



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
The Barra
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED-Year C
1st & 2nd November 2025



Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm: 26; Romans 5:5-11; Luke 7:11-17

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<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/>

Father John ponders.....

"If each of us sweeps in front of our own steps, the whole world would be clean." -- Goethe

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness" as the old saying goes. And we always knew, even as children, that it meant more than washing our hands and faces. In our modern era of daily showers we have learned to be very attuned to cleanliness and the needs of our bodies. And that's before we add anything about pandemics! Our quotation today from Goethe, a German poet and writer of a few centuries ago, certainly inspires us to contemplate the advantages of tidiness and cleanliness. A particular theme might also be considered: personal responsibility.

It is so easy when things are messy to presume others will do the cleaning up. Of course, as always, we never created the mess so we abdicate all responsibility for it. And why not? Any old justification will do to save us from effort. Yet, we are all living in shared spaces and owe it to others to do our part. But we must take Goethe's advice much further than looking out for the local environment. We need to address the social and spiritual impact of his teaching. The way we live our lives has an effect on other people. How we look at them with judgment and treat them according to our high standards. How we become jealous of them because they have stuff that we don't have, focusing on what is missing in our lives. Maybe gossiping and telling lies about them just so that we can feel good about ourselves. The list can go on and on.

What we seem to miss out on is the realisation that they are doing the same thing to us. It appears to be the same ongoing game played by fallen human beings attempting to make themselves out to be better than others. And treating one another in these ways is bound to lead to friction and animosity. Yes, the Fall from Grace has had powerful repercussions in the spiritual and moral order. If it isn't countries at war it is groups or individuals who are eager to cause havoc, in the name of what precisely?

Sorting out our own lives is the sweeping of the doorstep. In the Gospel, Zacchaeus is eager to put right all the wrong he had previously done. As a tax collector his front doorstep was dirty indeed. But face to face with Christ he experiences a profound moment of repentance with an intense willingness to make reparations. In short, he was showing a very good example by learning to live his life in a whole new way.

If the whole of the world would do this then the world would be a mighty fine place. Should each of us set the ball rolling?

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Weddings: By Appointment
Web: www.stfinbars.org.au
Facebook: Glenbrook Catholic Church St Finbars

Parish School: Principal
 Mrs Robyn Clarke
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Wedding

The Parish joyfully congratulates
Sean Tinsley & Tamara Simpson

for their wedding this
 Saturday.

May God bless their
 marriage with endless
 love and happiness.



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 2nd November <i>The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass– St Vincent's de Paul 70th Anniversary Conference. 6.00pm All Souls Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C
Monday 3rd November	No Morning Mass. Office is closed
Tuesday 4th November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Wednesday 5th November	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting M/R
Thursday 6th November	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Friday 7th November	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C 7.00pm Concert Rehearsal
Saturday 8th November	9.15am Mass 10.15am CYP Music workshop P/C 4.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 9th November <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass - Red November Mass 10.45am Baptisms 3.00pm Penrith City Choir Concert

2026 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

Franciscan & Columban calendars are now on sale at the Wardens' table.

\$8 Franciscan, \$10 Columban

Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Society.

Positions Vacant

- Senior Employment Relations Advisor – Diocese of Parramatta
- Administration and Projects Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

FaithLIFE Ministry: 5 + 19 November

Wanting to refresh your skills in ministry? Seeking or currently involved in ministry with your faith community? Sign up now for the 2-session FaithLIFE Ministry short course with Alison & Donnie from the Mission Enhancement Team (MET) on Wednesday 5 NOV + 19 NOV 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, cnr Flushcombe Road! Details via <https://tr.ee/sAMkSrihAI> OR get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

Rosary Making Workshops throughout November

Come along for a fun day of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft days and evenings will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown on the following days.

- Monday 10 November from 10am to 11:30am
 - Monday 10 November from 1pm to 2:30pm
 - Tuesday 11 November from 7pm to 8:30pm
 - Tuesday 18 November from 7pm to 8:30pm
- Costs are \$10 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Formation: 8 November

Are you currently taking Communion to the sick and dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. Saturday 8 November from 9:30am – 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 3 Nov, please contact the Office for Worship Team OFW@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

IWITNESS CONFERENCE 2025 – YOUNG ADULTS (18–35 YRS)

The annual iWitness Conference will be held from **11–14 December 2025** in Cobbity, Sydney. Since World Youth Day 2008, iWitness has been helping young adults grow in their Catholic faith, make lasting friendships, and experience the joy of living out their faith together. For more information and registration, visit www.iwitnessaustralia.com or search *iWitness Australia* on Facebook/Instagram.

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

MEETING MYSELF

The eight week course "Meeting Myself" has now concluded. Father John would like to thank all those who participated and that they are richer for the experience. Hopefully they will take away ideas to enhance life's journey.

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY FOR FATHER JOHN HOGAN

This weekend we celebrate the 1st Anniversary of having Father John Hogan as our parish priest. The parish would like to take this opportunity to thank Father John for his Ministry and dedication and may God bless him.

RED NOVEMBER MASS SUNDAY 9TH OF NOVEMBER AT 9.30AM MASS

Red November is an international initiative of Aid to the Church in Need. It is a day to stand up for faith and freedom; to gather and pray for those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red.

READERS ARE NEEDED TO READ THE PRAYER TEXT THAT ACCOMPANIES THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE EACH WEEK

Readers are invited to place their name on a special roster to read the prayer text that accompany the lighting of the Advent Candle each week during Advent for the 3 different Masses. If you would like to add your name to the roster please contact the parish office on secretary@stfinbars.org.au to register your name.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance will be on permanent display on the Sanctuary during the month of November. Parishioners can add the names of any family members or loved ones who have passed to eternal life. Please do not enter any names that are already in the book.

NOVEMBER

Is the month we especially remember our departed brothers and sisters, parents and family members. Please pray for them and remember them in the Masses. Special Mass Envelopes are available on the Warden's table.

URGENTLY NEEDED - CHURCH CARE VOLUNTEERS

Church care volunteers are needed to help clean the church, you will be rostered every two month with a group that do the cleaning on a Friday or Saturday mornings. We have two ladies leaving by the end of the year. We will need at least 3 to 4 new volunteers to help as some of the groups have 2 ladies only. If you are able to help please ring the parish office or email secretary@stfinbars.org.au. Thank for your help.



BLUE MOUNTAINS DEANERY will be having a Eucharistic Procession for the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday the 23rd of November with the very generous support of Fr Jack Elkazzi.

The procession will be starting from the sports field within St Thomas Aquinas Primary School and go to St Thomas Aquinas Church where Mass shall be celebrated at 10am. Morning Tea will follow. All are welcome, in fact we encourage people to come.

PENRITH CITY CHOIR presents "REMEMBRANCE"

Featuring Karl Jenkins' "The Armed Man"

Accompanied by Heather Moen Boyd on St Finbar's organ.

Sunday 9th November, 3pm.

Admission \$30 adults, \$25 concession, \$10 children



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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 8TH & 9TH NOVEMBER 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	Volunteers Please		Summer & Oliver Wilson, Noah Young
Warden	Maree Roach	Ben Oxley	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Maureen Tulk	Peter McMahon	Richard Cutler
2nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Gerladine Agahari	Frank Fitzpatrick
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Elizabeth Konza	Joanne Stubbs
Music			Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Elizabeth Konza	Sophia Karatovic
Gifts	Margaret & Michael Richards	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Brian Robertson & Vince Dobson	Jim & Kath Tierney	Gerard Egan & Yvonne Scanlan
Children's Liturgy	Elizabeth & Jess		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Volunteers please		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Liz & Daren Dukes		
Lawn Mowing	Tony Doyle, Darren Dukes & Bryan Egan		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

John McKendry, Ian Lack (Lina Wiecek's brother in law) and Robyn Behrooz.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

John Brown, Mila Svehla, Anita Keenan, Natalie Gott, Melissa Mills (Kylie Mills' sister in law), Chris Wilson, Caroline Goosen, Chris Paine, Norman Fisher (Bernie Fisher's brother), Noreen Taylor, Beryl & Stan Callaghan, Pat Barrett, Terry Stevens, 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:

Alice Cleary, Julie Young, Scott Blondahl, Kathleen Grange, Marjorie Gormly, Ian Robinson, Andrew Pallett, Gerard Vandeweyer, Julia Barakat, Patricia Hazelton, Rose Hannigan, Genevieve Donnelly, Elizabeth Rynne, Agnes Gregory, Clive McInnes, Ludo Bos, Rose Hughes, Mikaela Au, Monica Roebuck and Michele Tagg.

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