



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

**The Barra**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B  
26th & 27th October 2024

**WAS BLIND,  
BUT NOW I SEE**

Mark 10:46-52

**Jeremiah 31:7-9; Ps 125; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52**

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

## A REFLECTION

The cure of the blind Bartimaeus in today's Gospel from Mark reflects religious and cultural understandings and treatment of blindness and blind people in the ancient Near East. Blindness is used with several metaphoric meanings in the Bible. Frequently it refers to the lack of intellectual or moral understanding

This Gospel story is to be read in the context of 'seeing' and 'being blind'. The faith and persistence of the blind Bartimaeus is a sort of lens bringing into sharp focus the faithlessness and spiritual blindness of many who encounter Jesus.

The story of Bartimaeus reminds us that being blind can be understood in both a literal and a metaphorical way. Physical blindness may be a disability but it is not a condition that is morally blameworthy. In fact, we have many examples of blind people who are entirely admirable from a moral standpoint. They work with their blindness and accomplish much that is good and worthy in their own lives and the lives of others. Blind people also bring out unselfish behaviour in others.

Mark 10:46-52 is also a reference point as Jesus moves to Jerusalem, the centre of power and authority in Judaism. In Jerusalem, faithlessness and spiritual blindness are portrayed in all their malevolence, vindictiveness and deadliness. The blind Jewish leaders seem to be victorious as Mark narrates Jesus' passion and death.

But at Mark 16:1-30, first the hint, then the reality, of Resurrection begins to restore the sight of Jesus' followers, blinded and broken as they are by grief and despair. Like Bartimaeus, Jesus' followers begin to 'see' once more. Mark wants the persecuted and suffering Christians of his own time to 'see once more' as well.

Many maintain that narcissism, an excessive pre-occupation with oneself, is a growing sin of our times. Narcissism makes us blind to other people, to human need and to action for a better world. Narcissism is a form of spiritual blindness and a denial of reality. We can all engage in narcissistic behaviours to a greater or lesser extent. The Bartimaeus story, understood in its context, challenges our narcissistic tendencies and offers instead the example of Jesus, the Man for Others

(Adapted from Catholic Identity)

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## SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

**Henry Laurence Jones &  
Harvey Benjamin Iacono**

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.*

# PARISH CALENDAR

# DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

<b>Sunday</b> <b>27th October</b>  <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>10.45am Baptisms</b> 3.00pm Academy Singers Concert
<b>Monday</b> <b>28th October</b> <i>Sts Simon &amp; Jude</i>	<b>No Mass. Office is closed</b> 10.00am SRE Ongoing Training P/C 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>29th October</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>30th October</b>	<b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>31st October</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS TODAY</b> 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 5.00pm All Hollows Party P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>1st November</b>  <i>All Saints</i>	<b>9.15am All Saints Mass—Fr John Hogan</b> 1.30pm Bowlers P/C <b>7.00pm All Souls Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>2nd November</b>  <i>All Souls</i>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 4.45pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>3rd November</b>  <i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Private Baptism</b> 12.00pm SFNC Presentation P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C

## Positions Vacant:

- ✦ Administration Assistant – Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair – **Applications close 31 October**
- ✦ Accountant – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

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

“From the ancient truism, *Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi* (as we worship, so we believe, so we live), we are challenged that liturgy is not just an add-on to our faith lives but an essential expression of it. We recognise the need to continually renew and strengthen our liturgical celebrations so that all the baptised may truly participate in the life of the Church.” (Pg. 43, Pastoral Plan). Learn how the Synodal Church invites us to strengthen our liturgy: [www.parracatholic.org/synodality](http://www.parracatholic.org/synodality).

## Parramatta Street Feast: 13 November

On behalf of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, you are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast 2024. Come and share a free meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity: 13 November 2024, 10:30am – 1:00pm, St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. BE A VOLUNTEER: If you would also like to volunteer on the day (e.g., set-up, ushering, serving food), please fill out this registration form: [parracatholic.org/streetfeast](http://parracatholic.org/streetfeast)

## ACBC: Synod on Synodality Prayer Resources

A range of liturgical resources have been prepared for parishes as we enter the second session of the Synod on Synodality in Rome. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website has a range of related resources here: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/XVI-Ordinary-General-Assembly-of-the-Synod-of-Bishops>

## 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](http://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! 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](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org) or 0488 000 211.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

- ✦ The church roof restoration project has had to be postponed by one week due to the contractor being unable to finish the previous job because of the amount of wet weather that has occurred. He has promised to start next Monday, hail, rain or shine! As mentioned last week, be aware of equipment and scaffolding around the church building, and make safety a high priority.
- ✦ Our new parish priest, Fr John Hogan, has visited the parish a couple of times and will take up residence on 1st November, with his first Mass here being the 9:15am All Saints Day Mass. Please make Fr John feel welcome in the parish. Please tell him your name when you meet him, and remember that you only have to remember one new name, but he has to try and remember more than 100 new names!
- ✦ St Finbar's parish depends on its volunteer ministries to allow it to function smoothly. We are always in need of more volunteers, and we will provide all the guidance and training you will need. Here are just a few of the parish ministries you could join: Wardens at weekend Masses; Lawns and Gardens maintenance; Catechists working in state schools; Senior and Junior Servers at Mass; Church Cleaners. Please email Juliana at [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au) if you would like to find out more.

**Nostra Aetate**, Vatican II's official "Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions" was promulgated in 1965. This groundbreaking document formalised and encouraged open and respectful dialogue with believers from other religions.

You are warmly invited to **Bringing Nostra Aetate to Life: A Human Library** (guest speakers)

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 6:30-8:30PM with refreshments available

Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Marion St, Blacktown.

Brought to you by the Interfaith Commission Diocese of Parramatta  
RSVP to [info@cccmmr@columban.org.au](mailto:info@cccmmr@columban.org.au)

## Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

All parish volunteers are required to complete at least a basic level of Safeguarding training. This is in order to become aware of what an unsafe parish situation could be, and to know what to do or who to contact in the event that you witness such a situation.

Opportunities to do this training come up a few times each year, and you need to start with Module 1, which will give you a basic understanding of Safeguarding.

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 9 November at St Margaret Mary's Parish, Merrylands for Modules 4-5. 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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

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# LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 2ND & 3RD NOVEMBER 2024

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am	6.00pm Youth Mass
Sacristan	Kylie Mills	Peter McMahon	Gerard Egan	Nick McMaster
Senior Server	Kylie Mills	Peter McMahon	Lukas Rajnoch	Nick McMaster & Tim Kensey
Junior Servers	Alex & Luc Nilsson	Zoe & Oliver Wilson	Xavier Rajnoch & Benjamin Grus	Sophia Lynch
Warden	Vince Dobson	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune	Daniel Lynch
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Beth Culliver	John De Mattia	Pearse Cremin	Elizabeth Christie
2nd Reading	Jessica Doherty	Volunteer Please	Amanda Moore	Quentin Lynch
Intercession	Greg Rowe	Kevin Flynn	Justin Dowling	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Naomi's Group	N/A	Anne Hobbs Group	N/A
IT Operators	Pat Watson	Joseph Wilson	Robyn Flynn	Lachlan Lloyd
Gifts	Janice Smith & Volunteer Please	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	The Grus Family	N/A
Communion	Elizabeth Rowe & Greg Rowe	Colleen Fuller & Volunteer Please	Wendy Brown & Mila Svehla	Brendan Khnouf
Children's Liturgy	Pia			
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins			
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Leesa & Wayne Gillard			
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek & Vicky Ang			
Lawn Mowing	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon & Bob Hanigan			

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ruth Robinson, Jiri Kozumplik, Mary Roberts, Huia Kingi, Patricia Bates and Sam Chew (Camilla Lobo's Fiancé).

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

Gerard Keenan (Anita Kenan's Son), 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:

Ottilia Gyucha, John Guinney, Ann Walker, Rocco Galderisi, Archibald Johnson, Charles Breese, Allan McMillan, Irene Baker, David Hancock, Amanda Oxford, Anna Vella, Virginia Criswick, Charlie Psaila, Richard Formosa, Alice Cleary, Julie Young, Scott Blondahl, Kathleen Grange, Marjorie Gormly and Ian Robinson.



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