



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

12th & 13th October 2024



Wisdom 7:7-11; Ps 89; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

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A Reflection

Today's readings focus on the wisdom of God and the challenge of following Jesus. The messages encourage believers to seek God's wisdom and prioritize spiritual wealth over material wealth.

In the first reading Solomon prays for wisdom, asking for it above all other things because wisdom is more valuable than power, wealth, and even health. This teaches us that true wisdom comes from God and is more precious than anything we can possess. Solomon asks for wisdom because it helps him understand God's will and make good decisions. Wisdom is seeing things as God sees them and acting accordingly.

Solomon's choice shows that seeking God's wisdom should be our priority. Worldly riches and honours are temporary and can lead us away from God. But wisdom helps us live according to God's will and leads us to eternal life. As we reflect on Solomon's prayer, let us ask God to grant us wisdom. Let us value it above all else and use it to guide our decisions and actions. Wisdom will help us to live faithfully and grow closer to God.

The second reading from Hebrews tells us that God's word is alive and powerful. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. This reminds us of the power of God's word in our lives. God's word is not just written text; it is active and speaks to us personally. It reveals our innermost thoughts and guides us in the right path. We must read and reflect on the Scriptures, allowing them to shape our hearts and minds. This helps us discern right from wrong and keeps us on the path of righteousness. Let us commit to regular reading of the Bible, so we can grow in our understanding and love for God's word.

In the Gospel reading Jesus encounters a rich young man who asks how to inherit eternal life. Jesus listens with his heart and not just with his ears. Jesus tells him to sell all he has, give to the poor, and follow Him. This is a difficult command, but it highlights the challenge of detachment from worldly riches that can lead to pride, self-reliance, and a focus on material things. Jesus wants us to depend on God and not on our possessions. True discipleship requires letting go of material attachments and trusting fully in Jesus. We can detach from worldly possessions by focusing on spiritual wealth. This means valuing our relationship with God more than material things. We can practice generosity, simplicity, and trust in God's care for us.

(adapted from young-catholics)

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SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

Alice Christie and Arthur Eltachi

this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community here at St Finbar's.



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 13th October</p> <p><i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>10.45am Baptisms</p>
<p>Monday 14th October</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 15th October</p> <p><i>St Teresa of Avila</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>
<p>Wednesday 16th October</p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 17th October</p> <p><i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i></p>	<p>9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Friday 18th October</p> <p><i>St Luke</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p>Saturday 19th October</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>4.45pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 20th October</p> <p><i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>



Positions Vacant:

- ✦ IT Support Engineer – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 16 October**
- ✦ Finance Administrator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 18 October**
- ✦ Administrative Support, Risk, Governance & Compliance – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 30 October**
- ✦ Administration Assistant – Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair – **Applications close 31 October.**

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

“The Holy Spirit guides the Church on its synodal journey, ensuring it stays true to the teachings of the Gospel of Jesus. The People of God listen together to the Word of God in Scripture, the living Tradition of the Church and then to each other, to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit which guides our human efforts...” (Pg. 10, Pastoral Plan). Learn about how our diocese is embracing synodality with our new pastoral plan: www.parracatholic.org/synodality.

The FaithFeed Echo: 20 October

Looking for a space that brings together creativity, music and meaningful conversations? Searching for a place where leadership among those in their 20s, 30s and 40s can be celebrated and empowered? Register for TFF ECHO - a brand new experience from The FaithFeed, launching Sunday 20 October. More event details and RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/events/the-faithfeed-october-2024/> OR the QR code. Food, drink and live music provided!



Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 27 October

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 parracatholic.org/weddingmass or phone 0488 000 211 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.

MET Worship Serving at the Altar Workshop: 2 November

Back by popular demand! We have decided to repeat the 'Back to Basics' Seminar for Acolytes and Ministers of the Altar (Senior Servers) who missed the last session and those who would like to attend again.

This seminar will occur on Saturday 2 November from 9:30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. RSVP by 26 October to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

PARISH NEWS

We welcome Fr John Hogan, our new Parish Priest, who will take up duty on 1st November. You will be pleased to know that Fr Joe is settling into his new role as Parish Priest of the Baulkham Hills parish, although not without some initial issues he had to sort out. He visited us during the week to collect the last of his books and pictures etc and we shouted him lunch and invited him to come back and visit us any time. He is delighted that the Panthers won the grand final again but says there are not many Panthers fans in his new parish! He wishes to thank all the parishioners who contributed to his farewell gift, and offers his blessings and best wishes to us all

ALL SOULS MASS

All Souls Mass this year will be celebrated on Friday the 1st of November at 7pm. The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered only for the faithful who departed during this past year.

Also invited to participate in the liturgy are parishioners who have lost a close relative during the past year and whose funeral was conducted outside the Parish.

A candle ceremony will be part of the celebration so if you would like your loved one remembered by lighting a candle (which your family member will place on the sanctuary during the Mass), please email the parish office on: secretary@stfinbars.org.au.

A small photo of your loved one could also be placed on the sanctuary before the commencement of Mass.

Please note that the office is not taking any names after the 25th of October. Thank you

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

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 urgently need to order booklets for our sessions - they are already selling fast. So if you want to join the group, call me this week. Mila on 0402 442 561.

ACADEMY SINGERS CONCERT SUNDAY 27TH OF OCTOBER AT 3PM

Tickets are now on sale for our concert of beautiful 20th century choral music. The concert has a spiritual, other-worldly theme, and includes pieces by composers from Europe, Canada, the USA and Australia. It includes The Beatitudes, a classic work by one of the most widely performed composers in the world, Arvo Pärt; In Your Light by American composer Daniel Elder; and The Worlds Above by Ben Allaway. We hope you can join us for an afternoon of rarified, but approachable, choral music in the perfect setting of Glenbrook Catholic Church St Finbar. We hope you can join us! Our thanks to Community Bank Katoomba - Upper Blue Mountains for their generous support of our 2024 Concert Series. for groups of 6 people the cost is reduced to \$25 from \$35 per person.



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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 19TH & 20TH OCTOBER 2024

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am	6.00pm Youth Mass
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Stuart Sheary	Brendan Khnouf & Quentin Lynch
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Martin Rogers	Brendan Khnouf & Quentin Lynch
Junior Servers	Harrison Bohan & Volunteer Please		Zoe Wilson, Dominic Sheary & Tim Kensey	Sophia Lynch & Volunteer please
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick	Daniel Lynch
1 st Reading	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	Peter or Trish Hurley	Volunteer Please
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Carl Moll	Gary Clune	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Frank Fitzpatrick	Nick McMaster
Music	Cantabile		Naomi's Group	
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Joseph Wilson	Pat Watson	Lachlan Lloyd
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family	N/A
Communion	Ahyiesha D'Souza & Bernie Fisher	Jessica Tiller & Jean Di Nucci	Irene Aligno & Annessa Nilsson	Elizabeth Christie
Children's Liturgy	Christyna			
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson			
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd and Camilla Lobo. Mopping group Andrew Flaherty, Carl Moll, Steve Lee & Bryan Egan.			
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene and Bert Aligno			
Lawn Mowing	Tony Doyle, Darren Dukes & Bryan Egan.			

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Cory Bulmo (Marcia Pereira's step Nephew), Ruth Robinson, Joe Vella (Lina Wiecek's Uncle), Iris Turner (Jim Tierney's Sister), Jiri Kozumplik, Mary Roberts and Huia Kingi.

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 (Marcia Pereira's Sister, Brother & Niece), Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika Gawlik.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Robert Agnew, Ronald Groves, Peter Smith, Daniel McGrath, Kevin Taylor, Nellie Stanborough, Christine Frewer, Reginald Bailey, Rose Barrett, Hope Williams, Bruce Macbeth, Johanna Williams, Oliver Pinson, Margaret Corbin and Norval Thyrd (Jnr).



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