

St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

3rd Sunday of Easter Year C

3rd & 4th May 2025



Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalm 29; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

As part of the Diocese of Parramatta, St Finbar's is committed to being a community of safeguarding, and echoes Bishop Vincent's zero-tolerance to abuse of any form.

For details on safeguarding, please visit the diocesan safeguarding website:

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

Father John ponders.....

"Slow down and enjoy life. It's not only the scenery you miss by going too fast -- you also miss the sense of where you are going and why." -- Eddie Cantor

It seems to be the lot of fallen humanity to be ever on the watchout for novelty, or to be obsessed with fulfilling dreams usually beyond our capabilities. In conjunction with these strivings, it has been the practice of sages and poets to advise us never to run away with our lives and to engage each day as it comes. But we seem to be ever somewhere other than where we are! Thirty odd years ago the expression "wake up and smell the coffee" became a trope for that generation. It encapsulated the idea of waking up to yourself so that you can be true to yourself and let the day be your guiding master. I'm not quite sure if it accomplished anything but does remind us that people, at large, are not content with their lives and wish to be somewhere else.

The problem with this latter attitude is that we can't be elsewhere from where we find ourselves. Usually it feels to be a better way out from having to put up with life as it is. And yes, people dream on, building castles in the air. But it doesn't really get them anywhere. And people blunder on, racing to a destination they do not know along a path not clearly understood. In this way they lose the sense of where they are going and why, as our quote today explains.

Of course we want to make a success of our lives, but we also do not want to miss out on discovering the meaning and purpose of what our lives are all about. This is done by engaging every moment of life as it is presented to us. Meaning and purpose cannot come by way of imaginative pursuits but from the here and now. We will find that both meaning and purpose will be revealed to us as we pay attention to what we really experience in contemplating the richness of the ordinary lives that we live. We do not need to "wonder as a cloud" in order to see a "host of golden daffodils" as William Wordsworth poses. We need to inhabit our own bodies, our own minds and our own souls, to extract as much taste as possible from the present moment. Not in a flurry of activity, but at leisure where we have the opportunity to sink into and appreciate what it is to be truly ourselves. All it needs is some patience, and generosity to acknowledge and surrender to the presence of God.

Do You Love Me...?

Feed My Sheep



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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

Sunday 4th May <i>3rd Sunday of Easter Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C
Monday 5th May	No Mass. Office is closed 7.30pm Bible Study—Gideon Goosen M/R
Tuesday 6th May	9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Safeguarding face-to-face Module 4 P/C 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R
Wednesday 7th May	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 8th May	9.15am Mass 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C
Friday 9th May	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 10th May	9.15am Mass 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 11th May <i>4th Sunday of Easter Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass

Positions Vacant

- ✦ Facilities Coordinator: Diocese of Parramatta
 - ✦ Property Lawyer: Diocese of Parramatta
 - ✦ Communications Lead – Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Diocese of Parramatta
- More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

Registrations now open Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below:

- ✦ **May 24:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-24-may/>
- ✦ **August 16:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>
- ✦ **November 15:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>

Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: 13 May

In this Jubilee Year of Hope all liturgical ministers - readers, servers and extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on 13 May 2025, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. To register your attendance please visit parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/

SAVE THE DATE: Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening 25 June 2025

The Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening is an annual collaboration between the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay. This year, Parramatta will be hosting on Wednesday 25 June 2025, 6pm – 9pm, St Monica's Parish Hall, 8 Daking St, North Parramatta. Engaging speakers will discuss the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World", while you can enjoy a delicious meal and good company.



LAUDATO SI' WEEK 17TH – 24TH MAY is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical Laudato Si' to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. In Laudato Si', Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of loving God, one another, and creation. He calls for an "ecological conversion," a transformation of hearts and minds towards greater love and care for the planet. This love extends to both the natural world and our fellow human beings. Today, with the universal church, we celebrate 10 years of inspiration and action since Laudato Si' was promulgated. And as a Catholic Earthcare Parish, we celebrate our part in the journey towards the Laudato Si' Goals set before us by Pope Francis to achieve ecological conversion.

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

YOUR GENEROSITY OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS

Thank you to all those parishioners who contributed their hard earned dollars to our usual parish weekly collections and additionally to the three extra collections that were recently held.

You contributed \$600 to the Bishop's Appeal, \$749.80 to Project Compassion and \$1530 to the Holy Land collection on Good Friday.

May you be rewarded for your generosity.

FIRE UP MINISTRIES TALK - BEING A FIRED UP CATHOLIC

Guest Speaker: Simon Carrington – Co-Founder of Fire Up Ministries

St Finbar's Catholic Church warmly invites parishioners to a talk by Simon Carrington, co-founder of Fire Up Ministries, on **Sunday, 18 May 2025 at 7:30 PM**, held at the **Parish Hall, 52 Levy St, Glenbrook**.

Open to **ages 13 and up**, this event aims to ignite a deeper love for the Catholic faith and inspire us to live it out with boldness and joy.

Topic: Being a Fired Up Catholic

Contact: Karen Sukkar – 0406 491 718

We encourage all teens, young adults, parents, and parishioners to attend. Let's come together as a faith community to be recharged and inspired!

Cash donations are welcomed on the night. Also there will be some merchandise for sale after the talk.

POSITION VACANT AT ST FINBAR'S PARISH

St Finbar's is looking to hire a dedicated and organised Admin Assistant to provide essential support for the parish and to learn how the parish operates.

The position will initially be 6 hours per week over two mornings, progressing to 10 hours per week for the right person.

If you have admin ability, Microsoft Office skills, database skills and are interested in learning more. please email Peter on admin@stfinbars.org.au.

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/>

For parishioners who have completed their Cycle 1 Training Modules 1-3 in 2023. The parish is offering Cycle 2 Renewal Training Modules 4 and 5 Face-to-Face Training on the following dates:-

Cycle 2 – Renewal Modules 4 and 5

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

Thursday 22nd of May at 7pm in the parish hall.

Module 5 – Legal Compliance: Risk of Significant Harm and Reportable Conduct (90min)

BUSH SCHOOL CAMBODIA

Special thanks to those parishioners who attended, or otherwise supported our recent concert for Bush School. Outstanding performers, including 3 of our own parishioners, provided a full and varied program of entertainment, with an enthusiastic response from the audience. Thankyou also to St Finbar's Parish for the use of the hall and kitchen facilities.

Funds raised from the concert will go far in support of the school budget for the coming year.

Doug Frewer, on behalf of School Committee Members

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 10TH & 11TH MAY 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	Ben Oxley	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	Richard Cutler
2nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Geraldine Agahari	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Elizabeth Konza	Michelle Wilson
Music	Cormac's Group		Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Kylie Mills	Joanne Stubbs/Sophia
Gifts	Margaret & Michael Richards	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Thea & Brian Robertson	Jim & Kath Tierney	Gerard Egan & Yvonne Scanlan
Children's Liturgy	Michelle & Matthew		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Volunteers please		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynn Atkison, Daren & Liz Dukes		
Lawn Mowing	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Brendan Christie		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pope Francis, Kelly Zammit & Ralph Goss (Lina Wiecek's Cousin & Friend), George Cottee, Sara Pinato and Noel Flaherty.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Norman Fisher (Bernie Fisher's brother), Robyn Behrooz, Beryl & Stan Callaghan, 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), Colleen Nolan, Margaret Christensen, Gwen Cullinan, Lyn Downes, Sophie Hollies, Terry Stevens, Mark Bates, Maddison Farrugia, 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:

Jonathan Baines, Michael Wilcox, Raymond Smith, Edna Mooney, Alexander Laing, Peter Smith, Michael Au, Joseph (William) Horneman and James Nolan.



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