



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

28th & 29th September 2024



Numbers 11:25-29; Ps 18; St James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Take nothing for your journey...but love

The Gospel of Luke has a sober message for us. In chapter 9, 1-6, Luke lets Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out with this instruction: "Take nothing for the journey." The missionary is to be dependent absolutely on God and His Word.

I still have too many belongings to take to Baulkham Hills: books, clothing, money etc. What Christ teaches me is very important for my mission though. I need to learn the art of detachment from material goods and even from personal relationship which is very difficult. In this context, Luke continues to say: "Whatever house you enter stay there and leave and let it be from there."

I have stayed with you for nearly four years. During this time, many personal relationships have emerged that I cherish. Of course, I am going to miss you. To follow the instruction of Jesus, I now must take my leave to continue God's mission, namely to "go from village to village proclaiming the Good News and healing everywhere" (Lk 9,6).

Departing from St Finbar's and going to Baulkham Hills is part of God's mission that I need to do at the request of Bishop Vincent. However, I will take your love and prayers with me: Jesus would be happy for me to do so!

Thank you all for your love and concerns for me. A verse from the Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians comes into my mind: "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, but have not charity, I am nothing." (1 Cor 13:2)

God of Goodness, I come into your presence so aware of my human frailty and yet overwhelmed by your love for me. I thank you that there is no human experience that I might walk through where your love cannot reach me.

May God always hold you in His love.

This weekend we also welcome Fr Peter William, AM who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 19 young parishioners on Sunday at 9.30am Mass. Over the last 5 weeks they have been prepared well by Jessica Doherty and Cate Kensey who I would like to thank on behalf of St Finbar's.

So, congratulations to our 19 recipients of the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit work in you and make you the best version of yourselves as God's beloved.

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This weekend we welcome Father Peter Williams who is celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Also we farewell Father Joe and wish him all the best at Baulkham Hills Parish.

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Congratulations to the children who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. May the Holy Spirit enlighten them and guide 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>Sunday 29th September</p> <p><i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass—Sacrament of Confirmation</p>
<p>Monday 30th September</p> <p><i>St Jerome</i></p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 1st October</p> <p><i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i></p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>11am—2pm Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>
<p>Wednesday 2nd October</p> <p><i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i></p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 3rd October</p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>11am—2pm Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Friday 4th October</p> <p><i>St Francis of Assisi</i></p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers P/C</p> <p>6.30pm Wedding Rehearsal</p>
<p>Saturday 5th October</p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Wedding</p> <p>4.45pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass—Fr John Zhang</p>
<p>Sunday 6th October</p> <p><i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass—Fr John Zhang</p> <p>9.30am Mass—Fr John Zhang</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass—HSC Blessing</p>

Positions Vacant:

- ✦ Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan Implementation – Diocese of Parramatta
- ✦ Marriage Facilitator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 3 October**
- ✦ Manager, Catholic Youth Parramatta – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 12 October**
- ✦ Finance Administrator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 18 October.**

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/
World Day of Migrants & Refugees: 29 September

This Sunday, Catholics around the world celebrate the annual World Day of Migrants & Refugees (WDMR). The theme chosen by Pope Francis this year is “God Walks with His People”. The Church throughout the world walks with the most vulnerable, with those in whom she encounters the Risen One. You can access inspiring resources coming from the Vatican and the “Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office”, including a message from Pope Francis and a beautiful WDMR song, at linktr.ee/met.pje

From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: Behold, I Am With You Always

As the baptised People of God, we each have a personal responsibility to contribute positively to building a culture of welcome, hospitality and meaningful connection within the Church community. What are some concrete actions our faith community can take to better welcome and include all individuals, especially those who have historically felt marginalised or unwelcome? (Pg. 31 -32, Pastoral Plan). Help shape a welcoming Church for all: www.parracatholic.org/synodality.

Calling all Year 12 Students!

With your HSC exams 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, support and solidarity. During the Mass, you will receive a special blessing along with a small gift.

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.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

Continue on Sunday 13th October 2024 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is **Christian Stephens** who will talk about and lead discussion on **Is Evolution Compatible with Faith?** 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 0477 004 678.



ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

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Thank you also to their parents for bringing their children along for the lessons. Your children faith's journey is not the end, but a beginning of a new phase of human flourishing and strength.

I am not sure when the new Parish Priest, whom Fr Peter will announce this weekend when he comes for the Confirmation, will be able to take up his residence in Glenbrook. There may be a brief transitional period which may affect the Masses on weekdays. Initially there will be no daily Masses (neighboring parishes still have Masses), but we have organized Eucharistic Adoration in the church (by one of our acolytes in the parish who can expose the Blessed Sacrament without blessing) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am—2pm. This would be wonderful opportunity for parishioners to come and pray, and would only confirm St Finbar's as a spiritual home.

May you all be blessed by God's love. May He bless you with His steadfastness and may you take God as the anchor of your life.

FR JOE

CHRISTMAS IS 3 MONTHS AWAY ADVENT PREPARATION GROUP.

If you wish to prepare for this wonderful feast, you are welcome to join our parish Advent preparation group. We meet once a week on Thursdays afternoon during Advent for reading Sunday's Gospel, reflection and prayer. I need to order booklets for our sessions - they are already selling fast. For more information call Mila on 0402 442 561.

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 NETBALL CLUB

SFNC has had a fantastic winter season with 163 registered members and 15 Teams - 2 NetSetGo, 8 Junior and 5 Senior Teams.

Of our 13 eligible teams, 8 teams made it to the Semi Finals, 7 through to Finals and 5 through to Grand Final Day! Our 12B Robins did not lose a game all season and were the Undefeated Premiers, winning by 1 goal in the final seconds of a very exciting game. Our Division 3 Finches came from behind in the final quarter to win their Grand Final by 3 goals. Our 10A Fairy Wrens, 10B Fantails and Division 4 Swans all played their hearts out but came away graceful in defeat.

Congratulations to our following members who were recognised by the Blue Mountains Netball Association, at their Annual Dinner last Saturday night, for their contribution to local Netball:

Janette Ankers - BMNA Service Award

Patrick De La Mare - Most Valuable Player in the Men's Opens State Team

Rachael Doughty - Player's Player in the Womens Opens Metro Team

Corey Nicholls - Player's Player in the Men's Opens State Team

Our Presentation will be held at 2pm on Saturday 20 October at the Mt Riverview Community Hall and our AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 24 October in the Parish Hall.

We would like to thank the St Finbar's community for their support of our Club over the past 56 seasons.

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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:

Francis Luland, Anthony Cunningham, Rodney Mulvey, Kenneth Kelly, Joyce Richards, Donald King, Barry Ward, Vincent Flynn, Kelvin Lawrence, Olive Power, Bernard Graham, Eugenia Bojec, Margaret Oxford, Stanislaus Lynch, Norman Bell and Phil Fehon.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 5TH & 6TH OCTOBER 2024

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am	6.00pm Youth Mass
Sacristan	Kylie Mills	Peter McMahon	Steve Brown	Nick McMaster
Senior Server	Kylie Mills	Peter McMahon	Steve Brown	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	Philomena Watkins	Michelle Wilson	Jessica Doherty	Elizabeth Christie
2nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Volunteer Please	Steve Baird	Quentin Lynch
Intercession	Elizabeth Rowe	Kevin Flynn	Martin Rogers	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Cantabile		Naomi's Group	
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Elizabeth Konza	Pat Watson	Lachlan Lloyd
Gifts	Janice Smith & Volunteer Please	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	The Grus Family	N/A
Communion	Lorraine Brown & Volunteer Please	Colleen Fuller & Volunteer Please	Wendy Brown & Garry Purchasehouse	Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays			
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins			
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan De Bie, Wendy Bohan & Marsha O'Meara			
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Vicky Ang, Tamar Apkarian & Karen Sukkar			
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