



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
The Barra

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

5th & 6th July 2025

Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm: 65; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

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Father John ponders.....

"How do we nurture the soul? By revering our own life. By treating it as supremely important. By reaching for the best within ourselves. By learning to love it all, not only the joys and the victories, but also the pain and the struggles."

-- Nathaniel Branden

It is entirely understandable that one of the chief interests of people is their spiritual lives. The spiritual life is the core of our being and calls out for notice. As a young teenager I well remember large volumes of people seeking spiritual enlightenment by taking passage to India to practise the spirituality of Hinduism or Buddhism. The Beatles had made it very popular. Books were sold by the thousand. Flower power became very popular and youngsters abandoned everything to make their way to California. It was a pipe dream because people were more interested in the esoteric experience of nirvana and drifted into substance abuse to achieve this cherished notion.

One problem is that this journey was not real, it was a distraction which promised much and delivered very little. It was an opium of the people. For spirituality to be authentic it must be involved with real life just as we are involved in real life. Spirituality is neither an abstraction nor an escape to some fanciful realm. The soul subsists within ourselves and its life, which we call spirituality, is part of everything we do in the here and now. It is not extraneous to ourselves. Our quote today, from Nathaniel Branden, really helps to ground ourselves in following a path of spiritual renewal as involvement in life itself. Its component is our very lives and experiences.

To reach the "best within ourselves" requires paying attention to the whole of who we are. Considering that the soul was created for God's presence, an authentic spirituality includes recognising the divine life within us. There are joys and victories for which to give thanks, and there are pain and struggles with which we need to come to terms. But this interior life, the life of the soul, is never detached from the Divine. The more we can become familiar with the life of the soul the more we can appreciate all the inner movements which sanctify our daily lives and direct us heavenward to notice God in all things.

The best within ourselves is God himself. This does not mean that we are useless because we have been made in the Image of God and so bear this godliness which we need to reverence. We partake in the divine life which we live out here on earth so everything we do to live out our lives is part and parcel of the spiritual journey. We don't need to look anywhere else for some spiritual kick. We can find the truth within.



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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

Sunday 6th July <i>14th Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary</i> <i>Time</i> <i>Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1st Holy Communion 6.00pm Youth Mass Live Streaming link https://youtube.com/live/Utg3lq68eyk?feature=share 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C
Monday 7th July	No Morning Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
Tuesday 8th July	9.15am Mass 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Wednesday 9th July	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 10th July	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Friday 11th July <i>St Benedict</i>	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 12th July	9.15am Mass 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 13th July <i>15th Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary</i> <i>Time</i> <i>Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 2.00pm Afternoon tea to farewell Robert & Amy Ampt P/C

Positions Vacant

- ✦ Healing and Support Counsellor – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta
 - ✦ Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta
- More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday & NAIDOC Week: 6-13 July

On the first weekend in July, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday (6 July) to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. The feast day is followed by National NAIDOC Week, an opportunity for all people in Australian to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. Find out more at naidoc.org.au

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/

Children's Liturgy Workshop: 24 July

Are you a part of children's liturgy or looking to get started? Come along to this informative workshop to learn more about the Diocesan guidelines, meet children's liturgy teams from other parishes, and ask any questions you may have about this rewarding ministry. This workshop will be held at Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown on Thursday 24 July at 7-8:30pm. Please RSVP via parracatholic.org/events/OFW by 18 July. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.



ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Is a course designed to introduce people into the life, worship and culture of the Catholic faith.

Do you have an interest in finding out more about what Catholics believe and how they live their lives?

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic and giving your life depth?

Do you know of anybody who would be interested?

At Saint Finbar's we will soon begin this course of instruction by way of friendly and informative evening sessions beginning Wednesday, 24th September 2025 at 7pm.

If you are interested, please contact the parish secretary at secretary@stfinbars.org.au

MEETING MYSELF: A SHORT COURSE IN PSYCH SPIRITUALITY.

This brief course will introduce us to hidden aspects of ourselves that we may never have considered as impeding ourselves in life and in our relationships with one another and with God.

The eight week presentation will be delivered by Father John Hogan, parish priest in Glenbrook. His hope is to help people flourish in life, unencumbered by underlying traits which can trip people up so easily.

Beginning Thursday 11th September at 7pm. It is essential to book in advance.

Please contact the parish secretary at secretary@stfinbars.org.au

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT.

The Parish Trivia Night will be on Saturday the 9th of August after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.

Cost: \$10 pp in Cash on night. Father John has decided that the money raised will go towards the parish Youth Group. There will be 18 tables in total, each table will have 8 people.

Please add your name to the list on the Warden's table. For more information please contact the parish office.

PARISH BEAREAVEMENT TEAM

Volunteers are needed to join the Parish Bereavement team. They will be needed to help with preparing and serving food and refreshments at the parish funerals.

If you can help please contact the parish office on 47426958. Thank you for all your help and support.



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. *Carmel Higgins.*

LOST AND FOUND

A table is set in the Narthex with all the lost and found items please take yours home today.



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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 12TH & 13TH JULY 2025

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Jim Barndon	Carl Moll	Garry Purchasehouse
Senior Server	Jim Barndon	Carl Moll	Nick McMaster
Junior Servers	Quentin Lynch & Eoghan McKenna		Oliver Wilson & Noah Young
Warden	Maree Roach	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Volunteer Please	Peter McMahon	Richard Cutler
2nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Geraldine Agahari	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Elizabeth Konza	Michelle Wilson
Music	Bernadette Phillips		Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Kylie Mills	Sophia Karatovic
Gifts	Margaret & Michael Richards	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Brian & Thea Robertson	Jim & Kath Tierney	Colin Stead & Gerard Egan
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Jane Lennon, Elizabeth Christie & Valeska Madrid		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Liz & Daren Dukes		
Lawn Mowing	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Brendan Christie		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Raymond O'Callaghan (Carmel Dobson's Brother), 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), Maddison Farrugia, 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, 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:

Eliza Nolan, Helen Lum, Kathleen Higgins, John Coyle, Pining Brown, Raymond Heaver, Joan Sisson, Sam Chew, Jean McMillan, Kathryn Hazell, Harry Taylor, Aloysius McGlynn, Mildred Jordan, David Aitken, Kathleen O'Connor, Ric Baradinsky, Danielle Archer, Victor Baker, Leon Smith, Lorraine Grant, Jack Roles, Garry Thew and Patricia Bates.



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