



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

The Most Holy Trinity - Year A

30th & 31st May 2026

What Real Love Is!
- 1 John 3:16-18 NLT -



Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; Dan 3:52-56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

As part of the Diocese of Parramatta, St Finbar's is committed to being a community of safeguarding, and echoes Bishop Vincent's zero-tolerance to abuse of any form.

For details on safeguarding, please visit the diocesan safeguarding website:

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

Father John ponders.....

"When we know deep down that we're acting with integrity despite impulses to do otherwise, we feel gates of higher energy and inspiration open inside of us." -- Dan Millman.

We can become so caught up with the details of Christ's redeeming gift to us, his passion, death, resurrection and ascension, that it is easy to overlook the point of it all! A return to INTEGRITY is the summit of the "highest of exchanges" which enable us to begin to understand what is deepest in the Paschal Mystery which is the basis of our faith in Christ's redeeming work. The "highest of exchanges" is Christ's sharing in our humanity so that we can share in his divinity, a theme repeated at every Mass. If we are to take this seriously, we need to acknowledge that we need to make our own efforts in making this happen. It is easy to confine our efforts to the spiritual level where it is somewhat easier. But this is to miss out on the totality of who we are. The human aspect of who we are also needs completion for it has been given to us by God. Hence the necessity for Human Formation and what these columns are all about.

Integration is all about us working with all aspects of our humanity, bringing them into an orderly and well-adjusted whole. The "glory of God is man fully alive," is the teaching of Saint Irenaeus and as the baptised we should be fully committed to it. Integrity is to be fully immersed in integration so that we can work out of who we are to the glory of God. Keeping in mind that the journey will be slow because of our fallenness but being continually inspired for better things because of the Redemption. We are not left orphans because we are under the influence of the power of the Holy Spirit whose ultimate task is to fashion us into the likeness of Christ, which is the ultimate form of integrity.

For this to happen we need to pay special attention to our impoverished minds, those unconscious areas which are full of tricks which lead us away from the mind of Christ whereby we do harm to ourselves and others. In principle we have been freed from this dynamic but there is still room for improvement. Human Formation helps us to become aligned with Christ in every facet of our being. The human fruits of this are experienced as "higher energy and inspiration" and a very satisfactory knowingness that we are doing the will of God. Coming into union whereby our humanity is immersed into the glorified humanity of Christ is the project of our lives and where true integrity lies.

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Baptisms

The Parish joyfully welcomes the Baptism of

Angela Therese Karatovic

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.

<p>Sunday 31st May <i>The Most Holy Trinity Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms</p>
<p>Monday 1st June <i>St Justin</i></p>	<p>No Morning Mass -Office is closed</p>
<p>Tuesday 2nd June</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Columbarium Workshop M/R</p>
<p>Wednesday 3rd June <i>Sts Charles Lwanga & Companions</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 4th June</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bridge P/C 5.00pm 1st Holy Communion preparation Sessions P/C</p>
<p>Friday 5th June <i>St Boniface</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p>Saturday 6th June</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 4.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 7th June <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.30pm Youth Group P/C</p>

MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS – URGENT ACTION NEEDED

The Diocese has confirmed that our parish **Safeguarding Audit will take place on Tuesday, 7 July.**

To ensure we are fully compliant, **all parish volunteers must complete both of the following without delay:**

1. Safeguarding Training (online or face-to-face)
2. Acknowledgment of the Code of Conduct Form

At this stage, only a small number of volunteers have completed the required steps. We urgently need all remaining volunteers to act now so the parish can meet its obligations.

Safeguarding Training Options

Online Training

Complete the modules at your convenience using the Diocese link:

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

Face-to-Face Training – Parish Hall Saturday 20 June, starting at 10.00am

Schedule:

10.00–11.00am – Module 1: Introduction to Safeguarding

Morning Tea Break (30 minutes)

11.30am–1.00pm – Module 2: Mandatory Reporting & Reportable Conduct

Lunch Break (30 minutes)

1.30–3.00pm – Module 3: Working With Adults at Risk & Boundaries

Which modules do you need?

- If you have previously completed **Cycle 1 (Modules 1–3)** → attend **Modules 1 & 2**.
- If you are refreshing for **Cycle 3** → attend **Module 2 only** (11.30am–1.00pm).

Acknowledgment of Code of Conduct Form

All volunteers must also complete and return the **Acknowledgment of the Code of Conduct** form as part of the audit requirements. If you have not yet submitted this form, please do so as soon as possible.

To confirm your training attendance or to request the Code of Conduct form, please contact the Parish Office on **4739 6958** or email secretary@stfinbars.org.au.

Thank you for your cooperation, your commitment to safeguarding, and your ongoing dedication to keeping our parish community safe.

RETREATS AT MARY MACKILLOP SPIRITUALITY CENTRE, BAULKHAM HILLS

Let's Plant Seeds of Hope and Peace

In a world that can feel fragile and weary, this six-day contemplative retreat offers a gentle invitation to pause, pray and listen.

Facilitated by Sr Ann Morrison RSJ, the retreat creates space for stillness, renewal and deeper connection with God, self, others and the earth. Inspired by *Laudato Si'* and *Laudate Deum*. Scan the QR code for registration details.



NATIONAL COUNT OF MASS ATTENDANCE – EXTENDED INTO JUNE

Please note that the Diocese has extended the National Count of Mass Attendance to include the first two weekends of June.

- *First weekend of June:* We are asked to record **how many males and females** are present at each Mass.
- *Second weekend of June:* We will be counting **attendance by age groups**.

To assist us in completing this accurately, we kindly ask all parishioners to remain seated in the church for a short moment after Mass so the count can be completed. Thank you for your help, patience, and continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers to help on the day are needed please let the Wardens on duty know that you are able to help.

FATHER JOHN IS AWAY FROM 22 JUNE – 31 JULY

Father John will be away from 22 June to 31 July as he visits his family and attends his brother's ordination in England. We wish him a joyful and blessed time with his family.

During Father John's absence, Father Michael Sullivan OSA and Father Sajo have kindly offered to assist with the weekend Masses.

Please note that there will be no daily Masses, Baptisms and no 6.00pm Youth Mass during this period. Please note that the parish will still have Youth Group on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 7.30pm in Father John's absence.

Please keep Father John and his family in your prayers.

LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The parish is looking for volunteers to join our lawn mowing teams to help keep our church grounds looking beautiful, welcoming, and well cared for.

You will be rostered as part of a team and will only be needed once every six weeks. With more hands, the work becomes light and enjoyable, and it's a wonderful way to contribute to the life of our parish.

If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office on 47426958 or email secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Thank you for your generosity and for helping keep our church grounds looking their best.

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST AT 6.20PM– TABLE SHEETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Table sign-up sheets for our Parish Trivia Night are now available on the Warden's table starting this weekend.

Please add your name, your phone number and how many people will be on your table.

Payment can be made by cash on the night or in the Parish Office beforehand.

Thank you for joining our parish community for a night of fun and friendship — we look forward to seeing you there.

HOMEMADE BAKLAVAS FOR SALE – PARISH FUNDRAISER

Starting this weekend, delicious homemade scrumptious baklavas will be available for purchase in the Narthex as part of our parish fundraising efforts.

Two sizes will be available, with prices as follows:

Small for \$12 and Large for \$20 (Sweets contain nuts)

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Enjoy these beautiful treats while helping our parish continue its good work.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SOPHIA GRUS!

A big congratulations to Sophia Grus, who guessed the correct number of Lollies in last week's Lolly Jar Competition. The jar contained **398 Lollies** — well done, Sophia, on your spot-on guess.

Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun and better luck next time.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION.

The Diocese of Parramatta and the Maronite Eparchy have joined up to host a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Parramatta on Thursday 4th June.

The procession will begin after a Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon, and wind its way through Parramatta to the Cathedral where a period of silent adoration before the Eucharistic Lord will take place in the forecourt.

We would encourage the faithful to bring parish/community banners and flags as a show of solidarity and faith.

We hope to draw big crowds for a strong show of faith and unity for all the people of Parramatta to see.

Please check the flyer on the church noticeboard.

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 6TH & 7TH JUNE 2026

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am	6.00pm Youth Mass
Sacristan	Kylie Mills	Peter McMahon	Gerard Egan	Nick McMaster
Senior Server	Kylie Mills	Peter McMahon	Lukas Rajnoch	Nick McMaster & Tim Kensey
Junior Servers	Alex & Luc Nilsson	Summer & Oliver Wilson	Xavier Rajnoch, Elizabeth & Sofia Grus	James Horner
Warden	Vince Dobson	Ben Oxley	Gary Clune	Volunteer Please
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Volunteer Please	Jessica Doherty	Elizabeth Christie
2nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Steve Baird	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Elizabeth Rowe	Kevin Flynn	Martin Rogers	Emily Mulhall
Music	Naomi's Group		Anne's Group	
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Joseph Wilson	Patrick Watson	Lachlan Lloyd
Gifts	Volunteers Please	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	The Grus Family	N/A
Communion	Beth Culliver & Greg Rowe	Volunteers Please	Wendy Brown & Garry Pursehouse	Brendan Khnouf
Children's Liturgy	Christyna & Kim			
Church Care	Volunteers Please			
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek & Vicky Ang			

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anita Keenan, Elaine Fisher (Bernie's sister in law) and Marietta Cable (Marie) Doug's wife.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Tony Phoebus (Mark's Uncle), Tom Torrance, John Brown, Mila Svehla, Chris Wilson, Caroline Goosen, Chris Paine, Norman Fisher (Bernie's brother), Noreen Taylor, Lyn Downes, Beryl & Stan Callaghan, Pat Barrett, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Mark Bates, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Gerard Keenan (Anita's Son), Margaret Stevens, Christopher Thomson, 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:

Merrilee Verhoeven, Florence McSorley, James Tighe, Norma Bennett, James Schultz, Thomas Oxley, Gregory Masters, Rosemary McCaffery, Rose Torrance, Maria Dinale, Matilda Lutze, Susan Gibson, Maurice Whitford, May Brophy and Ian McNay.

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