



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

13th & 14th June 2026

The Harvest
Is Rich
But the
Labourers
are Few

MATTHEW 9:36-10:8

Exodus 19:2-6; Psalm 99; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

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

Father John ponders.....

PARISH INFORMATION

"The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes." -- William James.

To give William James his due he was an American and a very early pioneer in the field of modern psychology. Unlike Sigmund Freud or Carl Jung, he was an advocate of evidence-based research in trying to understand the human mind. His brother, Henry, was a distinguished author and responsible for a great deal of literature.

As we continue our immersion into human formation we can realise that so much of our minds either work for us or against us. The whole world of attitudes is a complex one and it is very easy for us to have attitudes and be quite unaware of them, or how they came to be in the first place. It is for sure that we begin to acquire attitudes in childhood which are laid down without critical assessment. Then we become stuck with them. Some attitudes may be good and some not quite so. Poor attitudes tend to lock us in, especially over time as they become almost concrete and we are convinced of the rightness of the attitudes we bear. Keeping in mind our life's journey to become like Christ, our seeking integrity needs to scrutinize unhelpful attitudes because these attitudes inform us of how we see others, how we see ourselves and even how we see God.

A large problem can be that we have become so used to them that we believe they are gospel truths and we can defend them to the bitter end. How many arguments are undertaken by two people with different sets of attitudes? Defending the indefensible! All in the name of "being right". Prejudices are a prime example of kinds of attitudes which should not pertain to the Christian. The word itself describes the attitude for what it is: it judges before it has taken time to really assess the situation. We can hardly call this process the end product of intelligence. But note, such attitudes easily lock us in to ways of looking at things which may be far from the truth and both unfair and unreasonable especially if it involves other people.

We can be sold on the lie that we can't change our attitudes. Changing attitudes can be difficult especially because the process can require the humility to recognise that we might have been wrong. Well, what is wrong with that? Who will know that we have had enough courage to declare that we were misguided? Nobody, unless we tell them. And in terms of human integrity isn't it better to lose face rather than remain stuck with something that is not true. Attitudes drive us forward. When God and heaven are involved it is better to do as much changing as we possibly can!

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Baptisms

The Parish joyfully welcomes the Baptism of

Jack John Corner

this Sunday, and warmly welcomes him 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

PARRAMATTA DIOCESE NEWS

<p>Sunday 14th June</p> <p><i>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>10.45am Baptisms</p>
<p>Monday 15th June</p>	<p>No Morning Mass -Office is closed</p>
<p>Tuesday 16th June</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C</p> <p>10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R</p> <p>6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>
<p>Wednesday 17th June</p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 18th June</p>	<p>9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea</p> <p>1.00pm Bridge P/C</p> <p>7.30pm SFNC General Meeting P/C</p>
<p>Friday 19th June</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p>Saturday 20th June</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Safeguarding Training P/C</p> <p>4.15pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 21st June</p> <p><i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass—1st Holy Communion</p> <p>1.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>7.30pm Youth Group P/C</p>

Positions Vacant:

- Housekeeper Supervisor – Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park
- Parish Secretary – St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

CYP Annual LIFTED Retreat for 18-35’s: 3-5 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, inspired by John 10:10. Whether you’re just beginning your faith journey, looking for community or need a mid-year renewal, the LIFTED Retreat welcomes you with open arms. Limited spots available. Registrations close 19 June.

parracatholic.org/events/lifted-young-adults

Sing a New Song – Music Workshop for Children: 14 July

Do you have a child in Year 4-12? Invite them to come along to our ‘Sing A New Song Holiday Music Workshop’, for a fun day of singing and exploration of sacred music. When: Tuesday 14 July 2026, 9.30am-2pm Where: St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place Parramatta Morning tea and lunch provided. Student participants will form a choir that will sing at the Solemn Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral Parramatta on Sunday 19 July at 6pm. Register here: parracatholic.org/events/school-holiday-music-workshop/

CYP Annual LIFTED Retreat for year 10-12’s: 15 July

You’re invited to LIFTED Retreat! A one-day retreat for 16-17 year olds from across the Diocese at St Paul’s, Winston Hills on Thursday, 15 July. Together we will enter a weekend of connection, prayer and reflection on the theme of Abundance, inspired by John 10:10. Whether you’re just beginning your faith journey, looking for community or need a mid-year renewal, the LIFTED Retreat welcomes you with open arms. Limited spots available. Registrations close 19 June.

parracatholic.org/events/lifted-high-school

Adult Confirmations 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 29th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1st September, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday 18th August, 2026. For more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.



SYNOD GATHERING DEANERY CLUSTER – PARISH PARTICIPATION

Our parish will be hosting a special gathering as part of the Diocese of Parramatta's journey of **synodality** on **Saturday 18 July** from 2pm to 4pm. This gathering is an opportunity for parish communities to come together in local groups to **reflect, share, and celebrate** how we are living out our Diocesan Pastoral Plan, and to listen to how the Holy Spirit is guiding us forward as a Church.

If you would like to be part of the Synod Gathering, please email the parish office at secretary@stfinbars.org.au. We look forward to this important moment in the life of our parish and diocese. Please keep this gathering in your prayers.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – NEW NOMINATIONS

Our parish would like to sincerely thank **Cecilia Zammit** for her leadership as Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council over the past 18 months, and **Tim O'Donnell** for his dedicated care of the maintenance portfolio. We are very grateful for their service.

We warmly welcome **Kylie Mills**, who has kindly agreed to take on the role of Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council.

At this time, we are inviting **two new members** to join the Council. We are especially looking for committed parishioners who are willing to serve our community. One of these roles would suit someone with **maintenance or building experience**.

If you feel called to be part of the Parish Pastoral Council, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the parish office to obtain a nomination form.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our parish community.

MARIE HURLEY'S FAMILY THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you all for your kind words of support and for sharing your beautiful memories of Mum following her passing. It has meant so much to our family to hear the stories and reflections from those whose lives she touched. Mum dearly loved the parish and this community. She lived a full and meaningful life surrounded by friendship, faith, and love. We are deeply grateful for the kindness shown to our family and for the way you have honored her memory."

Apologies for our delay in acknowledging your support, and please know how much your messages and prayers have meant to us during this time.

Kind regards Bernadette, Maureen, Kevin and Peter Hurley

HOMEMADE SOUPS FOR SALE – PARISH FUNDRAISER

Starting next weekend, delicious homemade soups will be available for purchase in the Narthex as part of our parish fundraising efforts. The soup is made by our generous parishioners, Cecilia Zammit, Kylie Mills, Ros Bryant and Juliana Khnouf.

One size will be available, with prices as follows: \$10/ Each

We will have the following soups: Pumpkin soup, Vegetable soup & Wonton Soup.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Please book these dates for your calendar for this year.

1. Father John's 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 a sausage sizzle, morning tea and games.
3. End of the year Christmas party will be on Saturday the 14th of November at 7pm.

Keep your eye on this space for more details. Thanking you all for your continuous help and support.

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 20TH & 21ST JUNE 2026

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	Volunteer Please		Joseph Sheary & Johnny Hamilton	James Horner & Sophia Lynch
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Ben Oxley	Frank Fitzpatrick	Daniel Lynch
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Carl Moll	Peter or Trish Hurley	Elizabeth Christie
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Andrew Teece	Gary Clune	Emily Mulhall
Intercession	Volunteer Please	John De Mattia	Irene Aligno	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Cantabile		Cormac's group	
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Elizabeth Konza	Dan Kensey	Volunteer Please
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family	N/A
Communion	Volunteers Please	Brian Grech & Helen Keogh	Irene Aligno & Erin Kelly	Brendan Khnouf
Children's Liturgy	Pia & Clare			
Church Care	Volunteer Please			
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene and Bert Aligno			

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Garry Janson (Courtney Whiticker's Uncle) and Anita Keenan.

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:

Angela Dempster, Gloria Saunders, Stanley Harris, Baby Valentina Twyford, Michael Anderson, Edward Helm, Mona Browning, Anne Smith, Louis Dupressoir, Kathleen O'Donnell, Shirley Davison, Lawrence Lutton, William Connell, John Castor, Brian Walsh and Leo Wathen.

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