



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

14th & 15th February 2026

"I have come
not to abolish
but to fulfill."

-Matthew 5:17-37

Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm: 118; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

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

Father John ponders.....

PARISH INFORMATION

YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS PRAYER

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen

This weekend we give ourselves the opportunity to reflect on the Year of Saint Francis. This prayer is authorised by Pope Leo XIV to give us light and strength in associating our spiritual lives and life-efforts with the sanctity of Saint Francis. We know that the good saint was a beacon of hope in a perilous age but whose preferential option was always for the poor. This was exemplified by his own dedication to Lady Poverty. His charisma drew so many other people to him who wanted to dedicate their lives to God without the hinderance of the things of this world.

His universal view on life led him to see so many things as his brothers and sisters which he understood to be helpers in understanding the ways of God. Referring to himself as Brother Ass was a tribute to his humility as disavowing his own self-importance especially when he got in the way of revealing the Lord Jesus Christ. And all with such a joyful demeanor that others couldn't help themselves to be part of his company. His only point of reference was Jesus Christ and the building up of his Church. His spirituality of simplicity was certainly an apostolic/pastoral one for he served others graciously and with no thought for himself. In adopting this attitude throughout his life, himself always in the background, he relied so heavily on the Holy Spirit that his works were so successful.

His own beautiful prayer, encouraging us all to be channels of peace, is a daily encouragement to spur each of us to bring the peace of God to all we meet. The more we can see this to be true the more we can embolden ourselves to be true imitators of Saint Francis that his efforts to re-humanise humanity may thwart the hatred and division which can spring up so easily among fallen humanity. Let each of us take a leaf out of Francis' book and do what little we can to bring about a new world. Saint Francis, Man of Peace, pray for us.

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ASH WEDNESDAY & SCHOOL OPENING MASSES

Please note that the whole school will be attending the Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, 18 February at 9.15am.

The Opening of the School Year Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 20 February at 9.15am.

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

PARRAMATTA DIOCESE NEWS

Sunday 15th February <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary time</i> <i>Year A</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Youth Group P/C
Monday 16th February	No Morning Mass -Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
Tuesday 17th February	9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Wednesday 18th February <i>Ash Wednesday (Fast & Abstinence)</i>	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup 7.00pm Ash Wednesday Mass 7.00pm Bridge P/C
Thursday 19th February	9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea 11.00am Funeral Service for Jennifer Devlin 1.00pm Bridge P/C 3.30pm Mila's Lenten Group M/R 7.00pm Earth Care & Social Justice group M/R
Friday 20th February	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 21st February	9.00am Martin's Lenten Group M/R 9.15am Mass 10.00am Waste & Recycling Workshop P/C 4.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 22nd February <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Year A</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms

FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course: Begins 10 February

FaithLIFE Scripture offers a 3-session Catholic Bible study and faith formation short course on how to engage with the Bible through the Catholic tradition during turbulent times. The program will run on Tuesday 10, 17 and 24 February at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, from 7pm to 9pm. The program is facilitated by Scripture scholar Dr Michele Connolly RSJ and is open to adults of all ages and supports ongoing adult faith formation.

To register, visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/faithlife-scripture-session-1/>

Catholic Youth Parramatta 2026 Kick-Off: 26 February

Young people from across the Diocese are invited to an evening of celebration as we begin 2026 together. Hear testimonies from local leaders, take part in prayer, connect with others, and discover the vision for Catholic Youth Parramatta in the year ahead. Join us on Thursday 26 February from 7pm to 9.30pm at Holy Family Primary School, 11 Emert Parade, Emerton. Register today: <https://parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/>

YOU ARE INVITED - EARTHCARE WORKSHOP SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 10AM-1.30PM

Better managing our food waste is a practical and important way we can become better stewards of the Earth, our common home.

Two Council-run workshops will be run on 21st February on reducing our food waste and composting to help us to better revere God's creation, through more thoughtful waste management.

We will also learn about Council's plans for moving to the FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics) bin system in 2027.

Register at <https://events.humanitix.com/avoiding-food-waste-and-composting> or through the QR code in the flyer posted in the Narthex. Note places are limited so please register ASAP.

DISCOVER YOUR GIFTS

Are you wondering - How can I know and follow Jesus' plan for my life? What special gifts has God given me? How can I go deeper in my faith journey?

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes", then the Called & Gifted Discernment Process (C&G) may be for you. C&G helps Christians recognise the unique charisms, or spiritual gifts, that they have been given in order to represent Christ and be a channel of God's goodness for others. St Finbars will be running C&G over six sessions beginning Tuesday 24 February. For more information see the flyer in the narthex, or call Dan Kensey on 0403 995 620. The cost is \$100 per person.

COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE IN THE CHURCH

The parish is currently experiencing a major system failure affecting the **Church, Parish Office, Presbytery, and Hall**. This was caused by a recent **thunderstorm and lightning strike**, which resulted in significant damage to our equipment.

We are awaiting assessments from both the Audio/Visual specialist and the computer technician. Their reports will allow us to submit the necessary documentation to the **insurance company** to determine whether an insurance claim can be made.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to restore all systems as soon as possible.

2026 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Parents of children who wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2026 are invited to attend Parents Sacramental Information Night on Tuesday the 3rd of March at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Registration Forms and requirements for participation in each of the Sacraments will be discussed and distributed during the meeting. Children need not attend.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)- Years 3&4:

Will be held on Saturday the 9th of May at 2.30pm.

Preparation sessions to start on Thursday the 23rd of April at 5pm in the parish hall.

Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion -Years 3&4:

Will be held on Sunday the 21st of June at the 9.30am Mass. Preparation sessions to start on Thursday the 21st of May at 5pm in the parish hall.

Sacrament of Confirmation Years- 5 & 6:

Will be held on Sunday the 6th of September at the 9.30am Mass, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will be celebrating this Sacrament. Preparation Sessions to start on Thursday the 6th of August at 5pm in the parish hall.

If you have any questions please contact the parish office on 47426958.

MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA—Fundraising for the Parish Office Floor Covering

Saturday, 9 May 2026 at 2.30pm Parish Hall - Cost: \$25/pp

Join us for a lovely afternoon!

Enjoy a warm and welcoming Mother's Day High Tea, filled with fun, friendship, and the chance to meet other wonderful ladies in our parish community. Please contact the parish office to add your name.

We look forward to sharing this special afternoon with you.

IT MINISTRY COORDINATOR NEEDED

The parish extends its sincere thanks to Patrick (Pat) Watson, who has faithfully led our IT Ministry since 2015, originally appointed by Fr Jolly Chacko. After many years of dedicated service, Pat has stepped down from this ministry, effective **1 March 2026**.

We are now in urgent need of a new volunteer to take on this important role.

The IT Ministry Coordinator is responsible for:

- Preparing the weekend operator roster
- Coordinating and supporting all IT operators
- Preparing the IT slides for the second weekend of each month
- Being available to troubleshoot issues with the church computer and screens

Pat is happy to train the new coordinator and guide them through everything he does.

If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office.

This is a vital ministry in the life of our church, and we are grateful for anyone who can help ensure it continues.

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 21ST & 22ND FEBRUARY 2026

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Junior Servers	Volunteers please		Sebastian & Oscar Baird, Nicholas Egan
Warden	Margaret Richards	Ben Oxley	Frank Zammit
1 st Reading	Peter McIlvenna	Kevin Lloyd	Cecilia Zammit
2nd Reading	Naomi Cheeseman	Peter McMahon	Frank Zammit
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
Music			Holy Light
IT Operators	Thais Turner	Robyn Flynn	Sophia Karatovic
Gifts	Jan de Bie & Volunteer Please	Volunteers Please	The Young Family
Communion	Lorraine Brown & Peter McIlvenna	Jessica Tiller & Jean Di Nucci	Carmel Higgins & Greg Rowe
Children's Liturgy			
Church Care	Jane Lennon, Melissa McDonald, Gabrielle Lynch & Lucy Limbers. Moping Group: Andrew Flaherty, Carl Moll, Steve Lee and Bryan Egan.		
Hospitality	Kerry & Peter Herborn		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jennifer Devlin, Gilbert Frontain (Jeannine Ashbee's Dad), Phil Bailey (Michelle Santoro's Dad), Natalie Gott and Miguel Cordoba (Nora Cordoba's husband).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Margaret Moore, Allan Jones, John Brown, Mila Svehla, Anita Keenan, 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, Joan and Marcia Pereira, Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika Gawlik.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Richard Smith, Robert Sisson, Mark Devlin, Joan Whiting, Daphne Klein and Ben Gibson.

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