

St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

1st & 2nd March 2025



Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 91; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

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Reflection

There can be only one permanent revolution — a moral one; the regeneration of the inner man. How is this revolution to take place? Nobody knows how it will take place in humanity, but every man feels it clearly in himself. And yet in our world everybody thinks of changing humanity, and nobody thinks of changing himself.

- Leo Nikolaevich Tolstoy

As in every nation I know of, when general elections come around, the constant question is: what will the new government do for me? We hang on to every promise that is made and vote accordingly in the vain expectation that it will cause such a revolution that the nation may never be the same again. Everything will be better, everyone will have more money, everyone will be much nicer to one another, and war will cease. Sure, these are great aspirations and they shouldn't be taken away from us. But there is one problem, fallen human nature! There is something about the imperfection of humanity that constantly impedes the genuineness of the hopes we have of a better world. Can it be done by a government? It hasn't worked so far in human history. Such a moral revolution needs to get down to the root level which consists precisely of each of us individually. A moral revolution, initiated by the government of Australia, or any government, would fall flat on its face. Secular politicians are not equipped for such an exercise no matter what they promise.

The realm of the personal is paramount to initiate true change, down to the very roots of each and every individual. Changing humanity maybe a noble enterprise but it cannot be enabled by wishful thinking nor by government edict, which would be an imposition from above. And in attempting such a programme all hell would break loose as politicians fall out about the contents of the intended process.

Leo Tolstoy was quite right in our chosen quotation today. People don't think of changing themselves. They want an easy revolution in their lives, one which wouldn't require personal effort. But life isn't like that. Expecting deep change with no corresponding effort is mere illusion. And as Marc Faber reminds us: most people don't want freedom, they just want a free lunch!

A personal moral revolution is the stuff of a new humanity. It is based on the freedom to choose excellence in all aspects of our lives, especially by living the virtues which constantly bring us closer to God. Why would anyone want to shirk these divinely given opportunities to flourish and be pleasing to God and to others? Well, we do have the answer to that one as was mentioned at the beginning of this piece. Fallen human nature! Do we have the ability to transcend fallen human nature? You bet we do! His name is Jesus Christ.



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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

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

<p>Sunday 2nd March</p> <p><i>8th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/CcQywj52IXw?feature=share</p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p>Monday 3rd March</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 4th March</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C</p> <p>11.00am Funeral Mass for Sara Pinato</p> <p>6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.30pm Sacramental Information Night P/C</p>
<p>Wednesday 5th March</p> <p><i>Ash Wednesday (Fast & Abstinence)</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Ash Wednesday Evening Mass</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 6th March</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>3.30pm Mila's Lenten Group M/R</p> <p>7.00pm RCIA Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Friday 7th March</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p> <p>7.00pm World Day of Prayer—Church</p>
<p>Saturday 8th March</p>	<p>7.30am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>9.00am Martin Roger's Lenten Group M/R</p> <p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>4.30pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 9th March</p> <p><i>1st Sunday of Lent Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>10.45am Baptisms</p> <p>2.00pm Blue Mountains Concert Band Concert</p>

Join the Diocese of Parramatta's Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage

Young people (18-35) across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are invited to embark on an 18-day pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome from 19 July – 5 August 2025. The journey includes a visit to Greece, tracing the footsteps of Saint Paul, before heading to Rome for the celebration. Express your interest today at parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025

Safeguarding the Elderly Project: 13 March

Are you interested in sharing and listening to ideas about how we can meet the needs of older people in our Parish communities? You are invited to 'Share a Cuppa' on Thursday 13 March from 10am-12noon at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Those involved in ministries such as Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Pastoral Care Groups, are invited to share their experiences and reflections. RSVP by Monday 3 March with any dietary requirements to: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org Please contact Maria Kervin (Manager, Prevention, Healing & Support) at: mariakervin@parracatholic.org if you would like more information on hosting such a Morning Tea within your own Parish with your Ministry Team.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

The Cook Islands: "I made you wonderful."

Date: Friday, 7th March 2025

Time: 7pm

Location: St Finbars Parish Glenbrook

All are welcome to come together in prayer and reflection.

A light supper will be provided. An initiative of the Glenbrook Blaxland Interchurch Group. Any questions please contact Todd on 0422 072 373.



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

Thank you to all those who completed the year of origin slip last week. If you missed out, we encourage you to use the form provided below or write on the slips that are available labelled large white box at the warden's desk.

Once completed, just place the slip in the box.

Juliana will also accept any complete forms. This information is really useful for the success of the day.

*A special thanks to 'Captain Cook' who recorded that he began at St Finbar's in 1788!
Wow, he took 18 years to walk from Botany Bay to Glenbrook! Should have stuck to sailing!*

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

Good wishes, Cecilia, Brendan, Gabrielle and Patricia

THANK YOU. Stan & Beryl Callaghan were very pleased to be able to attend 9.15am Mass, on their 75th Wedding Anniversary. Thank you to Father John for remembering us during Mass and for a special Blessing, at the close of Mass. Thank you to Trish Murnane for her touching speech and her presentation of beautiful flowers on behalf of the Parish Community. To those who wished us well after Mass and Timeout Tuesday Ladies! Heartfelt thanks.

NEW PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Dawn Willis is starting new Children's Choir in our parish to be singing on the 4th Saturday Vigil Mass of each month. She needs at least 6 children between the ages of 7 and 13 to form the new group, and other musicians who plays piano or guitar. So she will need an adult or accomplished teen who plays piano to volunteer along with the children of the parish to help. For more details please contact Dawn Willis via the WhatsApp Finbars musos or phone: 0493 664 311.

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/>

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 8TH & 9TH MARCH 2025

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Jim Barndon	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Senior Server	Jim Barndon	Peter McMahon	Nick McMaster
Junior Servers	Quentin Lynch & Eoghan McKenna		Oliver Wilson & Noah Young
Warden	Maree Roach	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Volunteer Please	Carl Moll	Richard Cutler
2nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Volunteer Please	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Elizabeth Konza	Michelle Wilson
Music			Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Kylie Mills	Joanne Stubbs & Sophia Karatovic
Gifts	Margaret & Michael Richards	Kay Whitty	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Brian & Thea Robertson	Brian Grech & Helen Keogh	Yvonne Scanlan & Colin Stead
Children's Liturgy	Elizabeth & Jess		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn & Wendy Bohan		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Liz & Daren Dukes		
Lawn Mowing	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon & Bob Hanigan		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sara Pinato, Noel Flaherty, Michael Nolan, Diane Taite, Malcolm Watt, Peter Stapleton, Andrew Dennis & Therese Duval.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Brian Pope, Beryl & Stan Callaghan, Myrna Ware, Gerard Keenan (Anita Keenan's Son), 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:

James Nolan, Margaret Feld, Gloria Miles, Kenneth Moore, James Hurley, Mary Mulvey, Nellie De Mattia, Lewis Konza, Gerard Cullinane, Ellen Butcher, Rosena Baker, Monica Hampson, Hugh McDaid, Shirley Konza, Joan Morgan, William Chambers and Maree Bowden.



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