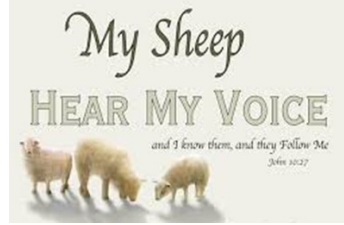


St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
The Barra

4th Sunday of Easter Year C

10th & 11th May 2025



Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 99; Revelation 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30

Lord God Almighty, we thank you for our new pope, Leo XIV. With the help of the Holy Spirit, grant him wisdom, good counsel and love so that he can lead your Church in holiness and truth. Amen.

Father John ponders.....

*"You had better live your best and act your best and think your best today; for today is the sure preparation for tomorrow and all the other tomorrows that follow."
-- Harriet Martineau*

Coping with each day as it is presented to us can bring many challenges. We often notice that, in the morning, we have so many hours ahead of us and the way forward can seem quite obscure. We may have formulated a list of things to do and family and friends with whom we want to keep contact, but even this does not necessarily provide a clear way forward. On the other hand, we may have no plan and are happy to deal with each hour as it comes along. By the end of the day we may feel some level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction about what we have achieved or otherwise. The day is at an end, and we may begin planning for tomorrow, well ahead of knowing what might eventuate overnight.

One of the problems we might encounter is a feeling that we are not productive enough. We can give ourselves a hard time by assuming that what we have achieved is not significant. This is a common human sentiment that is experienced because we lose perspective. We tend to isolate each day to itself rather than including each day as part of the flow of life. Given that we are blessed with minds, hearts and souls which are orientated towards eternity and divinity, we still tend to see things out of perspective. It is good to see our efforts pile up on one another rather than seeing all the efforts we make as distinct, one from another.

Our quotation today, that today is a sure preparation for all our tomorrows, does help us to keep in mind that we live in a divine continuum, co-operating with a God who dearly wants us to excel. While yesterday has come and gone, and today will end up the same, we can observe that each day has made a positive contribution to advancing who we are as individuals who are efficacious. We succeed in growing in grace because we persist with what we set ourselves to do, whether mundane or exhilarating. All our efforts build up over time, one on top of the other, each day making a contribution to all our future days.

Time has been given to us by God and to see time as a treasure will help us to find the treasure trove within. And at the end of our days we rest assured that all our good thoughts and actions have provided us with a continuum to be built up into the Image of Christ into whose outstretched arms we can throw ourselves wholeheartedly.



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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 11th May</p> <p><i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p>
<p>Monday 12th May</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p> <p>7.30pm Bible Study—Gideon Goosen M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 13th May</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.30pm Called and Gifted Session M/R</p>
<p>Wednesday 14th May</p> <p><i>St Matthias</i></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 15th May</p>	<p>9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>7.30pm SFNC General Meeting P/C</p>
<p>Friday 16th May</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p>Saturday 17th May</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>4.30pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 18th May</p> <p><i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>10.45am Baptisms</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>7.00pm Youth Group—Fire up Ministry talk P/C</p>

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 time 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/

Please note that the parish office is experiencing a problem with the outlook emails this week. Peter and I haven't been able to receive or send emails.

*To email the parish office please use glenbrook@parracatholic.org
Sorry for the inconvenience.*

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS:

Sunday 18 May, 2pm Campion College Chapel, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Pl Toongabbie.

Celebrant: Fr Brian Steele MGL.

Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing. All welcome!

THE NEPEAN CATENIAN GROUP (IN-FORMATION)

Is a lay Catholic Mens' Association that meets monthly at the Nepean Rowing Club.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th May 2025, commencing at 6:45 p.m. For a 7:00 p.m. start, followed by a meal.

We will have a guided discussion on the night on 'The Resurrection of Jesus and Modern Healthcare.'

For enquiries please email Deacon Michael Tan on michael.tan@parracatholic.org

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATE - NEW CHURCH 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Please Join St Finbar's parish community in celebrating the church's 30th birthday on the weekend of Saturday 31st of May and Sunday the 1st of June.

THE SACRAMENT OF 1ST HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR

Due to the large number of participants in the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion this year, a decision was made to split the group into two celebrations. The first group will celebrate their 1st Holy Communion on Sunday the **22nd of June at the 9.30am Mass** and the other group will celebrate their 1st Holy Communion on Sunday the **6th of July at the 9.30am Mass**. If you have a child/children registered to receive their Holy Communion this year, can you please contact the parish office on 47426958 to register your preference. Thank you.

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.

ST FINBAR'S MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY THE 6TH JUNE 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 1st of June. Please add your name to the list on the warden's table.



Any questions please contact John De Mattia 4739 6775

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.

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. Our parish celebration will be on the weekend of 24/25 May.



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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 17TH & 18TH MAY 2025

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am	6.00pm Youth Mass
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Stuart Sheary	Brendan Khnouf
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Martin Rogers	Brendan Khnouf & Quentin Lynch
Junior Servers	Volunteers Please		Zoe Wilson, Dominic Sheary & Tim Kensey	Sophia Lynch
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Ben Oxley	Frank Fitzpatrick	Daniel Lynch
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Kevin Lloyd	Peter or Trish Hurley	Volunteer Please
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Volunteer Please	Erin Kelly	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick	Nick McMaster
Music	Cantabile		N/A	N/A
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Elizabeth Konza	Dan Kensey	Lachlan Lloyd
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family	N/A
Communion	Ahyiesha D'Souza & Bernie Fisher	Helen Keogh & Brian Grech	Todd Stanford & Erin Kelly	Elizabeth Christie
Children's Liturgy	Christyna & Kim			
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson			
Church Care	Jane Lennon, Valeska Madrid & Elizabeth Christie Mopping group: The Youth Group			
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene & Bert Aligno			

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:

Laurence Brooks, Maureen Holmes, Emma Peters, Marjorie Aussel, Peter Buckley, Thomas Hannigan, Kathleen Scholfield, Michael Hughes, John Appleton, Anita Dyson, Michael Moelroy, Paul Zoeller, Claire Fisher and Dennis Barron.



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