



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

9th & 10th November 2024



1 Kings 17:10-16; Ps 145; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

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FATHER JOHN PONDERS.....

I have often pondered the unique position we have as Christians alongside our fallen nature. How do we make sense of it? The exquisite nature of our creation, made in the image and likeness of God. Now a fallen species with the likeness very much not looking like the image of God. How do we make our way in the world bearing the consequences of the Fall from Grace (what St. Augustine described as the Original Sin). We are weighed down with imperfection even as we strive to do our best from time to time. We easily get frustrated with what life throws at us, or become despondent because of our own shortcomings.

In the midst of our ponderings about ourselves and our lives and the sense we are to make of them, I believe we need to get things in perspective. Certainly, our main task on earth is to get to heaven with the help of God's grace. Yes, it can be an uphill struggle and we cannot afford to lose sight of our heavenly goal. Obviously it is good to have a solid foundation about who we truly are in order to be consoled about what God thinks about each of us so that we feel positive about the steps we take in moving in the right direction.

Here is a consoling teaching from Saint John:

"Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are....."

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is." (1John 3: 1-2)

There we have the truth of it, we truly are the children of God, adopted by Christ as his brothers and sisters. We are immeasurably blessed, our fallenness is being restored. There is no need for us to be glum nor to castigate ourselves for our fallenness. The grace of Christ is restoring us. We are on a very firm foundation as children of God.

However, we still ponder that in spite of this truth, why is life so hard and why do we end up doing the very things we try to avoid, very much like Saint Paul? These are praiseworthy questions which need to be answered to keep us on the straight and narrow path towards heaven by consciously employing wisdom with the powers of heavenly grace.

In this column I hope to present both heavenly and worldly wisdom to enable us to reflect on our own lives and circumstances so that we can be honest with ourselves in striving forward to that greatest of goals: divine intimacy!

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SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

Allegra Fleur Pirozzi & Nathan Adam Micallef

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



**"Congratulations Gwen!
In remission. Hooray.
God Bless"**

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 10th November</p> <p><i>32nd 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 11th November</p> <p><i>St Martin of Tours</i></p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 12th November</p> <p><i>St Josaphat</i></p>	<p>No Mass Today due to roof restoration</p> <p>9.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>
<p>Wednesday 13th November</p>	<p>No Mass Today due to roof restoration</p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 14th November</p>	<p>No Mass Today due to roof restoration</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Friday 15th November</p>	<p>No Mass Today due to roof restoration</p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p>Saturday 16th November</p>	<p>8.00am Men's Breakfast P/C</p> <p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>4.45pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 17th November</p> <p><i>33rd 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>

2025 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

Franciscan & Columban calendars are now on sale at the Wardens' table.
\$8 Franciscan, \$10 Columban
Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Society.

Positions Vacant:

- + Facilitator, Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) – **Applications close 11 November**
- + Management and Systems Accountant – **Applications close 17 November**
- + Accountant – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

Membership to the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

If you would like to assist Bishop Vincent in his pastoral ministry by providing advice, promoting communication among different groups in the Diocese, and collaborating with other bodies on matters that concern the pastoral life of the Diocese, please register your interest on parracatholic.org

Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy: 19 November

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to the annual Mass for our Deceased Clergy on Tuesday 19 November at 9.00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in St Marys Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2025

Liturgical formation courses are on offer starting February 2025. They will be running at Blacktown and Penrith. They will cover the following Ministries:-

- + Ministers of the Word
- + Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- + Communion to the Sick & Dying
- + Ministers of the Altar—Must attend all sessions

Registration forms are available on the Warden's table.

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

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

INSTALLATION MASS FOR FATHER JOHN HOGAN ON SUNDAY THE 15TH OF DECEMBER AT 9.30AM

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will celebrate the Installation of Father John Hogan as St Finbar's Parish Priest on Sunday the 15th of December at the 9.30am Mass followed by morning tea. All parishioners are invited to attend.

ANNUAL PARISH THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS EVENT

All volunteers of St Finbar's Parish are invited to gather for a trip to Mary MacKillop Centre in North Sydney on **Saturday Dec 7**. A bus will leave the parish grounds at 9.30am and return around 3pm. **Cost which being subsidized by the parish, is \$30 per person.** This includes return bus transport, morning tea, lunch and museum entrance. Please note that the bus can fit 50 passengers only. If you would like to come along please contact the office and book your seat.



"Saturday 16th November 8.45am to 9.15am - directly following the Men's Breakfast.

Help is required to fill a small truck with garden cuttings which will be taken to green waste recycling at the tip. It is not heavy work but it needs a few people to get it done. All help greatly appreciated.

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Anne Smythe Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday the 12th of November 2024 at Our Lady of the Way Catholic Church. 15 Troy Street, Emu Plains at 10am. May She Rest In Peace.

SUMMER SERENADE

You are warmly invited to the annual Phillips and Stringy Bach concert. The Phillips sisters will be performing several musical hits from Wicked, Into the Woods, a duet "Happy Days are Here" and many more. You will be serenaded by a guitar duet as well as an **Australian premier** of a recently discovered **Mozart's** work for string trio **Serenade in C, K648** "Ganze Kleine Nachtmusik". Be one of the first to hear it!!

Glenbrook St Finbar's Catholic Church Sunday 1st December at 2 pm.

Suggested donation (\$10 or more, cash preferred). Ticket sales will be donated to the **Bush School in Cambodia**, which was founded by Doug and Christine Frewer, providing free education to disadvantaged children.

SVDP GLENBROOK ST FINBAR'S CONFERENCE WINTER APPEAL REPORT 2024

<u>MASS</u>	5.30pm	7.30am	9.30am	TOTALS
Pre Appeal notes	\$370	Nil	Nil	\$370
Appeal Notes	\$370	\$425	\$505	\$1300
Appeal Coins	\$3.20	Nil	\$8.10	\$11.30
Card	\$180	\$290	\$450	\$920
TOTALS	\$923.20	\$715	\$963.10	\$2601.30

Thank you parishioners for your ongoing generosity in supporting the disadvantaged in our community. This year we have supported people experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, Robo debt, sudden job loss as well as support with the basics of life such as food, clothing, furniture, Manchester, blankets, quilts and pillows. We could not have supported these people without your support. Thank you and may God continue bless you and your family.

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 16TH & 17TH NOVEMBER 2024

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am	6.00pm Youth Mass
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Stuart Sheary	Brendan Khnouf
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
1st Reading	Maire Griffin	Kevin Lloyd	Peter or Trish Hurley	Volunteer Please
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Carl Moll	Erin Kelly	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick	Nick McMaster
Music	Cantabile		Naomi's group	
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Elizabeth Konza	Patrick Watson	Lachlan Lloyd
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family	N/A
Communion	Ahyiesha D'Souza & Bernie Fisher	Helen Keogh & Brian Grech	Todd Stanford & Erin Kelly	Elizabeth Christie
Children's Liturgy	Danielle			
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson			
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson & Gabrielle Lynch. Moping: Youth Group leaders, Claire Warren, Liam & Connor Isaksen			
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene and Bert Aligno			
Lawn Mowing	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Brendan Christie.			

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anne Smythe, Louise Konza, Ruth Robinson, Joe Vella (Lina Wiecek's Uncle), Iris Turner (Jim Tierney's Sister), and Jiri Kozumplik.

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:

Kevin O'Neill, Gregory Kelly, Therese Voorn, Patrick Broughan, Lorraine Tolhurst, Patrick Field, Alma Melville, Kenneth Hepburn, Ludgardia Way, Renee Belton-Webber, Eileen O'Keefe, Amy Mood, Brenda Amaral and John Howling.



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