



**St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook**  
**The Barra**  
**THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS -**  
**Year C**  
**13th & 14th September 2025**

God's love  
will lift us up  
through the  
Cross of Jesus.

**Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm: 77; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17**

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

***"Homogeneity makes for healthy milk but anaemic friendships. We need relationships that cross culturally imposed lines to enlarge our hearts and expand our vistas." (Dan Schmidt)***

It has been a constant cry in the Old Testament that we should give a warm welcome to strangers. While the stranger in those days may be not quite so defined as in our modern era with mass communications so evident in our lives, the Church herself has been just as determined to encourage us to continue to welcome the stranger. This insistence should mellow our hearts for those among us who are struggling to make a living, confused by a very different cultural milieu and to fit in in order to flourish as a human being. People from overseas who have chosen to live in Australia, and been granted to do so by the government, deserve our support because they are made in the Image of God. This is the true homogeneity of which Dan Schmidt speaks today in our quotation. The bare bones of humanity is that we are all the same, conferred with the Image of God.

We need to see beyond the superficial differences of colour, culture and creed. God has not decreed that one culture is any better than another culture, nor that one colour supersedes another colour. Variety is a gift of creation which we need to learn to embrace in order to fulfil Christ's command to love one another as He has loved us. Of course one culture or nation may see itself as superior to others. Let us never forget the Teutonic Superman, an idea espoused by Adolf Hitler, which posed this very idea to the detriment of so many peoples' deaths in concentration camps and in war.

We have many cultures in Australia. Sometimes there is trouble between them initiated by the few who have little idea of cohesion and understanding. They are willing to be bounded by a narrow view of one culture against another. But cultures emerge according to circumstances of one kind or another. Who is right? God's culture of course: the one about self-sacrificing love for the sake of the world. The psychologist Karl Jung put it nicely when he referred to the "Echo Chamber" describing people who only listen and associate with people who think only like themselves. Their prejudices are constantly reinforced. And, unfortunately, critical thinking is no longer available to them. Who on earth would want to associate with anyone in that position of personal enclosure?

As Christians we look to the world, we welcome the stranger who may very well have something valuable to offer us by way of fresh insights and different perspectives on life and love. Widening our own minds is a precious gift by which we expand our experience of life and flourishing and, perhaps, reach out to God.

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**Weddings:** By Appointment

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**Facebook:** Glenbrook Catholic Church St Finbars

**Parish School:** Principal  
 Mrs Robyn Clarke  
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**Baptisms**

The Parish joyfully welcomes the Baptism of

**Sabrina Chloe Andersen**  
 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

<b>Sunday</b> <b>14th September</b> <i>The Exaltation of the Cross</i> <i>Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>10.45am Baptisms</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>15th September</b> <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	<b>No Morning Mass. Office is closed</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>16th September</b> <i>Sts Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 10.00am Timeout Tuesday M/R <b>11.00am Robyn Behrooz Funeral Mass</b> 1.00pm Pastoral Care meeting M/R 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting M/R
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>17th September</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Social Justice Meeting M/R 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>18th September</b>	<b>9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea</b> 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.00pm Meeting Myself talk by Father John P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>19th September</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b> 1.30pm Bowlers P/C 4.30pm Concert Committee Meeting M/R
<b>Saturday</b> <b>20th September</b> <i>Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chung Ha-sang &amp; Companions</i>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 4.30pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>21st September</b> <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary 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/zV5dNkp_f0?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/zV5dNkp_f0?feature=share</a> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C

### **Bishop's Father's Day Appeal – supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve.**

This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care. Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives.



**Our Parish Father's Day Appeal will be held at all Masses this weekend.** Please give generously at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan the QR code. Thank you.

### **Positions Vacant**

- Parish Secretary – Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

### **Thank you for your legacy of faith, hope and charity**

On International Legacy Day (13 September), we thank those who continue to advance our ministry through charitable giving. By leaving a legacy gift in your Will to the Church, you're planting seeds of faith that blossom well beyond your lifetime. Learn more: <https://parracatholic.org/donate/will/>

### **Mary and Synodality Short Course: 17, 24 September**

Join us for a 4-week formation series, Mary & Synodality: Perspectives in Marian Theology for our Synodal Church, presented by Qwayne Guevara (MA Theology and Ministry, Grad Dip Theol). Through Scripture, theology, and contemporary thought, we will explore how Mary's witness offers inspiration for servant leadership, Spirit-filled collaboration, compassionate accompaniment, and hope-filled discernment in a synodal Church. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays in September at the Bethany Centre, 470 Church St, North Parramatta. Register today at [parracatholic.org/maryandsynodality](http://parracatholic.org/maryandsynodality)

### **A QUIET DAY OF SILENCE, STILLNESS AND SIMPLICITY**

A time for spiritual nourishment, growth and renewal, reflecting on the teachings of John Main OSB  
**When:** Saturday October 11 2025 from 10am to 3pm  
**Location:** Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall, 165 Wentworth St, Blackheath  
 BYO lunch, tea/coffee and morning tea provided  
 We will meditate together, share periods of silence and times of reflection on selected talks, on prayer, from John Main OSB. If you plan to attend please email Marilyn Jones- [marilyn.jones5@bigpond.com](mailto:marilyn.jones5@bigpond.com) or phone 0401 637 759. Donations as you wish. Books will be for sale and Community CDs will be available for free.

## ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

### NO MORNING MASSES ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY THIS WEEK.

Father John has to be fasting ahead of medical appointments and he won't be able to celebrate morning Masses on Wednesday and Friday morning this week.

### TIMEOUT TUESDAY - 16TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Please note that TIMEOUT TUESDAY will be in the meeting room on Tuesday the 16th of September.

### ROBYN BEHROOZ FUNERAL MASS AND WAKE at 11am

Robyn's Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday the 16th of September at 11am followed by the Wake in the parish hall.

**VOLUNTEER PARISH HANDYMAN** is needed for the parish to help with small jobs in the Presbytery, parish hall and the church. If you are able to help please contact the parish office on 4742 6958. Thank you.

### SEASON OF CREATION.

As part of our parish's celebrations for the Season of Creation, Masses on the weekend of 20/21 September will use the Parramatta Diocese's Order of Mass for the Season of Creation. As a tangible sign of thanking God for the bountiful gifts He has given to us in our natural world, parishioners are invited to bring an item of fresh produce (e.g. flowers from your garden, plant cuttings, seedlings, fruit, vegetables, etc) that will be brought to the altar as part of the offertory procession. Please place your offering in the baskets that will be available in the narthex.

In order to share these gifts with each other in our parish community, after Mass please take home a gift that has been offered by a fellow parishioner.

### BIBLE STUDY

St Finbars is offering a new, short course called **Introduction to the Bible**. As you know the Bible is the basis of our Christian faith. On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025, Pope Leo XIV focused in his address on the Bible reading from Luke 13:22-30: "*Jesus is the gate through which we must pass in order to be saved*".

This new course is for those who know very little or nothing about the Bible but would like to know more. It is only for beginners. The course is guided by Gideon Goosen PhD.

It begins after the school holidays, on Tuesdays in October from 11 to 12 noon in the Meeting Room.

If you are interested register by 12<sup>th</sup> September with St Finbar's secretary. No cost. Details on the church noticeboard.

### PIETY STALL CLEARANCE SALE

The parish is trying to revamp the Piety Stall at the front of the church with new products. The sale items will be put in baskets in the Narthex and will be for sale for less than half price. Thank you for your support.

### ST FINBAR'S FEAST DAY - SUNDAY 28TH OF SEPTEMBER AT THE 9.30AM MASS

All parishioners are invited to join St Finbar's Parish Community to celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint starting with a 9.30am Mass then a sausage sizzle, morning tea and games for the children. Hope you will be able to attend. *If you can please wear green to Mass in honour of our Irish patron saint.*

*A heart felt thank you from Jacqui Visser to Vince Dobson and Carmel's for their help this week. May God bless you both with great health and long life. Jacqui Visser.*

### THE ART OF VIOLIN - PRESENTED BY BACH AKADEMIE AUSTRALIA

Bach Akademie Australia returns to St Finbar's on **Sunday September 28 at 2.30pm** to present a concert featuring Baroque violin concertos.

This program shines a light on how German, Italian and French composers interpreted this genre with concertos by Telemann, Leclair, Handel, Vivaldi and Bach performed by Artistic Director Madeleine Easton, Rafael Font and Simone Slattery.

**Tickets:** <https://www.bachakademieaustralia.com.au/events> or call 1300 785 377



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# LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 20TH & 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am	6.00pm Youth Mass
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Stuart Sheary	Nick McMaster
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Martin Rogers	Nick McMaster & Quentin Lynch
Junior Servers	Volunteers Please		Joseph Sheary & Johnny Hamilton	Sophie Lynch
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick	Daniel Lynch
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maire Griffin	Kevin Lloyd	Peter or Trish Hurley	Elizabeth Christie
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Carl Moll	Erin Kelly	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick	Volunteer Please
Music	Cantabile			
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Elizabeth Konza	Dan Kensey	Lachlan Lloyd
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robetson	Kay Whitty	The Wilson's Family	N/A
Communion	Ahyiesha D'Souza & Bernie Fisher	Jean Di Nucci & Jim Tierney	Todd Stanford & Erin Kelly	Brendan Khnouf
Children's Liturgy	Colin & Angela			
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson			
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Leesa & Wayne Gillard. Moppin Group: Youth Group			
Hospitality	Peter & Trish Hurley, Irene and Bert Aligno			

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Robyn Behrooz, Terry McMahon (Peter McMahon's Brother), Vanda O'Donnell (Tim O'Donnell's Mother), Wim Boere, Yeranouhy Apkarian (Tamar Alzened' s Mother).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Anita Keenan, Natalie Gott, Melissa Mills (Kylie Mills' sister in law), Chris Wilson, Caroline Goosen, Chris Paine, Norman Fisher (Bernie Fisher's brother), Beryl & Stan Callaghan, Pat Barrett, Terry Stevens, Noreen Taylor, Jacqui Visser, Mark Bates, Maddison Farrugia, Lyn Downes, Gerard Keenan (Anita Keenan's Son), Margaret Stevens, Christopher Thomson, Colleen Nolan, David Haynes (Yvonne Scanlan's Dad), Sophie Hollies, Margaret Christensen, 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:

Michael Taylor, Charlotte Mansour, John Gillian, Margaret O'Hare, Paul Moore, Margaret Hunt, Marie Lutton, Patricia Flynn, Fred Clinton, William Waters, Thomas Charles, Baby Amber Jenkins, Pamela Cottee, Rosina Merchant and Victoria Girgenti.

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