

St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

PENTECOST SUNDAY Year C

7th & 8th of June 2025

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things..."
John 14:26



Sunday Mass: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26

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.....

"Christianity is the meeting-point of earth and heaven," it opens by saying. "It lays claim to the whole man, body and soul, intellect and will, inducing him to raise his mind above the changing conditions of this earthly existence and reach upwards for the eternal life of heaven, where one day he will find his unfailing happiness and peace."

(From Mater et Magistra, John XXIII)

If one thing can be said about Pope John XXIII it is that he always had his feet placed firmly on the ground. He was the smiling pope who knew what it was to walk around the streets, smelling the sheep long before Pope Francis. His decisive decision to initiate Vatican Council II was a clear indication that his love for Christ's church was that it too should have its boots firmly on the ground. It meant change, and we are still living out his dream. Yet, for all John XXIII's down-to-earth application of the Catholic faith we can ascertain from our quotation today that it was very much dependant on a more subtle appreciation of the spiritual nature of humanity and the Church.

Mater et Magistra means Mother and Teacher and is Pope John's encyclical teaching about the nature of the Catholic Church Her role as mother is the sacramental one, giving new birth to those who are baptised. She also has a role in teaching the baptised about the true nature of Christ the Redeemer, and the true nature of ourselves as those who are now children of God. The inheritance which belongs to Christ from the Almighty Father, now belongs to us because Christ shares with us everything that he has. This is quite an outstanding truth and is a guiding light by which we can make our way on earth to eventually arrive at our heavenly inheritance, eternal life.

"Boots on the ground" is our way of living out our vocations, but Pope John also encourages us to live out our lives not only with a view to heaven, but with the realisation that we already participate in heavenly realities, for Christianity is the meeting-point of earth and heaven. Our faith captures the whole of who we are: body, soul, intellect and will. In this capacity our faith in Christ is far more than a mere assent to believe in the Saviour. It directs our lives far beyond the confines of earthly existence and propels us heavenwards, to eternity where we will find ultimate glory. With our souls always eager to meet Christ we are set on an earthly journey which also encompasses heaven and fulfils all the dimensions of who we are as singular lovers of Christ. "We shall be like Him because we shall see Him as He really is (I John 3).

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Baptisms

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

**Romy Williams,
Daisy Vera Moss &
Noah Vincent Moss**

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 8th June <i>PENTECOST</i> <i>SUNDAY</i> <i>Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms
Monday 9th June <i>The Blessed</i> <i>Virgin Mary,</i> <i>Mother of the</i> <i>Church</i>	No Morning Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
Tuesday 10th June	9.15am Mass—Week 10 in Ordinary Time 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Called and Gifted Session P/C
Wednesday 11th June <i>St Barnabas</i>	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 12th June	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 5.00pm Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion preparation sessions P/C
Friday 13th June <i>St Anthony of</i> <i>Padua</i>	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 14th June	9.15am Mass 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 15th June <i>THE MOST HOLY</i> <i>TRINITY</i> <i>Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/JEGkzGG-KDU?feature=share 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C

It's Safe Parishes Week!: The Diocese's Safe Parishes Week (2–8 June) is promoting the importance of creating safe, welcoming, and inclusive communities. This is an opportunity to highlight our parish commitment to safeguarding, and help raise awareness across the parish. Let's work together to foster a culture of care and protection for all.

Safeguarding Sunday Prayer

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

Children's School Holiday Music Workshop - SING A NEW SONG

These school holidays, the Music Facilitator of the Diocese will be running a workshop for primary school students and another for high school students to learn and appreciate sacred music. The students will then form a choir to lead the singing at the 11am Solemn Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Vincent the following Sunday.

Please see the below information or click this link to register: [School Holiday Sacred Music Workshop Registration Form](#)

Workshop Details

Through singing, listening, and learning, students will enter more deeply into the Church's liturgical life and encounter the spiritual richness of sacred music.

- ✦ **Location:** St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, Cloister Hall (1 Marist Pl, Parramatta NSW 2150)
- ✦ **Time:** 9:30am - 2pm. *Please ensure your child is here on time.*
- ✦ **Sessions:** There will be two sessions being run. *Please ensure you register for the correct session.*

◇ **Tuesday, 15th July** - Primary School Students (Years 4-6)

◇ **Wednesday, 16th July** - High School Students (Years 7-12)

Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided on the day. Eric Grella, the MET Music Facilitator and Assistant Director of Music will be running this workshop, with the assistance of other MET staff members – ensuring adequate supervision and complying with Diocesan safeguarding procedures. **Sunday Mass and Rehearsal: Sunday 20th July** at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta.

Please register online before Wednesday 9th July

THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO HAVE HELPED WITH THE CHURCH 30TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

A big thank you to Margaret Richards, Sister Carmel, Cecilia Zammit, Tricia Murnane, The Liturgy Committee, Lina Wiecek and Vicky Ang for their help in making the church 30th Birthday a great celebration. The church windows have been cleaned this week as part of the maintenance scheduled to be done this year.

JRS AUSTRALIA FOODBANK

A SMALL GIFT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia supports 150 families every week through their Foodbank. Over the month of June for Refugee Week we can support refugees and people seeking asylum by donating items to the food drive through Time out Tuesday. Cooking oil, Dried red lentils, dried chick peas, Dishwashing detergent, clothes washing detergent, basmati rice, or check the longer list in the narthex. Cash can also be donated at the parish office in a marked envelope. Thanks for your support. *Time Out Tuesday*.

ST FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB GAMES NIGHT

Saturday the 14th of June at 6.30pm in the parish hall. Tickets are for \$10 per adult, \$5 per child and \$20 per family. Please register using the QR code.



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

ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES

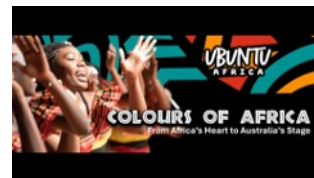


"We all know that it is not possible to sustain the present level of consumption in developed countries and wealthier sectors of society, where the habit of wasting and discarding has reached unprecedented levels." LS n18

- For reflection: Do we respond in a way that leads to a simpler lifestyle? Do we consider ways to use less resources and energy as we go about our daily life?

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIRS <https://africanchildrenschoir.com/> have been touring for 40 years, providing awareness and fundraising for work of the organisation, including provision of education for these children.

The Ubuntu tour groups visit Australia every few years, and are made up of recent high school graduates, who as children, toured with the African Children's Choir. Once they return home to Africa, they will commence their tertiary studies, through financial and pastoral support of the organisation.



On the Blue Mountains leg of the east coast tour, our goal is to raise over \$20,000 by selling 1,500 tickets across the three Blue Mountains concerts:

- * 7pm, Friday 20th June at Katoomba High School
- * 7pm, Saturday 21st June at Wycliffe Christian School in Warrimoo
- * 2pm, Sunday 22nd June at Blackheath Neighbourhood Centre

Funds raised on this tour will go to providing education and well-being programs for vulnerable children in Uganda, Kenya and Rwanda.

You can read more about the 2025 tour here: <https://www.kwaya.org/ubuntuafricatour2025>

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 14TH 15TH JUNE 2025

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am	6.00pm Youth Mass
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Stuart Sheary	Brendan Khnouf
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	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	Peter McMahon	Peter or Trish Hurley	Volunteer Please
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Andrew Teece	Frank Zammit	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Trish Murnane	Nick McMaster
Music	Cantabile		N/A	N/A
IT Operators	Henry Hanco	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	Irene Aligno & Erin Kelly	Elizabeth Christie
Children's Liturgy	Danielle & Andrew			
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson			
Church Care	Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, Gabrielle Lynch & Veronica Clune Mopping group: Andrew Flaherty, Carl Mol, Steve Lee & Bryan Egan			
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene & Bert Aligno			

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ann Sue-Ellen Reardon, George Cottey, Sara Pinato and Noel Flaherty.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Geoff Cullinan, Caroline Goosen, Norman Fisher (Bernie Fisher's brother), Robyn Behrooz, Connor Sipple, Beryl & Stan Callaghan, Pat Barrett, Noreen Taylor, Gerard Keenan (Anita Keenan's Son), Sue Bland, Jacqui Visser, Katie Maloney, Chris Paine, Margaret Stevens, Christopher Thomson, Colleen Nolan, Lyn Downes, Terry Stevens, Mark Bates, David Haynes (Yvonne Scanlan's Dad), Margaret Christensen, Gwen Cullinan, Sophie Hollies, 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:

Keith Tydeman, Daphne Dowding, John Shanahan, Laila Spedding, Jan Ciosmak, John O'Shea, Michael Glover, Valerie Ridings, Father Maurice McNamara, Leonard Rivas, Bridget McLaren, Robert Jones, Karen Bishop, Colin Haywood, Frederick Critchley, Cecilia Egan, Lucy Dunne, Mary Druhan, Peter McKerverey, Richard Whitmore and May O'Donnell.



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