



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

**The Barra**

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

2nd & 3rd November 2024

LOVE <sup>the</sup>  
LORD <sup>your</sup>  
GOD <sup>with</sup>  
heart, <sup>all</sup>  
soul <sup>your</sup>  
mind  
& strength.

and  
LOVE your  
NEIGHBOR  
as YOURSELF  
Mark 12:28-34

**Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Ps 17; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34**

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### REFLECTION

Today we reflect on key teachings from Deuteronomy, Hebrews, and the Gospel of Mark. These readings guide us in understanding love, obedience, and Jesus' eternal priesthood.

- **Love of God:** In Deuteronomy, we are commanded to love God with all our heart, soul, and strength. This shows the importance of putting God first in our lives. Deuteronomy also calls us to keep God's commandments, as obeying these commandments brings us closer to God and guides our actions.
- **Jesus' Eternal Priesthood:** Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus is our eternal high priest. His priesthood is perfect and unchanging, unlike the priests of the old covenant. Jesus offers himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. This sacrifice is once and for all, showing his great love and mercy.
- **Greatest Commandments:** In Mark, Jesus teaches that the greatest commandments are to love God and love our neighbour. These two commandments summarize the entire law and the prophets. Jesus' teaching in Mark unites love and law. True love for God naturally leads to loving others and keeping God's commandments. When we are committed to love, we are not far from the kingdom of God. It's like the open door to the kingdom. Our need for love sometimes brings us to darker places and selfishness, so we need the help of God that love be purified and so bring us closer and closer to the sincerity and purity of love in God's kingdom.

It has been a very busy week at St Finbar's:

- \* Friday saw the **Feast of All Saints**. On this day we honoured those holy men and women who have gone before us in faith and have done so in a glorious way. As we honour these great champions of faith, let's reflect upon who they are and what role they continue to play in the life of the Church.
- \* Saturday is **All Soul's Day** when we remember our loved ones who have passed away in faith. We also are reminded that heaven is the goal of all our lives. We are called to live a righteous life through trusting and obeying God. If we remain in friendship with God, we can abide with Him forever in heaven. The parish had its memorial Vigil Mass and remembrance ceremony on the Friday evening.
- \* Friday was also a significant day for St Finbar's parish because we welcomed our new Parish Priest, **Fr John Hogan**, and saw him take up duty and say his first Mass in our parish. Please introduce yourselves to Fr John, and welcome him personally. It will take him a little while but he will gradually learn all your names

*This weekend we welcome our new Parish Priest Father John Hogan and wish him a pleasant and happy stay at St Finbar's Glenbrook.*

Please note that there will be no weekday Masses Tues-Fri for the next two weeks, due to an unsafe environment.

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**Sacraments**

Baptisms: By Appointment

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**Parish School:** Principal

Mrs Robyn Clarke

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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><b>Sunday</b> 3rd November</p> <p><i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>12.00am Private Baptism</b></p> <p>12.00pm SFNC Presentation P/C</p> <p><b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b></p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> 4th November</p> <p><i>St Charles Borromeo</i></p>	<p><b>No Mass. Office is closed</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 5th November</p>	<p><b>No Mass Today due to roof restoration</b></p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 6th November</p>	<p><b>No Mass Today due to roof restoration</b></p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> 7th November</p>	<p><b>No Mass Today due to roof restoration</b></p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> 7th November</p>	<p><b>No Mass Today due to roof restoration</b></p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> 9th November</p> <p><i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i></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> 10th November</p> <p><i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>10.45am Baptisms</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>P/C = Parish Centre (Hall)</i></p>

**Positions Vacant:**

- ✦ Administration Assistant – Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair – **Applications close 31 October**
- ✦ Facilitator, Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) – **Applications close 11 November**
- ✦ 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**

“We cannot be indifferent to suffering; we cannot allow anyone to go through life as an outcast. Instead, we should feel indignant, challenged to emerge from our comfortable isolation and to be changed by our contact with human suffering. That is the meaning of dignity.” – Pope Francis. What needs are invisible to us in our community? How do we respond to the realities and needs of those around us? (Pg. 47-48, Pastoral Plan). Explore how the Pastoral Plan calls us to action:

[www.parracatholic.org/synodality](http://www.parracatholic.org/synodality).

**PJE Sharing meets Mercy Futures Gathering: 6 November**

The next quarterly *Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharing* coincides with a *Mercy Futures Gathering*. Anyone interested in attending either of the two series is warmly invited to learn more about the *Social Justice Statement 2024-25 “Truth & Peace”*, presented by Diocesan PJE Coordinator Sebastian Salaske-Lentern: 6 November 2024, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Sisters of Mercy Parramatta. Find out more and register at [tinyurl.com/pjesharing-nov24](http://tinyurl.com/pjesharing-nov24)

**Parramatta Street Feast: 13 November**

The annual Parramatta Street Feast is on again! Come and share a meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity with people on the margins: 13 November 2024, 10:30am – 1:00pm, St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. BE A VOLUNTEER: If you would like to volunteer on the day (eg set-up, ushering, serving food), please fill out this registration form: [parracatholic.org/streetfeast](http://parracatholic.org/streetfeast)

**MET FaithLIFE Ministry Leaders Short Course: Starting 29 October**

Wanting to refresh your skills in ministry? Looking or currently involved in ministry with your faith community? Curious about learning from the experience of an international Catholic movement? Sign up now for the 2-session FaithLIFE Ministry short course with Young Christian Workers (YCW) on Tuesdays 29 OCT + 5 NOV! For more information and to registration visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/faithlife-ministry> or contact [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)



**ROOF RESTORATION**

You will probably be aware that work commenced last Monday of the restoration of the roof of our parish church. It will effectively be done in three stages: Firstly, and inspection of the roof timbers, replacement of those damaged, and replacement of the screws that hold down the roofing material. This was done during the past week, with the workers taking a smoko break during morning Mass times.

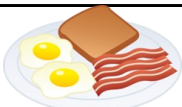


The second phase will commence next week and will see large machines on site for the washing/cleaning of the entire roof. This will be noisy with the possibility of spray falling on anyone who is nearby, thereby creating possible safety issues for parishioners. For this reason there will be no Masses Tuesday to Friday inclusively next week.

The third phase during the following week (weather permitting) will involve spray painting the entire roof with the new top coat. As this is likely to see paint drifts in the event of any breeze, it may also create an unsafe environment, and so, again, there will be no Masses Tuesday to Friday of that week. The parish mass program is expected to return to normal as soon as the roof is finished.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

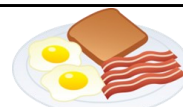
The Book of Remembrance will be on permanent display on the Sanctuary during the month of November. Parishioners can add the names of any family members or loved ones who have passed to eternal life. Please do not enter any names that are already in the book.



**ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST**

*Date - Saturday 16th of November 2024*

*Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am Venue - Parish hall*



The parish is holding another Men's breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their sons, grandsons, neighbours and friends. For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 10th of November 2024.

Please add your name to the list on the warden's table.

Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775

**PARISH NEWS**

1. The parish is in desperate need for more Senior Severs and Sacristans volunteers, training is provided. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help as I am in the process of preparing 2025 rosters.
2. It is a wonderful sign for the future of our parish that there are so many Baptisms taking place over the next couple of months. There is not a vacancy for Baptism until well into 2025!
3. Peace in the world seems further away than ever, but we here at St Finbar's might feel a bit powerless to influence the process. But that is not true. We can all do something to be peace-makers; in fact we have a duty imposed on us by the Gospel to work towards peace. Here are a few simple suggestions:

Start with yourself—invite God to nurture peace in your heart; Come to Mass and pray together for the gift of peace; Set up a discussion group to read and pray about one of the church's key documents such as *Fratelli Tutti* by Pope Francis; Reach out to a refugee support group or a First Nations People; Focus on listening and talking less in your discussions; or you could join an ecumenical or interfaith group to foster dialogue that will help lead to peace-making.

**Bateman Battersby**

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# LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 9TH & 10TH NOVEMBER 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 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Philomena Watkins	Peter McMahon	Richard Cutler
2nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Geraldine Agahari	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Maureen Tulk	Volunteer Please	Joanne Stubbs
Music	Cormac's group		Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Kylie Mills	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret & Michael Richards	Volunteers please	Dorothea Walsh & Erika McNay
Communion	Thea Robertson & Brian Robertson	Jim Tierney & Kath Tierney	Gerard Egan & Yvonne Scanlan
Children's Liturgy	Elizabeth		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Volunteers please		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Daren & Liz Dukes		

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Louise Konza, 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:

Gerard Vandeweyer, Julia Barakat, Andrew Pallett, Patricia Hazelton, rose Hannigan, Genevieve Donnelly, Elizabeth Rynne, Agnes Gregory, Clive McInnes, Ludo Bos, Rose Hughes and Mikaela Au.



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