



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
The Barro
 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe -
 Year B
 23rd & 24th November 2024



Daniel 7:13-14; Ps 92; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

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FATHER JOHN PONDERS.....

"When we feel stuck, going nowhere -- even starting to slip backward -- we may actually be backing up to get a running start." (Dan Millman)

Last weekend we began to ponder the necessity of growing in self-knowledge if we are to flourish in the virtuous life. Such flourishing helps us to fulfil the restored likeness to God enabled by the passion, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ into heaven. The integrity, lost by our first parents, is restored by Christ's death - for he took on the death which was the punishment for the Original Sin. Which is why he needed a human nature to fulfil the redemption.

The invitation to redeemed humanity is to flourish with the life and love of Christ. Yes, "flourishing" is an excellent concept for what grace can achieve in our lives. There are a couple of issues to which we might pay attention, issues which impede progress in this spiritual journey.

One issue is that we may find ourselves languishing rather than flourishing. We might have a lot to contend with in living each day. Our experiences can leave us despondent with ourselves. We may have the sense that we are failures because we just don't seem able to achieve the goals we set ourselves or that we continually lose direction and sense of purpose.

Another issue may be that we just don't believe in ourselves and fall victim to the debilitating idea that we are just not worth it, so why even try? We see our efforts go nowhere and wonder if we might just carry on as we are because at least we are familiar with living as we are used to.

This is where we can turn things around. From the point of view of faith we can rest assured that the Holy Spirit is very nearby, keeping an eye on us, promoting us to live lives that are righteous. We might recall the famous dictum: God does not call the worthy, he makes worthy those whom he calls.

This requires a simple change of perspective to turn things around. As Dan Millman suggests, we take the opportunity to convince ourselves that the languishing we experience is but the opportunity to launch ourselves forward. This may mean setting different goals, exploring new ways to achieve, not taking on too much and wearing ourselves out. For example, who doesn't make New Year resolutions? We need to punctuate our time with fresh attempts to improve. But so often with New Year resolutions, people take on too many at once and give up after a very short interval. Humanly, it takes at least six weeks to embed a new behaviour. And we don't need to wait for New Year. One new attempt every two months should see us home and dry!

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SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

Lewis Mark Herps

this Sunday, and warmly welcomes him 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

<p>Sunday 24th November</p> <p><i>Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>10.45am Baptisms</p>
<p>Monday 25th November</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 26th November</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Wednesday 27th November</p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 28th November</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>3.30pm Advent Group M/R</p> <p>7.30pm Netball Club Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Friday 29th November</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p> <p>4.30pm Concert & Organ Committee Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Saturday 30th November</p> <p><i>St Andrew</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>4.45pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 1st December</p> <p><i>1st Sunday of Advent Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>3.00pm Summer Serenade Concert</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass (last one for this year)</p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group (last one for this year).</p>

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

ANNUAL PARISH THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS EVENT—POSTPONED

Please note that the office has received only 2 registrations to attend the visit to Mary MacKillop's Centre. Hence the Parish Pastoral Committee have decided to postpone the visit.

EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE 2025

St Finbars will be hosting the Epiphany Pilgrimage group again in 2025 as they journey up the mountains from 2 - 9 January and celebrate 10 years of pilgrimage through our deanery. In preparation for the pilgrimage, you are invited to write any prayer requests on the cards provided and place them in the Epiphany Pilgrimage prayer box to be prayed each day by the pilgrims. Please join the pilgrimage group for the Finnies Fiesta, Adoration and a festive meal on 2 January, and Mass on 3 January at 6.30am. To participate in some or all of the pilgrimage - including walks, Mass, Adoration / prayer sessions and meals - visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org, or to assist with hospitality when the group visits our parish, please contact the parish office.

RED NOVEMBER MASS SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER AT THE 5.30PM VIGIL MASS.

Red November is an international initiative of Aid to the Church in Need. It is a day to stand up for faith and freedom; to gather and pray for those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red.

THE GLENBROOK-BLAXLAND INTERCHURCH GROUP PROUDLY PRESENT

Carols in the Park

With the Blue Mountains Concert Band and Mountains Youth Band

Glenbrook Park 13th of December at 7.45pm

Supporting the Christmas Bowl Appeal Bring Rug/Chair— Electronic Candles will be available if wet. Meet in the Glenbrook Uniting Church Hall.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

Continue on Sunday 1st December 2024 at **Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 9 Ropes Creek Rd, Mt Druitt at 7pm**. The speaker is **Fr Sheldon Burke CRS** who will talk about and lead discussion on **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, followed by games and a social. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza, and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477 004 678.

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.

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2024 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES & RECONCILIATION TIMETABLE

Christmas will be on a Wednesday this year. Weekend Masses will be at their regular times.

Christmas Masses will be as follows:-

Christmas Eve Masses Tuesday 24th of December are at 7pm and 10pm. Children can come dressed as angels or shepherds.

Live Streaming Link

https://youtube.com/live/VX9FR_UAxxk?feature=share

Christmas Day Mass Wednesday 25th of December is at 8.30am.

New Year's Eve Mass Tuesday the 31st of December at 7pm

The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Mass on Wednesday the 1st of January at 9.15am.

Reconciliation will be as follows: **Monday the 23rd of December** from 5 to 7pm

Tuesday the 24th of December from 10 to 11am



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES ROSTER

Parishioners are invited to nominate themselves, if qualified for the Liturgical Roles at the Christmas and New Year's Masses. A blank roster is placed on the notice board in the Narthex near the Warden's table. Please add your name to any ministry vacancy that you can fill. Thanking you all for your continued help and support.

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 an 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 this 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 your for your generous support in helping a family put food on the table this Christmas

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Liturgical roster for 30th November & 1st December 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 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Michelle Wilson	Jessica Doherty	Elizabeth Christie
2nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Volunteer Please	Steve Baird	Quentin Lynch
Intercession	Elizabeth Rowe	Kevin Flynn	Martin Rogers	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Naomi's Group	N/A	Anne Hobbs Group	N/A
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Joseph Wilson	Patrick Watson	Lachlan Lloyd
Gifts	Volunteers please	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	The Grus Family	N/A
Communion	Beth Culliver & Greg Rowe	Colleen Fuller & Volunteer Please	Wendy Brown & Mila Svehla	Elizabeth Christie
Children's Liturgy	Colin			
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins			
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Wendy Bohan & Marsha O'Meara.			
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek and Vicky Ang			
Lawn Mowing	Tony Doyle, Darren Dukes & Bryan Egan			

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anne Smythe, Louise Konza, Ruth Robinson and Jiri Kozumplik.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Marie Brooks, Myee Goymour, Raelene Baskett, Winifred Lawrence, Cecil White, Nicholas Haddock, Stephen Hutchins, Glenna Van den Steen, Shirley Noyes, and Ronald Aussel.



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