 October from 6pm to 7pm with Fr Galbert Albino. Holy Hour will be followed by Mass. If you are interested in becoming a priest or would like more information, please contact our Director for Priestly Vocations, Fr Galbert Albino on (02) 4773 4321, 0450 821 812 or email <a href="mailto:galbert.albino@parracatholic.org">galbert.albino@parracatholic.org</a></p> <p><b>Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 27 October</b> The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 27 October at 11am at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending by visiting <a href="http://parracatholic.org/weddingmass">parracatholic.org/weddingmass</a> or phone 0488 000 211 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> 23rd September</p> <p><i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i></p>	<p><b>No Mass. Office is closed</b></p>	
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 24th September</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p><b>11.00am Funeral Mass for Jiri Kozumplik</b></p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 25th September</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b></p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>	
<p><b>Thursday</b> 26th September</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>5.00pm Confirmation Confessions &amp; Rehearsal</p> <p>7.30pm Netball Club Executive General Meeting P/C</p>	
<p><b>Friday</b> 27th September</p> <p><i>St Vincent de Paul</i></p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers P/C</p> <p><b>7.30pm Adoration</b></p>	
<p><b>Saturday</b> 28th September</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>4.45pm Confessions</p> <p><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Sunday</b> 29th September</p> <p><i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass—Confirmation Mass</b></p>	

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The Eucharist is our true home coming because it is there that God has created an unbreakable bond with us. In that home is everything we would ever need: love in its purest form and life to its fullest extent. When God is the home, we can always go home.

We must continue on this path and transform our parish into a place for encounters with God and people.

During my absence, you have kept our Parish rooted in prayers and secure. The guest priests are full of praise for the wonderful and courteous spiritual manner by which St Finbar's welcomed them during their stay. For all these, I would like to thank you.

*Fr Joe*

## HSC MASS Sunday the 6th of October at the 6pm Youth Mass

HSC students are invited to a special HSC Youth Mass on Sunday the 6th of October at 6pm where they will receive a special blessing before they undergo their exams.

*Please note that there won't be a Youth Group afterwards as it is going to be the long weekend.*

## ST FINBAR'S ALL SAINTS CHILDREN'S PARTY - Thursday 31st October 2024

Come and join us to celebrate the life of our Saints who are in Heaven and still inspire us today. There will be fun activities, games, treats and time to meet other families.

We look forward to seeing you for this celebration in your favorite Saint costumes!

When: Thursday 31st October 2024

Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Where: St Finbar's Catholic Church

Cost: \$5/ person

RSVP by 24/10, and get your tickets here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1294115>

**LIMITED SPOTS ONLY!**

Any questions, please contact Lucie Twyford on 0424 793 359.

*The St Finbar's Glenbrook Playgroup & St Finbar's Glenbrook Children's Atrium*



## 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*



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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Joe Vella (Lina Wiecek’s Uncle), Iris Turner (Jim Tierney’s Sister), Jiri Kozumplik, Mary Roberts, Huia Kingi, Patricia Bates and Sam Chew (Camilla Lobo’s Fiancé).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:**

Beryl Callaghan, 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:**

Philomena Quinn, Ethel Cornish, Eileen Gillian, Sylvia Bourke, Maria Boehm, Marie Hill, Mary Heaver, Christopher McNamara, Grace Chambers, Roch Cunningham, Mary O’Connor, Kathleen Rowe, Patricia Nagle, Thelma Dwyer, Shirley Glover, Thomas Beattie and Paul Morgan.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 28TH & 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D’Souza	Carl Moll	Nick McMaster
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D’Souza	Carl Moll	Nick McMaster
Junior Servers	Volunteers please		Volunteers please
Warden	Margaret Richards	Volunteer Please	Justin Dowling
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Dawn Willis	Kevin Lloyd	Confirmation group
2nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Confirmation group
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Peter McMahon	Confirmation group
Music	Men’s Choir		Youth Choir
IT Operators	Pat Watson	Robyn Flynn	Thais Turner
Gifts	Parishioners are	Invited to bring up	The Gifts.
Communion	Brian Robertson & Thea Robertson	Helen Keogh & Brian Grech	Greg Rowe & Elizabeth Rowe
Children’s Liturgy	School Holidays		
Piety Stall	Jan Frampton		
Church Care	Volunteers Please		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Martin & Lyndal Rogers		
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