



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

15th & 16th February 2025

Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

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Father John ponders.....

"If we don't forgive ourselves for our mistakes, and others for the wounds they have inflicted upon us, we end up crippled with guilt. And the soul cannot grow under a blanket of guilt, because guilt is isolating, while growth is a gradual process of reconnection to ourselves, to other people, and to a larger whole." - Joan Borysenko

In his recent encyclical letter on the Sacred Heart of Jesus (*Dilexit Nos – He loved us*) Pope Francis uses this devotion to encourage a “**culture of encounter**” which he believes is sadly lacking in our modern world. Indeed, before the letter was even published he declared that the world had lost its heart. Judging by what is going on in the world today he is very much correct. He begins his letter with a plea for us to recover a sense of what the heart means as the seat of love. We know well what self-love is and this needs to be transformed into love of others. We cannot do this unless we encounter one another in selfless instances of generosity. This is what assists our souls to grow heavenward, the main focus of our lives.

As Joan Borysenko notes above, we can be laden with deficiencies in pursuing the perfection of love. A major hurdle is that we can lack forgiveness. This can affect the way we relate to ourselves because of mistakes we have made which highlight that we aren't perfect and can lead to a sense of self-dissatisfaction. We are divided in ourselves, as pointed out in *Gaudium et Spes* from the Second Vatican Council. If we forgive our mistakes we will not be wrapped up in a futile dance of self-recrimination. Forgive us our trespasses!

Withholding forgiveness from those who have wounded us in any way is likewise purposeless. We put up a defence to shield us from further harm and ruminate on the offence whereby it grows out of all proportion. We withdraw from the other person and offer no opportunity for a successful resolution. Bit by bit we become more and more isolated which is far from the culture of encounter which Pope Francis is trying to encourage.

Engaging the “offender” creates the possibility of forgiveness which heals the soul and brings reconciliation with the other. A win-win result guided by the Holy Spirit.

Yes, it may take time, for personal growth in love is a slow journey. It requires self-knowledge, and this can be painful. We don't want to be imperfect inspite of being loaded with imperfection. When we discover our own imperfections we tend to recoil from them rather than embracing the knowledge as a gift from God on high who draws us unstintingly towards the divine.

Probably the greatest image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the cross whereby Christ showed his love for us in dying to destroy sin and death and give us the opportunity of eternal life. And asked his Father to forgive us because we don't know what we are doing. Let a little forgiveness for our selves and for others begin to emanate from our hearts to kick off the culture of encounter. If we refuse to forgive ourselves and others we end up crippled!



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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>Sunday 16th February</p> <p><i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/mgGKeVaFnZ0</p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>	<p><u>Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 22 February</u> The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 22 February at Holy Family Emerton for Cycle 1 (Module 1-3). More training opportunities will be available throughout February and May. 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</p> <p><u>FaithLIFE Scripture Short Courses for adults: 12-26 February</u> Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Wednesdays, 19, & 26 February. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre. RSVP via https://parracatholic.org/faithlife OR email met@parracatholic.org</p> <p><u>LIFTED Launch: 27 February</u> Join us for LIFTED Launch on Thursday, February 27th, from 6:45 PM to 9:30 PM at West HQ, Rooty Hill! Get a sneak peek at exciting events we have planned for young Catholics, including the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage and Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Enjoy a night of prayer, formation, and fun with fellow young Catholics. Register now: parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/</p> <p><u>Mount Schoenstatt Women's Retreat 'Grace & Silence 2025' Commencing 8 March</u> This four-part single-day retreat series is for single young women aged 20-35 discerning their vocation. Attendance on all four days is highly recommended. Spaces are limited, and registration is essential. The retreats take place on Saturdays: 8 February, 8 March, 12 April, and 10 May, from 9:30am to 4:30pm, at "Bethany," 301 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. The cost is \$25 per day, including lunch. For more information or to register, contact Hannah on 0433 443 384.</p>
<p>Monday 17th February</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>	
<p>Tuesday 18th February</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C</p> <p>1.00pm Pastoral Care Meeting M/R</p> <p>6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.30pm Called and Gifted Introductory session P/C</p>	
<p>Wednesday 19th February</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 20th February</p>	<p>9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>7.00pm RCIA Preparation Meeting M/R</p> <p>7.30pm SFNC Executive Meeting P/C</p>	
<p>Friday 21st February</p>	<p>9.15am Mass—School opening of the year Mass</p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>	<p><u>DISCOVER THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO FULLY ESCORTED BY JUNE BOUCHE.</u> Ruby Travels Worldwide (June is a parishioner). Take time to reflect, contemplate, meditate and give this challenge the meaning you prefer, whether spiritual, religious, physical or the opportunity to meet like-minded people. Dates of the Cosmos Tour are 22 May - 1st June, 2026 @ \$ 5,249.00 per person Twin Share (Tour Cost). Flights not included. Ruby Travels Worldwide will assist with flights, pre and post holiday itineraries. For more information, please contact June Bouche on 0401895998 or email june.rubytravels@gmail.com. Only 10 Spots are available to be booked ASAP with Deposit of \$ 250.00 per person to secure your place on the Scenic Portuguese Route.</p>
<p>Saturday 22nd February</p> <p><i>The Chair of St Peter</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>4.30pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>	
<p>Sunday 23rd February</p> <p><i>7th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</p> <p>10.45am Baptisms</p>	

75TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

***Congratulation to Stan and Beryl Callaghan
on their 75th Wedding Anniversary on
Tuesday the 18th of February.***

This is a stupendous achievement. The parish has been privileged to know Stan & Beryl since 1951. We thank them for their friendship, work and generosity to our community. They are an inspiration. We are very proud of you both.



**SAVE THE DATE - Parish 60th ANNIVERSARY & 130 YEARS OF CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
IN GLENBROOK SUNDAY THE 30TH OF MARCH.**

Volunteers are needed to help organise the day, if you can help please contact the parish office. More information to follow in the upcoming bulletins.

**ST FINBAR'S MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY THE 8TH OF MARCH 2025 AT 7.30AM IN
THE 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 the 2nd of March. 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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Ash Wednesday is on the 5th of March this year, it is a day of Fast and Abstinence. The parish will have two Masses, 9.15am Morning Mass and 7pm evening Mass.

Can you please bring to the church any blessed palms you have from last year to be burned and prepared to be used on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

FACE TO FACE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Maria Kervin will be presenting training Face to Face in the upcoming month.

Everyone is welcome to complete this independently online at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>

The initial (Cycle 1) Training Modules 1-3 are tagged yellow.

After two years, we ask that this training is renewed. Cycle 2 Renewal Training Modules 4 and 5 are tagged purple on the platform.

In terms of Face-to-Face Training she is presenting:

Cycle 1 – Beginning Modules 1-3 –

Richmond – Saturday 15th February (10am-3pm)

Mt Druitt – Saturday 22nd February (10am-3pm)

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 22ND & 23RD FEBRUARY 2025

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	Frank Zammit
1 st Reading	Marsha O'Meara	Kevin Lloyd	Cecilia Zammit
2nd Reading	Naomi Cheeseman	Carl Moll	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Kevin Flynn	Irene Aligno
Music	Te Deum's		Holy Light
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Pat Watson	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Volunteers Please	The Young Family
Communion	Lorraine Brown & Peter McIlvenna	Jessica Tiller & Jean Di Nucci	Carmel Higgins & Greg Rowe
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn & Kim		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Francis Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, Gabrielle Lynch & Veronica Clune Moping Group: Andrew Flaherty, Carl Moll, Steve Lee & Bryan Egan		
Hospitality	Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Lawn Mowing	Tony Doyle, Darren Dukes & Bryan Egan.		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Diane Tate, Malcolm Watt, Peter Stapleton, Andrew Dennis & Therese Duval.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Beryl & Stan Callaghan, Myrna Ware, Gerard Keenan (Anita Keenan's Son), 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), Margaret Christensen, Gwen Cullinan, Lyn Downes, Sophie Hollies, Terry Stevens, Mark Bates, Maddison Farrugia, Colleen & Michael Nolan, Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson), Joan & Maureen Brown (Marcia Pereira's Sister & Niece), Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika Gawlik.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Beth Fehon, Cedric McNamara, Louise Marquardt, Alice McGoldrick, Sarah Frazer, Ian Graham, Terry Groves, Robin Miles, Robert Dominish, Gregory McGee, William Pohlmann and Wendy Harley.



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