



# St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

## The Barra

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

### 16th & 17th November 2024

**Daniel 12:1-13; Ps 15; Hebrews 10:11-14,18; Mark 13:24-32**

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

#### FATHER JOHN PONDERS.....

“There is no freedom like seeing myself as I am and not losing heart.” (Elizabeth J. Canham)

Last weekend we pondered the truth that we are children of God, as we saw in the first letter of Saint John. In that context Saint John describes the Father in heaven as lavishing his love on us. ‘Lavishing’, what a word and what a God! The heavenly Father holds little back in pouring out his love for us. So, we are convinced that each one of us is precious to God.

The Lord Jesus in his death and resurrection has restored integrity to humanity and we are wrapped up in the power of heavenly grace for that integrity to become the way of living for each of us. To convert us by the virtues of Christian living.

But, then we notice quite a discrepancy between what we believe in this regard and in how we think and behave. Each of us has built up a reservoir of all sorts of thinking, both conscious and unconscious, which appear to be at variance with the sublime status of being a child of God. Well, this is easily answered by understanding that while we have been saved we are left with the temporal consequences of the Fall from Grace. Traditionally this has been understood as having “dimmed intellects and weakened wills”. And when we think about it, such a description seems to fit well. What one of us doesn’t want to improve ourselves but find it so difficult? Yes, we can motivate ourselves to build ourselves slowly, ever so slowly, into the likeness of Christ.

It does mean that we need to improve our self-knowledge so that we can do something about it. There are vast areas in each one of us, hidden from view, that need to come to light, to be brought to the surface for scrutiny to see what needs to be transformed into virtue. The hidden world will include our world view that has been building up since childhood, our whole value system which has likewise emerged with little or no attention, and on top of those two large areas we find ourselves with a plethora of expectations which may be quite imperfect and usually are all about me rather than the other. And all of this is only for starters.

But, we do not lose heart. We strengthen our desire to love God more and ask for all the graces we need to become aware of what we need to do about ourselves to become loving children of God. The quote from Elizabeth Canham can really help in giving us courage to begin the journey of seeing ourselves as we are which is a firm foundation for improvement, and to not lose heart because we are doing something beautiful for God, to become truly human as Christ became truly human.

#### ROOF RESTORATION UPDATE

They are going to continue the third phase this week which will involve spray painting the entire roof with the new top coat. (Weather was not kind last week!).

As this is likely to see paint drifts in the event of any breeze, it may also create an unsafe environment. So, there will be no Masses Tuesday to Friday of that week except for **Thursday 9.15am Anointing Mass will be on.**

**It is advisable not to park in the parish carpark due to paint overspray.**

#### PARISH INFORMATION

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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.*

## PARISH CALENDAR

<p><b>Sunday</b> 17th November</p> <p><i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</b></p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p><b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b></p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> 18th November</p>	<p><b>No Mass. Office is closed</b></p> <p>1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 19th November</p>	<p><b>No Morning Mass—due to roof painting</b></p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.00pm PFC Meeting M/R</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 20th November</p>	<p><b>No Morning Mass—due to roof painting</b></p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> 21st November</p> <p><i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>	<p><b>9.15am Healing Mass</b></p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> 22nd November</p> <p><i>St Cecilia</i></p>	<p><b>No Morning Mass—due to roof painting</b></p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> 23rd November</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> 24th November</p> <p><i>Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Year B</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</b></p> <p>10.45am Baptisms</p>

## DIocese OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### 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.

### 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](http://parracatholic.org)

### SUMMER SERENADE CONCERT

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 1<sup>st</sup> December at 2 pm.**

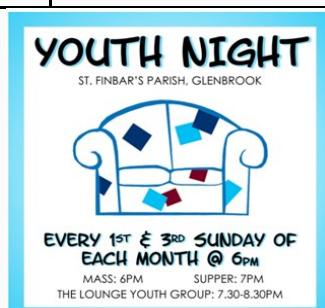
Suggested donation (\$10 or more, cash preferred). Ticket sales will be donated to the **Bush School in Cambodia**, which was founded by Doug and Christine Frewer, providing free education to disadvantaged children.

Many thanks for agreeing to read at the concert on the 15th December. Your reading is now ready for you to collect from the warden's table.

*Carmel Higgins.*

### 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.



## 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 is 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 before Friday the 29th of November.



### SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

#### Christmas Hampers

This year we will be following the format where families, groups or individuals make up and donate a full hamper or contribute items to be included in a hamper. A list of suggested hamper items is available from the warden's table. ***Please ensure that all food items are within the expiry date***

#### Christmas Gift Tree

The Christmas Gift tree will be put up during the week commencing 20 November and if parishioners wish to support this activity then please take a blue or pink tag from the tree or wardens table, purchase a gift for a child as suggested on the tag and return the Christmas wrapped gift with the tag securely attached to the outside.

**All hampers items and gifts will need to be left at the church no later than Thursday 12 December 2024.**

#### Volunteers

We will need helpers at 3.30pm on Friday 13 December to assist with Hamper packing and on Saturday 14 December to assist with the delivery of the hampers at 9.00am. If you are able to assist us with either of these activities please send a SMS message to 0413 549 518 and include your name and contact details.

#### Poor Box Donations

All donations to the Poor Box till the end of January will count towards our Christmas Appeal. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated and will support our work over the Christmas period and into 2025.

#### Leaving Collection

*We will be holding a leaving collection after each Mass on the weekend 23/24 November 2024. We have moved into the digital world and you will also be able to donate with your debit or credit card. All donations are tax deductible and written receipts for cash will be available and email receipts for cards at each mass.*

**Thank you for generous support in helping a family put food on the table this Christmas**

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## LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 23RD & 24TH NOVEMBER 2024

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Servers	Sophie & Juliette Lynch		Elija & Oscar Baird
Warden	Margaret Richards	Volunteer Please	Justin Dowling
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Marsha O'Meara	Kevin Lloyd	Cecilia Zammit
2nd Reading	Naomi Cheeseman	Andrew Teece	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Peter McMahon	Erin Kelly
Music	Te Deum's		Holy Light
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Patrick Watson	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Steve & Heather Lee	Rivas Family	The Young Family
Communion	Lorraine Brown & Vince Dobson	Jessica Tiller & Jean Di Nucci	Erin Kelly & Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Cate		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Volunteers please		
Hospitality	Kerry & Peter Herborn		

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anne Smythe, Louise Konza, Ruth Robinson 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:

Kathleen Roberts, Marjorie Fitzgibbons, Sheila Hammerton, Beverley Pembroke, Mary McGee, Kevin Sharp, George Finning, Colleen McHardy, Gary Shackleton, Lillian Mitchell, Julie Stone, Joseph Redler, Joseph McGoldrick, Keith Trevenar, John Hennessy and Ida Brown.



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