



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
5th & 6th October 2024



Genesis 2:18-24; Ps 127; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

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REFLECTION

The readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B offer important lessons about marriage, family, and living as children of God. These reflections explore the themes of unity, respect, and trust found in the scriptures. They call us to live with unity, respect, and dependence on God. By following these teachings, we can build stronger relationships and grow in our faith. They invite us to understand and live out these teachings in our daily lives.

UNITY IN MARRIAGE

In the reading from Genesis, God declares the things he created "good". Until he gets to man being by himself. That is "not good". So God creates woman as a partner for man, showing that marriage is meant to be a union of equals. God says, "It is not good for the man to be alone." He creates woman from man's rib, symbolizing that they are of the same flesh and meant to support each other. This union is blessed by God and highlights the importance of companionship. Marriage is a sacred bond that calls for mutual respect and love. It is a partnership where both husband and wife work together to build a family and support each other in all aspects of life. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that what God has joined together, no one should separate. This reinforces the idea that marriage is a lifelong commitment. It reminds us to cherish and nurture our relationships, keeping them strong and faithful.

IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY

The readings also emphasize the importance of family. In Genesis, the creation of woman leads to the formation of the first family. This shows that family is the basic unit of society, where love and support are found. Jesus' love for children in the Gospel highlights the value of family. He welcomes children and blesses them, showing that they are precious in God's eyes. This teaches us to care for and protect the children in our lives, providing them with love and guidance. Families are called to reflect God's love. By supporting and caring for each other, family members help each other grow in faith and love. This strong foundation in the family helps to build a stronger community and church.

TRUSTING LIKE CHILDREN

Jesus teaches that we must be like children to enter the Kingdom of God. Children trust and depend on their parents completely. They do not worry about their worth or seek approval from others. In the same way, we must trust in God and depend on Him. We are God's children, and He loves us unconditionally.

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We welcome Father John Zhang to our Parish this weekend. Father John will be celebrating all this weekend's Masses.

Also we welcome Father Andrew Rooney who is going to celebrate the HSC Youth Mass on Sunday evening at 6pm.

Please note that Father Michael Sullivan will be celebrating Mass from Wednesday morning onwards as he will be staying in the Presbytery for the next 3 weeks.

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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 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 HSC Youth Mass—Fr Andrew Rooney</p>
<p>Monday 7th October</p> <p><i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i></p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 8th October</p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>9.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R</p> <p>11.00am to 2.00pm Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.00pm PPC Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Wednesday 9th October</p>	<p>9.15am Morning Mass followed by Rosary</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 10th October</p>	<p>9.15am Morning Mass</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Friday 11th October</p>	<p>9.15am Morning Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p>Saturday 12th October</p>	<p>9.15am Morning Mass</p> <p>4.30pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass—Fr Michael Sullivan OSA</p>
<p>Sunday 13th October</p> <p><i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass —Fr Michael Sullivan OSA</p> <p>9.30am Mass —Fr Michael Sullivan OSA</p> <p>10.45am Baptisms</p>

CYP LIFTED GO: 17 October

“LIFTED Go” is an exciting new initiative in Catholic Youth Parramatta’s LIFTED series, co-created with the Peace, Justice, Ecology team. You can expect an uplifting, energising and prayerful night in true LIFTED style, that will encourage us all to GO out into the deep as missionary disciples & peacemakers: 17 October 2024, 7-9pm, WestHQ. Find out more and register at parracatholic.org/liftedgo



“Girls Day Out At The Shrine”:

Wed. 9th Oct. (15-18 years) OR Thurs. 10th Oct. (11-14 years). Both days will run from 9.30am-5.00pm at the “Home of Light” at Mount Schoenstatt and costs \$22. There is the opportunity for leaders (15+ years) to stay overnight for \$55. Contact Sr. M. Rita to register: 0493 026 628, srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

Schoenstatt’s Foundation Day Celebrations on Sunday October 20th.

The day will begin at 10.15am with a pre-program and holy Mass at 11am. This will be followed by a procession to the shrine with BBQ lunch, facepainting, jumping castle, popcorn, and other fun activities. The day will conclude around 3pm with benediction, recrowning of the blessed Mother and afternoon tea.

VALE RUTH ROBINSON 1923-2024

Dear St Finbar’s Parishioners.

I am so sorry to tell you that my dear Mum, Ruth Robinson, passed away on Wednesday 18 September, at her home of the past 8 years, St Francis Nursing Home, Rooty Hill.



As you know, Mum and Dad (Ian) were parishioners at St Finbar’s, from 1984. Dad died in 2012, and Mum left for St Francis in 2016.

She was well loved by all the staff at the nursing home, for her positive attitude, her sunshine smile and her kindness.

I thought that there may be some parishioners who remember Mum from her days with the Hospitality Group, and working at Vinnies.

She will be sorely missed by all her family, and we are grateful that we were able to share so many years of love with her.

Rest in Peace.

Sincerely,
Anne Roberts

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We do not need to seek approval from others or worry about our worth because God values us. By living as children of God, we can find peace and joy. We can let go of our fears and trust that God will take care of us. This childlike trust helps us to live more fully and freely in God's love.

PRAYER

Lord, help us to value our marriages and families. Teach us to trust You like children. Guide us to live in unity, love, and respect every day. Amen.

(Adapted from Young Catholics).

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 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:

Ruth Robinson, 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), Joan, Hubert Pereira, Maureen Brown and Cory Bulmo (Marcia Pereira's Sister, Brother, Niece & Step Nephew), Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika Gawlik.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

John McGregor, John Pain, Michelle Kerzinger, Ingrid Frank, Patrick Fitzgerald, Frederick Pay, Harry Harris, Betty Smith, Olive Dickinson, Jeffrey Hunt, Imelda Critchley, Francis O'Hare, Maria Obbens, Kenneth Glover, Dirkje Vleeskens, John Webber, Michael Harris, Julie Grech, Verlie Gapps, Clifford McHardy and Terrence Judge.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 12TH & 13TH OCTOBER 2024

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Volunteer Please	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Senior Server	Volunteer Please	Carl Moll	Joseph Sukkar
Junior Servers	Quentin Lynch & Eoghan McKenna		Oliver Wilson, Noah Young & Patrick Sukkar
Warden	Maree Roach	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Jessica Doherty	Peter McMahan	Dan or Tim Kensey
2nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Bernadette Philips		Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Volunteer Please	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret & Michael Richards	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Thea & Brian Robertson	Jim & Kath Tierney	Colin Stead & Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
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