

St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
The Barra
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Year A
6th & 7th June 2026

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

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.

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Father John ponders.....

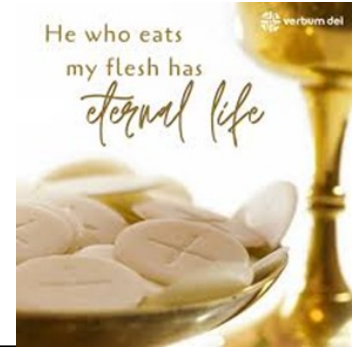
"Too often, people focus only on results. But getting results without learning something or without having fun are incomplete. So is having fun without getting the results, or having fun without learning something new to help and empower you in the future. Accomplishment is all three: the result, personal growth and having fun." -- Peter L. Hirsch

Last weekend we considered ultimate integrity as becoming united to Christ in his perfection. We noted that the way to integrity includes the fullness of every aspect of our God-given humanity, all the parts working together in harmony and orientated towards God through Christ. We also noted that it is through our humanity and all its aspects that we fulfil what it is to be fully human. We concluded that this Human Formation can be a slow job but that the Holy Spirit is always with us.

Our quotation today implies three aspects of human formation which need to be incorporated into our daily schedules if we are to live life to the full. Without doubt we human beings, in general, tend to be results-based because we like to feel good about accomplishing things, we like achieving and knowing we have obtained a more than satisfactory outcome to what we are doing. However, if we want to work out of the full panorama of being human, it is necessary that we learn something in the process, and that we have fun in doing what we achieve.

Learning as we go along is a powerful tool to increase our capacity to understand both how the world works and how we work. While this can be labour-intensive it is one of the most rewarding endeavours of humanity. It involves a curiosity which encourages us to keep on what we are doing, trying new ways, investing new energies for the sheer delight of doing something at all. Doing something needs to be more than utilitarian which seems more life-sucking than life-giving. We have not been put on this earth to be dour and dispassionate. A fundamental orientation for us to experience life and ourselves is "delight". And to be continually delighted with our experiences is to participate in the wonders of the Universe and an underlying dimension of our Redemption in Christ.

Which leads us to understand the aspect of having fun in what we discover about what we do and how we understand ourselves. Achieving tasks is all very well, and to learn from them is a noble aspiration. But to leave it at that is a job incomplete which leaves us with little encouragement to go further along the path of human formation. Taking delight and enjoying the fruit of our labours gives us a foundation to flourish and to move on to the Infinite which is God.



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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

PARRAMATTA DIOCESE NEWS

<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>
<p>Monday 8th June</p>	<p>No Morning Mass -Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 9th June</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Wednesday 10th June</p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 11th June <i>St Barnabas</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bridge P/C 5.00pm 1st Holy Communion preparation Sessions P/C</p>
<p>Friday 12th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p>Saturday 13th June</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 4.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 14th June <i>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms</p>

Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Good Works Appeal.

Because of your compassion, our parish has raised over **\$2315.00** through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, supporting the Holy Spirit Seminary and helping to form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity helps provide education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they continue answering God's call. With your support, they are being formed to one day serve our parishes with faith, compassion and hope. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and all Diocesan ministries supported through this Appeal. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you.



Together in faith, building our future.

St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood is excited to launch our Online Parish Raffle to help raise funds towards the construction of a new presbytery for our priest, together with a two-storey residence that will be leased to help ease some of the parish's ongoing financial commitments.

This important project will provide suitable accommodation to support the long-term pastoral and spiritual care of our parish community. Funds raised will also contribute towards essential maintenance and improvement works throughout the parish, helping preserve and strengthen our facilities for future generations.

☐ **Over 13 prizes to be won** — click below to explore the prizes:

<https://www.raffletix.com.au/stthomasaquinas>

☐ **Drawn online:** 12:00 PM, Saturday 15 August — Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

☐ **Fully online raffle** — tickets can be purchased from anywhere, with cash sales available through the parish office

☐ **Purchase tickets here:**

<https://www.raffletix.com.au/stthomasaquinas>

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.” — Psalm 127:1

Every ticket purchased helps support the future mission and ministry of our parish.

We sincerely thank you for your generosity, prayers, and support.

LIFTED Retreat 18-35 Year Olds 3rd - 5th July

Join young people from Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains at Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual **LIFTED Retreat** for 18–35-year-olds. (3-5 July at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale.) Together we will enter a weekend of connection, prayer and reflection on the theme of *Abundance*. Limited spots available. Registrations close 19 June. <https://parracatholic.org/events/lifted-young-adults/>

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SAFE PARISHES WEEK: FIVE YEARS OF BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF SAFETY, TRUST AND CARE

This week the Diocese of Parramatta marks the fifth anniversary of Safe Parishes Week from 1 – 7 June 2026 where parishes, ministries and agencies celebrate and strengthen our shared commitment to safeguarding as an essential expression of the Church's mission.

Safe Parishes Week is not only an annual initiative but a visible sign of a deeper, year-round commitment to ensuring that every parish and ministry is a place where children and adults are safe, respected and valued.

Let us all celebrate this week and continue to work together to keep our parish safe for all.

Please contact the parish office to add your name to the Mandatory Safeguarding sessions on Saturday the 20th of June.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

From the next roster we will be having two more ministers for the Chalices of the Blood of Christ at 5:30 vigil and 9:30 Mass. On Sunday 28th June there will be a session, commencing at 10:50 for an hour. It will be for new volunteers and a refresher for all ministers, we will have morning tea and time for reflection. We need more ministers so please consider this as your contribution to our community. Register at the parish office, please.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BAKLAVA SALE

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the Baklava Sale last weekend in aid of the carpet replacement for the Parish Office and Meeting Room.

Thanks to your generosity, the parish has raised over \$300.

We hope you enjoyed the delicious treats lovingly prepared for our parish community.

Your enthusiasm and kindness continue to make a real difference as we work together to care for our parish facilities.

Please keep an eye out for more upcoming fundraising activities.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Please book these dates for your calendar for this year.

1. Father John Course "Emotional Development" will be starting on Thursday the 3rd of September at 7pm in the parish hall. It will be on for 10 weeks.
2. St Finbar's Feast Day Celebration will be on Sunday the 27th of September at the 9.30am Mass followed by sausage sizzle, morning tea and games.
3. End of the year dance party will be on Saturday the 14th of November at 7pm.

Keep your eye on this space for more details. Please contact the parish office to add your name to the attendance list.

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.

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 13TH & 14TH JUNE 2026

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Jim Barndon	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Senior Server	Jim Barndon	Carl Moll	Nick McMaster
Junior Servers	Quentin & Sophia Lynch		Summer & Oliver Wilson, Noah Young
Warden	Maree Roach	Ben Oxley	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Maureen Tulk	Peter McMahan	Dan or Tim Kensey
2nd Reading	Jessica Doherty	Volunteer Please	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Volunteer Please	John Isaksen	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Dawn Willis & Michael Taylor		Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Juliette Lynch	Kylie Mills	Sophia Karatovic
Gifts	Margaret & Michael Richards	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Thea Robertson & Vince Dobson	Jim & Kath Tierney	Yvonne Scanlan & Colin Stead
Children's Liturgy	Danielle & Michelle		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Elizabeth Plummer, Leesa & Wayne Gillard, Sandra Hanigan & Deborah Gall. Mopping group: Andrew Flaherty, Carl Moll, Steve Lee and Bryan Egan.		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynn Atkinson, Daren & Liz Dukes		
Lawn Mowing	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Brendan Christie		

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, Chris Paine, Caroline Goosen, Norman Fisher (Bernie's brother), Noreen Taylor, Lyn Downes, Pat Barrett, Beryl & Stan Callaghan, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Mark Bates, Colleen Nolan, Sophie Hollies, Maddison Farrugia, Gerard Keenan (Anita's Son), Margaret Stevens, Christopher Thomson, David Haynes (Yvonne Scanlan's Dad), Margaret Christensen, Joan and Marcia Pereira, Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika Gawlik.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Gregory Macquarie, Ellen Durham, Sarah Kleinmeulman, Monica Plamer, Charles Mooney, Philomena Owens, William Robb, Keith Tydeman, Daphne Dowding, John Shanahan, Laila Spedding, Jan Ciosmak, John O'Shea, Michael Glover, Valerie Ridings, Father Maurice McNamara, Jeff Cullinan, Leonard Rivas, Bridget McLaren, Robert Jones, Karen Bishop, Colin Haywood, Frederick Critchley, Cecilia Egan and Lucy Dunne.

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