



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
**The Barra**

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

12th & 13th July 2025

**Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm: 68; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37**

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**Father John ponders.....**

*"...what I focus on in life is what I get. And if I concentrate on how bad I am or how wrong I am or how inadequate I am, if I concentrate on what I can't do and how there's not enough time in which to do it, isn't that what I get every time? And when I think about how powerful I am, and when I think about what I have left to contribute, and when I think about the difference I can make on this planet, then that's what I get. You see, I recognize that it's not what happens to you; it's what you do about it."*

*-- W. Mitchell*

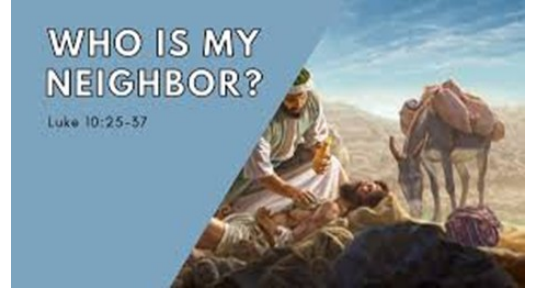
How do we make our way in life? This has been one of the main questions which humanity has posed to itself. Philosophies abound about the nature of the human condition and how to solve the puzzle of making advancement. Most of these ideas deal with the secular world and make recommendations about how to get on in life. We might also consider more religious philosophies which ignore this life and concentrate on the life to come. The Judeo-Christian position includes both approaches. We only have to think about the wisdom literature of the Old Testament to get the idea that we are given solid advice on how to flourish in this world by living a life of virtue. The moral vision of the Catholic Church likewise encourages living well the commandments of God in this world to be prepared for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our quotation today may seem a bit obscure, but it conveys the wisdom of centuries. In short: what I concentrate on I get more of! It is very easy to concentrate on the bad things which happen to us, and when our concentration is geared to the bad stuff of life then it is primed to see it. The same is true about the weaker sides of ourselves. If that is the only thing we see, then that is what will keep showing up.

Becoming agents of our lives (with the help of the Holy Spirit) we can become free of attitudes which leave us stranded in life and beholden to the external and negative perceptions which can hold us back. When we become agents of our lives we are in a position to do something about life and not to be fooled into thinking we are at the behest of external things. We need a new vision of ourselves as good and capable individuals who are not going to be thrown around by life, but people who can take life by the scruff of the neck and make sure we handle life to our advantage. Looking out for the positive is a sure way of priming ourselves to benefit from what life has to offer. If we can be on the lookout for what might be opportunities to be virtuous, we can follow the Lord Jesus through death into Resurrection. What better outcome?

**WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?**

Luke 10:25-37



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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

<b>Sunday</b> <b>13th July</b> <i>15th Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary</i> <i>Time</i> <i>Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 2.00pm Afternoon tea to farewell Robert & Amy Ampt P/C
<b>Monday</b> <b>14th July</b>	<b>No Morning Mass. Office is closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>15th July</b> <i>St</i> <i>Bonaventure</i>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 10.00am Time Out Tuesday P/C 1.00pm Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm PFC Meeting M/R
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>16th July</b>	<b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>17th July</b>	<b>9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea</b> 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>18th July</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
<b>Saturday</b> <b>19th July</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 4.30pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>20th July</b> <i>16th Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary</i> <i>Time</i> <i>Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> Live Streaming Link <a href="https://youtube.com/live/NIGy3oeUBfy?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/NIGy3oeUBfy?feature=share</a> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C

## NEW WORKING GROUP: SOCIAL JUSTICE & ECOLOGY.

We're forming a new "Social Justice and Ecology Working Group" at St Finbars and warmly invite volunteers to get involved.

If you're passionate about caring for creation, advocating for justice, or simply want to explore how our faith calls us to action, we'd love to hear from you.

An informal info session will be held on

**Wednesday 30th July at 7pm** to shape the group's direction together at meeting room at St Finbar's To express interest or learn more, contact Elizabeth Rowe (Social Justice) on 0456 793767

[rewealthn@bigpond.com](mailto:rewealthn@bigpond.com) or Melissa McDonald on 0408693042 or [melissajmc@bigpond.com](mailto:melissajmc@bigpond.com)

Let's be a voice for justice and a force for hope—together.

## DIocese of Parramatta Notices

### Positions Vacant

- Healing and Support Counsellor – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta
- Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/Catholic Outlook Feedback survey!](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/Catholic%20Outlook%20Feedback%20survey!)

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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. Liturgical resources and more information are available at [natsicc.org.au/2025-atsi-sunday.html](http://natsicc.org.au/2025-atsi-sunday.html). 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](http://naidoc.org.au)

### HOPEFEST: 8-10 August

HOPEFEST is a Diocesan Jubilee of Hope three-day experience for all ages hosted by St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens.

Experiences will include praise & worship, a local pilgrimage from Stanhope Parish to the Franciscan Shrine in Kellyville, community activities, life & faith workshops and opportunities to celebrate the sacraments.

Register via <https://parracatholic.org/events/hopefest/>

## **PARISH BANKING BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT**

Since the start of the new financial year our bank has made it more difficult for the parish to bank coins. It has removed the machine that allowed us to deposit coins directly into the parish account.

Now we are required to count individually each denomination of coin, total them all up, and then prepare a special deposit bag that we have to lodge separately for it to be remotely processed.

It would assist the parish greatly if the amount of coin placed in the collection bags at Mass each weekend could be limited to just \$2 and \$1 coins.

Thank you all for the donations you make – these are vital to keep our parish running, and if you can see your way clear to increasing them slightly this would help even more!

*Fr John Hogan P.P.*

## **FROM TIME OUT TUESDAY,**

A big thank you to all those who donated to the Jesuit Refugee Service food drive with cash, food and household items. JRS really appreciated our Parish effort. Time Out made and donated 22 patchwork quilts and 12 crocheted rugs. Photos of the work are on the notice board. Thanks again from the ladies at Time Out Tuesday.

## **PARISH OFFICE UPDATE**

Just to let you know that Tamar Alzened has started her new job on Wednesday. It went really well. Also, please note that I will be away on holiday from Tuesday the 22nd of July to Friday the 8th of August. If you need to contact the parish office please email Peter/Tamar on [admin@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:admin@stfinbars.org.au).

## **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](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)

## **MEETING MYSELF: A SHORT COURSE IN PSYCHOSPIRITUALITY.**

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 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. It is essential to book in advance.

Please contact the parish secretary at [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto: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 the night. Father John has decided that the money raised will go towards the parish Youth Group. There will be 18 tables in total, and 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.



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# LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 19TH & 20TH JULY 2025

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am	6.00pm Youth Mass
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Stuart Sheary	Brendan Khnouf
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Peter McIlvenna	Brendan Khnouf & Quentin Lynch
Junior Servers	Volunteer Please		Zoe Wilson, Dominic Sheary & Tim Kensey	Sophia Lynch
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick	Daniel Lynch
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maire Griffin	Kevin Lloyd	Peter or Trish Hurley	Volunteer Please
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Carl Moll	Erin Kelly	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick	Nick McMaster
Music	Cantabile		Volunteer please	N/A
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Elizabeth Konza	Dan Kensey	Lachlan Lloyd
Gifts	Volunteers Please	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family	N/A
Communion	Ahyiesha D'Souza & Volunteer Please	Brian Grech & Helen Keogh	Todd Stanford & Erin Kelly	Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays			
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson			
Church Care	Claire Warren, Liam & Connor Isaksen			
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene and Bert Aligno			

## 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:

Melissa Mills (Kylie Mills' sister in law), 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:

Bill Baldwin, Thomas Boyle, Scott Grzonkowski, Janet Noonan, Geraldine James (Boyle), John Kelly, Margaret Frost, Kim Nolan, Jean Cottier, Kevin Bohan, Wacław Zajicek, Thomas Binns, Kevin O'Donnell, Peter Nash, Kathleen O'Connor, Rita Cloran and Frances Huia Kingi.



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