

St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

22nd & 23rd February 2025



1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

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Father John ponders.....

"An open ear is the only believable sign of an open heart."

-- David Augsburg

In our modern Catholic era much is encouraged by way of Synodality. It has become a major buzz word and many people may not understand its implications. We are Pilgrims of Hope as announced in our Jubilee Year. This sense of the Church being a pilgrim people is not new. The documents of the Second Vatican Council are replete with this pilgrimage motif, which stretches back into the Old Testament. The Hebrews escaping from the slavery of Egypt were certainly on a long pilgrimage. But what does the idea of pilgrimage evoke? It is the idea of people travelling together in the same direction.

All well and good and hopefully synodality to be effective in the life and renewal of the Church and its parishes. The key to synodality is listening to one another in such a way that the person feels heard and understood, but that doesn't mean we have to agree with them. This is a classic explanation of empathy. And empathy does not need to be restricted to the synodal way of the Church. It is basically a life skill. Some have the skill naturally, the rest can learn it. If we are to witness to Jesus Christ in our everyday lives, then we can approach others with divinely inspired and down-to-earth skills. We don't necessarily need to quote the bible nor the catechism of the Catholic Church. What speaks loudly to people are the ingredients of practical wisdom and generosity. That someone will give them time.

The quotation from David Augsburg we are considering is a wisdom which is short and sweet and of profound significance. If we are, as Christians, to be a believable sign of an open heart, we need to display this in tangible signs. Last week we considered the culture of encounter associated with synodality. Encountering others is the very stuff not only of Christianity but also of redeemed humanity. The quality of our encountering can make all the difference to the other. So many people are suffering and desperate for someone to listen to their desperation.

Encountering such people may mean that you have to spend time with them. And the outpouring of their suffering can bring the healing they so need to bring about positive change. That is achieved with an open ear, an ear which does not judge, an ear which has no prejudices, an ear which is prompted by a loving response to the other. The other will probably not consciously understand that open ear nor understand the open heart it communicates. But they will appreciate it and they can have the experience that in meeting someone who just gave time to encounter them, that day they will have met an angel sent by God.

Yes it does cost a little time, and the loving open ear can make all the difference.

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Baptisms

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

Xavier August Eyles

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

Sunday 23rd February <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms
Monday 24th February	No Mass. Office is closed 10.30am Noel Flaherty Funeral Mass
Tuesday 25th February	9.15am Mass 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R
Wednesday 26th February	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 27th February	9.15am Mass 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 7.00pm RCIA Preparation Meeting M/R
Friday 28th February	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C 4.30pm Concert Committee Meeting M/R
Saturday 1st March	9.15am Mass 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 2nd March <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/CcQywJ52IXw?feature=share 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

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

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE AGM LAST SUNDAY

Thank you for all the parishioners who attended the AGM meeting last Sunday. If you have missed the AGM, please read the parish Finance Committee report placed on the church noticeboard, copies of the summary are available from the office.



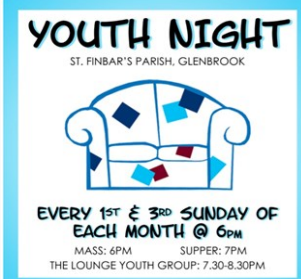
FACE TO FACE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING—SAVE THE DATES

The parish is holding face-to-face Training for Module 4 and Module 5 Safeguarding for volunteers who have done their Cycle 1 (1 to 3) Modules training in the last 2 years. The two sessions will be held in May as follows:-

Module 4 – Applying the Child Safe Standards to Safeguard Children and Adults at Risk (90min), **on Tuesday the 6th of May at 7pm in the parish hall.**

Module 5 – Legal Compliance: Risk of Significant Harm and Reportable Conduct (90min), **on Thursday the 22nd of May at 7pm in the parish hall**

Volunteers who wish to complete Cycle 1 (1 to 3) Modules are welcome to complete this independently online at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>



Young Adult Faith Formation sessions recommence on Sunday 2nd March 2025 at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druitt) at 7pm. The speaker is **Simon Carrington** who will talk about and lead discussion on **St Therese of Lisieux**. 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.

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

ST FINBAR'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY AS A PARISH – SUNDAY MARCH 30TH

We became our own parish on that great day in 1965, separating from Springwood parish. Additionally, this year marks the 30th anniversary of the opening and blessing of our beautiful church, this being the outcome of many decades of work, saving and effort from all parishioners to that date. Thus, we are currently preparing for these anniversaries.

At all Masses on 29th and 30th March, we will remember and pray for our parish. However, the main celebration will occur at the 9.30am Mass. The celebration aims to recognise and affirm those current parishioners who were at St Finbar's in 1965 and those current parishioners who were here in 1995. The Mass will also include celebration of our current parishioners, young and old. After Mass, a community morning tea is planned as well as activities and games especially for the younger (& not so young!) members.

To get this planning begun, we need some data. *This is not a census.* We need names of people and how long or short a time they have been a member of our parish. We are asking for data on adults only please.

When did you join St Finbar's Parish? Please complete a slip that is being handed out at Mass this weekend. If you are not available this weekend, then please use this form in the *Barra* and return it to the parish office. This exercise is, of course, entirely voluntary.





PREPARATION FOR ST FINBAR'S PARISH GLENBROOK 60TH ANNIVERSARY 2025 – March 30th

This form is for any person who is 18 years and older. Families may use the same form.

Origin Year for each person named on the form means: When did you first join St Finbar's Parish?

ORIGIN YEAR	SURNAME	FIRST name/s	PHONE	Email where available

Thank you. Your contact details will only be used for the purposes of organising the anniversary

SENIORS WEEK is fast approaching. Are you looking for a 'seniors activity'? St Finbars has opportunities for seniors all year round. The parish centre is a hive of activity because on the first and third Tuesday of the month there is Time Out Tuesday. There may be some craft, but its the cuppa and the chat that's the best.

Providing time out from the busy life of being retired. Come along bring your knitting, embroidery, crotchet or simply come for Time Out.

Every Friday afternoon its time for carpet Bowls. This is for those who enjoy playing a relaxing game while having a chat. Once again a decent afternoon tea and plenty of fun. A nice way to welcome the weekend. Come one and all.

Both these groups are an opportunity to socialise a bit more than the greetings before and after Mass. It is time set aside to get to know each other. A time to relax and enjoy other members of our Parish community.

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 1ST & 2ND MARCH 2025

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am	6.00pm Youth Mass
Sacristan	Kylie Mills	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan	Nick McMaster
Senior Server	Kylie Mills	Carl Moll	Lukas Rajnoch	Nick McMaster & Tim Kensey
Junior Servers	Alex & Luc Nilsson	Zoe & Oliver Wilson	Xavier Rajnoch & Benjamin Grus	Volunteer Please
Warden	Vince Dobson	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune	Volunteer Please
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	John De Mattia	Yvonne Scanlan	Eloise Howard
2nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Frank Zammit	Matilda Howard
Intercession	Greg Rowe	Kevin Flynn	Amanda Moore	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Naomi's Group		Anne's Group	N/A
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Joseph Wilson	Pat Watson	Lachlan Lloyd
Gifts	Eleanor Thompson & Volunteer Please	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	The Grus Family	N/A
Communion	Elizabeth Rowe & Greg Rowe	Colleen Fuller & Volunteer Please	Wendy Brown & Martin Rogers	Brendan Khnouf
Children's Liturgy	Christina & Angela			
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins			
Church Care	Volunteers please			
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek & Vicky Ang			

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Noel Flaherty, Deacon Rodrigo (Rudy) Rupac, Michael Nolan, Diane Taite, 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 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:

Simon Egan, Virginia Windred, Mel Nethery, Sarah Watson, Irene Wiecek, Vincent Basile, Paul Walker, John Venn, Zdenka Polak, Eva Lynch, William Wilson, Petrus Zwegers, Marie Nolan, Michael Yabsley, William Cummins, Brett Hopson, Eunice Shaw and Grace Buckley.



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