



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra
5th Sunday of Easter Year C

17th & 18th May 2025

By this all will
know that you are
My disciples, if
you have love for
one another.
John 13:35

Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 144; Revelation 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

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.....

"Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of non-essentials."

-- Lin Yutang

Who wouldn't want to be relieved of the burden of having so much to do with not enough time to do it? We start off the day with such a long list of things to do and the day takes us over. We feel like we have been abducted by some alien force which won't put us down to earth until we have reached exhaustion with still more things to do. We put ourselves under enormous pressure and often we arrive at the end of the day with yet more to do. This brings about a feeling of dissatisfaction with ourselves. No wonder we can feel so overwhelmed at times. To reach day's end with a sense of incompleteness is not a good remedy for a good night's sleep.

Well, we do put ourselves under pressure, especially when we believe that only our efforts keep the world turning around. Everything depends on us, and while this is not global in scale, even in the small confines of our own family or our own work, we tend to treat them as if we were running the world. On the one hand this is understandable. We take our responsibilities seriously and we believe it is incumbent on us to do as fine a job as possible, after all, we are serving others. On the other hand we may be leaving ourselves open to exhaustion to such an extent that we tire ourselves out and develop a distaste for all that we are doing and get ourselves into a mode of servility.

The key to attending to this, as with so much of the troubles we experience, is to see things in perspective. To see non-essentials and put them to one side, as our quote today would have us, we can easily arrange our workload to become more manageable. If we treat all we have to do with equal importance we are setting ourselves up for a severe depletion of resources, we couldn't possibly operate at such a level of intensity for very long. Arrange the most important things in your life first, especially God and family members, and the rest we can learn to treat as necessity requires. We shall see ourselves and our lives in perspective, treat each aspect of work with the importance it objectively deserves but no more, and soon we can find life to be more manageable. We may even have time for recreation and finish the day with a sense of the day having been managed well. An excellent formula for sweet dreams.

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Sacraments

Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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Baptisms

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

Rhodes Dot Koutsoukos

this Sunday, and warmly welcomes her 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

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Sunday 18th May <i>5th Sunday of Easter Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Youth Group—Fire up Ministry talk P/C
Monday 19th May	No Morning Mass. Office is closed 7.30pm Bible Study—Gideon Goosen M/R
Tuesday 20th May	No Morning Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 1.00pm Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Wednesday 21st May	No Morning Mass 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 22nd May	No Morning Mass 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 5.00pm Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion preparation sessions P/C 7.00pm Safeguarding face-to-face session Module 5 P/C
Friday 23rd May	No Morning Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 24th May <i>Our Lady help of Christians</i>	9.15am Mass 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 25th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms

Positions Vacant
 ✚Property Lawyer: Diocese of Parramatta
 ✚Communications Lead – Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

Pentecost Scripture Reflection with Dr Deborah Snoddy: 28 May
 What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life? How can Scripture stretch our imagination when comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit? Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Deborah Snoddy on Wednesday 28 May at 6:30- 8:30pm. RSVP via parracatholic.org/events/pentecost-scripture-night or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 22-24 May
 The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on Thursday 22 May at 7pm at St Finbar's Church, Glenbrook for Cycle 2 (Module 5). Safeguarding Renewal Training Cycle 2 (Module 4-5) will be held at St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill on 24 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

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025 – 27th May to 3rd June

Blue Mtns People for Reconciliation Group invites everyone for a celebration!

A Day to come together, further Reconciliation, and build bridges with the Aboriginal Community
SUNDAY 1st June. Time: 1pm to 4pm.

LOCATION: Lawson Mechanics Institute, 284 Great Western Highway, Lawson.
 Entry off Yileena Ave.

- Performances by The Combined Blue Mtns Choirs & The Wagana Dancers
- BM Community Reconciliation Information from local support groups
- Handmade Aboriginal crafts as well as books for sale
- Children's Activities
- Refreshments

For more information on the group: <https://www.mcrn.org.au/our-sector/bm-people-for-reconciliation-antar>

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

9.15AM MASSES TUESDAY 20TH TO FRIDAY 23RD OF MAY

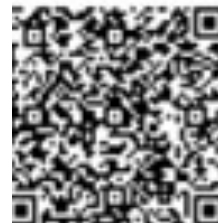
Please note that Father John will be attending the Diocese Clergy Conference next week. There will be no morning Masses at St Finbar's. Daily Masses will be available at St Nicholas of Myra Penrith on Wednesday the 21st, Thursday the 22nd at 9.30am and Friday the 23rd of May at 12.10pm. St Thomas Aquinas morning Masses are Wednesday to Friday at 9.30am.

Morning Masses will resume on Saturday the 24th of May at their regular times.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians.

Will you help our seminarians to be 'Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope' for God's people? With your prayers and generosity, they can continue to grow in faith and formation, as they prepare to become priests who will sow hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's people. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code.



Bishop's Good Shepherd's Appeal will be on all next weekend's Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH EMAILS

Please note that the parish office emails are back working. We had an issue with the email license with Telstra. Now it has been fixed, license renewed and it is back to normal.

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 0419 919 443

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.

Please note that there won't be a Youth Mass or Youth Group on Sunday the 1st of June.

Wisdom from *Laudato si: On care for our common home* (10 year anniversary)

THE CRY OF THE EARTH

"Everything is related and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth" LS n92



- For reflection: Do we respond in a way that listens to the cry of the Earth? Do we consider how our choices will impact the earth and its precious resources?

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 24TH & 25TH MAY 2025

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Jim Barndon	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Jim Barndon	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Servers	Sophie Lynch & Volunteer Please		Elija & Oscar Baird
Warden	Margaret Richards	Ben Oxley	Frank Zammit
1 st Reading	Jessica Doherty	Kevin Lloyd	Cecilia Zammit
2nd Reading	Naomi Cheeseman	Andrew Teece	Annis Nilsson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Volunteer Please	Joanne Stubbs
Music	N/A		Holy Light
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn/Juliette	Pat Watson	Joanne Stubbs/Sophia
Gifts	Steve & Heather Lee	Rivas Family	The Young Family
Communion	Lorraine Brown & Peter McIlvenna	Jessica Tiller & Volunteer Please	Annis Nilsson & Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn & Gwen		
Piety Stall	Anne Marie King		
Church Care	Volunteers please		
Hospitality	Kerry & Peter Herborn		

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:

Merrilee Verhoeven, Cyril Fitzjohn, Millicent Grant, Moira Holmes, Denis Smith, Michael Klein, Hilder Ahrenfeld, William Osborne, Irena Chambers, Vincent Noonan, Clare Konza, Betty McSweeney, Patricia Mungovern, Kerrie-Anne Regent, Hazel Caldwell, Mary O'Sullivan, Peter Stapleton (1980), Winifred Shindorfer, Hele Hunt, Stanley Sharp and Michael Seymour.



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