



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

6th Sunday of Easter Year C

24th & 25th May 2025



Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

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

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

Father John ponders.....

"In the sweet territory of silence we touch the mystery. It's the place of reflection and contemplation, and it's the place where we can connect with the deep knowing, to the deep wisdom way." Angeles Arrien

No doubt we can all agree that the world is a noisy place and we seem incapable of stemming its intrusion into our lives. Noise from the road, noise from the railway, noise from the television and radio, noise from every angle. We may have become so used to it that we hardly notice it anymore. Yet it enters our minds subtly and interferes with any quietness we may wish to enjoy. It keeps us engaged in the helter-skelter of activity in our modern world to the extent that we never seem able to enjoy a quiet moment of reflection. Cemeteries are often a place to go to escape the hustle and bustle, or some waterfall deeper along the track of the Blue Mountains. This is because such places are little frequented by other people.

On the occasions we visit a shopping mall we may enjoy the hurly burly of being surrounded by other people who are eager, and maybe excited, to be out and about, and after all we are social beings meant for one another. It's just that too much of a good thing can disorientate us from pursuing the real purpose of our souls which is to seek and appreciate the finer things of life such as the Holy Spirit.

God tends to speak to us in whispers, He doesn't intrude unless really necessary. The rhythm of quietness opens the soul to the mystery of who God is. When this path is ceaselessly drowned out by noise and activity, we don't really get the chance to meet and embrace the depths of who we are. We remain estranged from ourselves and have difficulty in immersing ourselves into the only place where we can meet ourselves head on. This really is the place we need, the space where we can breathe easily and just quieten down to meet the mystery of all creation. In the first place each of us is a mystery which we need to get to know and if we are to have a healthy level of self-appreciation, we need to contemplate not only ourselves, but that which is beyond ourselves.

The place of mystery is not alien to us, deeply it is who we are. And being born of God, to know and appreciate this truth, we need times of silence. We may fear that such times of silence are wasted times and we need to be productive. If so, we need to retract this mindset because in order to know who we are, we need to know who God is. And to know God demands contemplation and silence. And it is there that we shall find Him.

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Baptisms

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

Eden Wilson &

Thomas Searle Gaborit

this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them 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 25th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms
Monday 26th May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	No Morning Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R
Tuesday 27th May	9.15am Mass 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm PFC Meeting M/R 7.30pm Called and Gifted Session P/C
Wednesday 28th May	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 10.30am Funeral Mass for Ann Reardon 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 29th May	9.15am Mass 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 5.00pm Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion preparation sessions P/C
Friday 30th May	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 31st May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8.00am Women's Retreat P/C 9.15am Mass 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 1st June <i>The Ascension of the Lord Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass—Church 30th Anniversary No Youth Mass and Youth Group

Positions Vacant

- ✦ Safeguarding: Healing and Support Counsellor: Diocese of Parramatta
 - ✦ Senior Facilitator – Parish Engagement Lead
 - ✦ Property Lawyer: 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 it 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

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 opportunity 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 two options of retreats below:

- August 16: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>
- November 15: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>

Ministry of Care Courses: 4- 25 June

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. It will be held every Wednesday evening at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Attend all 4 sessions to receive a certificate of completion or just attend the session (s) that interest you. Please visit parracatholic.org/events/OFW to reserve a spot.

For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

Registrations Open: 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, 6:30pm – 9:00pm, 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.

Register via parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

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 this weekend Masses. Thank you for your generosity

NO YOUTH MASS OR SENIOR YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAY THE 1ST OF JUNE

Please note that there will be no Youth Mass or Youth Group on Sunday the 1st of June as the church is celebrating its 30th anniversary in the morning. All invited to attend

NEW HAND RAILS IN THE CHURCH AND FOOTPATH.

Thank you to Kevin Lloyd for his great work installing the hand rails inside the church and outside on the pedestrian entrance to the property and up Fr John's steps. We thoroughly appreciate your generosity and skills.

ST FINBAR'S MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY THE 7TH 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

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

THE CRY OF THE POOR



"The impact of the present imbalances is also seen in the premature death of many of the poor, in conflicts sparked by the shortage of resources, and in any number of other problems which are insufficiently represented on global agendas." LS n48

- For reflection: Do we respond in a way that listens to the cry of the poor?
Do we consider how our choices will affect all forms of life, especially those who are most vulnerable?

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 1st June 2025 at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druitt) at 7pm. The speaker is Sr Agnes who will talk about and lead discussion on St Padre Pio. 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.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW & EMMAUS PRAYER COMMUNITY GREYSTANES PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost "ONLY JESUS" on **Sunday 1st June at St John Bosco Catholic Parish 46 Waratah Rd, Engadine**. For an afternoon of Praise, Worship, Adoration, Mass and Prayer Ministry from 12.30pm with sausage sizzle. Free admission but booking is essential, scan QR code or register with link. <https://www.trybooking.com/event1s/landing/1382650?qr=true&qr=true>

Any inquires email: email@ccrnsw.org.au

Sunday 8 June 2025 - 2pm to 4:30pm. Pentecost Celebration at OLOP Church, 198 Old Prospect Road Greystanes. Prayer & Praise, Testimonies, Talk and Prayer Ministry.

HOPE - Opening our hearts & minds to the presence of the Holy Spirit in Times of Change.

Enquiries Adrian 0408649327. Desiree 0477765772



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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 31ST MAY & 1ST JUNE 2025

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Kylie Mills	Peter McMahon	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Kylie Mills	Peter McMahon	Lukas Rajnoch
Junior Servers	Alex & Luc Nilsson	Zoe & Oliver Wilson	Xavier Rajnoch & Benjamin Grus
Warden	Vince Dobson	Ben Oxley	Gary Clune
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Michelle Wilson	Jessica Doherty
2nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Steve Baird
Intercession	Elizabeth Rowe	Kevin Flynn	Martin Rogers
Music	Naomi's Group		Anne Hobbs Group
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn & Juliette Lynch	Joseph Wilson	Pat Watson
Gifts	Eleanor Thompson & Volunteer Please	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	The Grus Family
Communion	Beth Culliver & Greg Rowe	Volunteers Please	Wendy Brown & Garry Purchasehouse
Children's Liturgy	Pia & Angela		
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek & Vicky Ang		
Lawn Mowing	Tony Doyle, Darren Dukes & Bryan Egan		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ann Sue-Ellen Reardon, Pope Francis, George Cotte, 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:

Derek Elliott, Harry Nolan, Evelyn Philpott, Matthew Ingram, Thomas Etherington, Robert Toirkens, Franciscus Van De Weyer, Frederick Charlton, Maria Fransen, Irene Flynn, Annie Breakspear, Michael Flynn, Stephen Grundschoettel, Matthew Fisher, Charles Martin, Stephen Skinner and Florence McSorley.



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