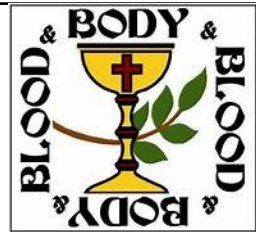




Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
The Barra
 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - Year C
 21st & 22nd June 2025



Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm: 109; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17

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.....

"To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else." -Emily Dickenson

When the complications of life make us shudder we often go into panic because we cannot make sense of things. We wonder how we can go on, and look for countless ways to distract us. Meaning and purpose seem to go out of the window and we can find ourselves searching for easy answers to quell the discomfort of our emotional life. The painting known as "The Scream" created by Edvard Munch in 1893 is often depicted as the epitome of the human being's sense of isolation in a world of senseless meaning. And that was over a century ago. And countless others have commented on life as a trackless desert ever since.

Sometimes it takes a genius to offer such clarity that we can become astounded by a simplicity which draws everything together into a coherence which brings our lives back together. Our quotation today draws on a poem by Emily Dickenson, an American poet (1830-1860) who was unknown during her lifetime. Her poems mirror the simplicity of life showing us the profound insight of self-empowerment by attending to the smaller things of life and extracting the deeper meaning of throwing all one's efforts into doing things mighty well. Another of her poems begins: "Gentle make this bed, make this bed with awe, and in it wait 'til judgement break, excellent and fair." Even in the mundane affairs of life, such as making a bed, there is profound meaning to be found. For the believer life is shot through with the presence of God who is present in each moment of our lives even when they appear to be fruitless.

It is a matter of focusing our gaze to whatever we are engaged in so the we can extract the full flavour of God's presence who brings ultimate meaning and purpose. Thus, consecrating all our experiences. The more we pay attention, even to the small things of life, the more our minds are lifted to the heights, where earth meets heaven, and God is seen to be at the heart of all that we do. Each moment, sacred and filled with glory, we become the recipients of paradise on earth. Once we realise the import of "finding God amidst the pots and pans" and genuflect to his enduring love and presence in our lives, the more we can understand the teaching of Emily Dickenson that "life is so startling it leaves little time for anything else", we become more attuned not only to God, but to the nature of our true expectations for a fulfilled life here on earth. We don't need to go chasing rainbows looking for some ultimate experience elsewhere. It is here in our midst each and every day. All we need do is notice it, and rest in the tender arms of the Almighty.

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Congratulations to all the children who are receiving their 1st Holy Communion this weekend. May God bless them all and their families.

Baptisms

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

Amelia Rose Davis

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 22nd June <i>THE MOST HOLY</i> <i>BODY AND</i> <i>BLOOD OF</i> <i>CHRIST</i> <i>Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1st Holy Communion 11.15am Private Baptism 2.00pm Dawn Willis & Michael Taylor Concert
Monday 23rd June	No Morning Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
Tuesday 24th June <i>The Nativity of</i> <i>St John the</i> <i>Baptist</i>	9.15am Mass 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R
Wednesday 25th June	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 26th June	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm SFNC Executive Meeting M/R
Friday 27th June <i>The Most</i> <i>Sacred Heart of</i> <i>Jesus</i>	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 28th June	9.15am Mass 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 29th June <i>Sts Peter &</i> <i>Paul</i> <i>Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass—PPC Commissioning Mass 10.45am Baptism



Positions Vacant

- ✦ Faith Educator – Confraternity of Christian Doctrine: Diocese of Parramatta
 - ✦ Cathedral Parish Coordinator: St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
 - ✦ Healing and Support Counsellor – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta
 - ✦ Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta
 - ✦ Senior Facilitator – Parish Engagement Lead: Diocese of Parramatta
- More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

Caritas Australia appeals for support for amputees in Gaza

The UN [described](#) Gaza as being “home to the largest cohort of child amputees in modern history”. As of April, the UN reported that [4,500](#) people have been made amputees due to the current conflict.



In response, Caritas Jerusalem is working to support those affected by the loss of limbs, as part of a program supported by Caritas Australia's Gaza Emergency Appeal. We urgently need your support.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online

www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

Public Lecture “Shaping a Culture of Encounter in a Fragmented World” by Prof Leo Lefebure: 26 June

How can religious and interreligious leaders work with political and cultural leaders in shaping a constructive culture of encounter? Georgetown University professor and author Leo Lefebure will explore this question on Thursday, 26 June at 6.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

Register: tinyurl.com/2efk584d

CYP LIFTED Retreat (18-35s): 27-29 June

All young people from the Diocese of Parramatta are warmly invited to join us for this transformative experience. This 3-day retreat will be held at the Collaroy Centre, 22 Homestead Ave, Collaroy. Cost applies. Learn more and express your interest:

parracatholic.org/events/cyp-lifted-retreat-june/

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage Commissioning Mass: 6 July

Join us on 6 July for 6pm Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, as we pray for the youth pilgrims who will travel overseas for this year of Jubilee, as Pilgrims of Hope. All welcome.

CYP LIFTED Retreat (Year 10-12s): 8 July

Catholic Youth Parramatta hosts an annual LIFTED Retreat, a spiritually enriching weekend designed to connect, support and nourish the young people of the Diocese of Parramatta. This retreat is open to Year 10–12 students (ages 16–17), and will be held on 8 July (10am–3pm) at Don Bosco Youth & Recreation Centre, 10 Mamre Rd, St Marys. Register: parracatholic.org/events/cyp-lifted-retreat-8-july/

PPC COMMISSIONING MASS Sunday 29th June at the 9.30am Mass

CHURCH WINDOWS

Thank you to Tim O'Donnell, PPC Member, who organised the cleaning of the church windows. They look marvelous.

MICHAEL TAYLOR

Congratulations to Michael Taylor, parishioner and musician, who recently performed on the ABC TV program 'The Piano'. It was wonderful Michael and all the best to you and your family.

THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA FOR AMY AND ROBERT AMPT will be held on Sunday 13th July at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. Robert has for many years been responsible for the beautiful Easter and Christmas Concerts. This doesn't mean there will be no more concerts, but the future concerts might be slightly different. If you would like to attend this 'thank you' please leave your names on the sheet on the warden's table.
RSVP SUNDAY 29TH JUNE – *Carmel Higgins*.

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*.

AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC OF LOVE, AN OFFERING OF THE BEAUTY OF SACRED MUSIC

Sunday 22nd June 2025 at 2pm

At: St Finbar's Catholic Church

As part of St. Vincent de Paul Winter's Appeal

Entry: by donation, cash or payment by card. Receipts given by email if required.



Help Christians in the Holy Land

Aid to the Church in Need is providing urgent support to the Church in Israel and Gaza in the ongoing conflict. Without your help, many desperate Christian families will be forced to leave.

To make an emergency donation visit www.aidtochurch.org/holyland or scan the QR code



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ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND



Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 6th July at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druitt) at 7pm. The speaker is Fr Tom Green who will talk about and lead discussion on Bl Franz Jägerstätter. 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.

HOMES FOR OLDER WOMEN (HOW) PROGRAM

Do you have a vacant granny flat, studio or house for rent at a reasonable price? Your space can change a life. HOW is a not-for-profit program connecting older women facing housing insecurity and homelessness with compassionate homeowners. Run by Older Women's Network Blue Mountains, the initiative has secured stable housing for 46 women since it launched in May last year. Sadly, there are more than 70 women on the HOW books currently needing shelter and the list grows daily. Please get in touch with HOW if you think you can help:
M: 0493 965 190; E: how@ownnsw.org.au; W: www.how.ownnsw.org.au

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 28TH & 29TH JUNE 2025

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Stuart Sheary
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Servers	Volunteers please		Volunteers Please
Warden	Vince Dobson	Ben Oxley	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Dawn Willis	Kevin Lloyd	Trish Murnane
2nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Erin Kelly
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Peter McMahon	Michelle Wilson
Music	Cormac's group		Lucy Limbers group
IT Operators	Thais Turner	Elizabeth Konza	Pat Watson
Gifts	Parishioners are	Invited to offer to	Bring up the gifts
Communion	Kylie Mills & Jim Barndon	Brian Grech & Helen Keogh	Greg Rowe & Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	Cate & Dan		
Piety Stall	Volunteer Please		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn & Wendy Bohan		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Lyndel & Martin Rogers		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:


Jeff Cullinan, Ann Sue-Ellen Reardon, George Cottee, Sara Pinato and Noel Flaherty.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Chris Wilson, Caroline Goosen, Norman Fisher (Bernie Fisher's brother), Robyn Behrooz, Chris Paine, Beryl & Stan Callaghan, Pat Barrett, Noreen Taylor, Gerard Keenan (Anita Keenan's Son), Jacqui Visser, 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:

Ellen Gillian, James Smith, Margaret Burley, Leonard Rowan, Nancy Cassidy, Emma Gleeson, Betty pain, Mario Carboni, Edward Cornish, Therese Dupressoir, Roger Chambers, Patricia Goldhawk, Arthur Plevy, Esther Crambrook, Rodger Chambers, Mazelle Montgomery, Mary Robb, Valma Davenport, Christopher Robinson & John Dent.



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