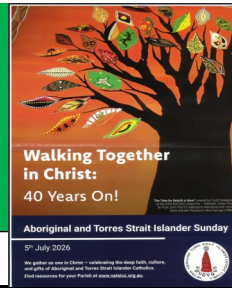


St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

4th & 5th July 2026



Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 144; Romans 8,9 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

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

Father John ponders.....

"The grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for." -- Joseph Addison

Having a life of meaning and purpose is the driving force for living a wholesome life. We can be sustained beyond our limitations knowing that we always have something to look forward to. Our quotation today is from the pen of Joseph Addison, an eighteenth century essayist who co-founded the original magazine the Spectator. He chose the title because he believed himself to be a spectator of life and his writings are full of human wisdom.

He articulates three essentials for a happy life: something to do, something to love and something to hope for. Just some of the things which help us toward human fulfillment and an overall experience of wellbeing.

Something to do enables us to be productive in life, it gives us confidence in our abilities, it provides a sense of purpose, it helps us maintain a healthy outlook on ourselves and on life. Something to do certainly challenges any boredom we might slip into and gives us the happiness to know that we participate in God's unfolding creation. Something to love also gives us the opportunity to experience life beyond ourselves. As Christians we know that loving God comes first and loving others is a necessary follow-on as social individuals. Going beyond the bounds of loving those we know we become universal in loving those we do not know, yet we reach out to help by way of charity. But there is also love for things which keep us going and sustaining our sanity. Loving hobbies and other activities and being involved with others is a necessary part of living life to the full, and also contribute to our happiness. Something to hope for is fundamental to our capacity as human beings partly because it propels us into the future and stops us being stuck in the present, and hope energises us to move beyond where we have arrived at. Of course, as Christians we hope for the glories of heaven with no sense of presumption nor despair. But the theological virtue of hope takes us out of our self-referential egos to acknowledge that ultimately hope is in God. But while down on earth we can still hope for better things, which stimulates our minds in the expectations that *"all will be well and all manner of things will be well"* (Dame Juliana of Norwich). Thus we have a source of happiness that, if we do our part, our correct hoping will provide a happiness beyond our reach.

From a fallen human perspective we need to be careful that we don't overpack our lives with these three sources of happiness lest frustration occurs in their non-attainment!

WELCOME FR SAJU OSA

We warmly welcome Father Saju to our parish this weekend.

Fr Saju will be celebrating all the weekend Masses.

Thank you Father Saju for your help while Father John is away.

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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

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

| | |
|---|--|
| Sunday 5th July <i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i> | 7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.30pm Youth Group P/C |
| Monday 6th July | No Morning Mass -Office is closed 5.00pm SVP Meeting M/R |
| Tuesday 7th July | 9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Columbarium Meeting M/R |
| Wednesday 8th July | 9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Bridge P/C |
| Thursday 9th July | 9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bridge P/C |
| Friday 10th July | 9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C |
| Saturday 11th July <i>St Benedict</i> | 9.15am Mass 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 12th July <i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i> | 7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass |

SACRISTANS & SENIOR SERVERS

A friendly invitation to all Sacristans and Senior Servers from the Liturgy Committee that a *Refresher Course* will be held on **Sunday 26th July**, immediately following the **9:30am Mass**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to revisit and strengthen our understanding of our important ministry, share experiences, and continue serving with confidence and care.

Your presence is warmly encouraged and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your faithful service to our parish community!

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT – WEDNESDAY 8 JULY AT 10:00AM

Please note that the Parish Safeguarding Audit will take place on Wednesday 8 July at 10:00am. We are hopeful that we will be fully compliant and have sufficient evidence prepared for the auditors.

NEWSPAPERS FOR GARDEN MULCHING:

We need some newspapers to help suppress some weeds in the church gardens.

If you have any spare newspapers, could you please drop them in the labelled box in the narthex? Thank you for any assistance.



SOUP FUNDRAISER.

The recent Soup Fundraiser was a wonderful success, raising over \$300 towards the new carpet for the office.

We sincerely thank everyone for their generous contributions and support.

We hope you all enjoyed the delicious soups. Your kindness and participation are greatly appreciated!

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NEW PARISH ROSTER – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The next parish roster is currently being prepared and will be distributed by **mid-July**.

We are very grateful to all our parishioners who generously give their time and talents in the various ministries of our parish. Your faithful and ongoing service is greatly appreciated and helps make our liturgies welcoming and prayerful for everyone.

As we prepare the new roster, we are seeking **additional volunteers**, particularly for the ministries of:

- **Readers**
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

We are especially in need of volunteers for the **5.30pm Vigil Mass** and the **9.30am Sunday Mass**.

To better serve our congregation, we will be introducing **two chalices for the Precious Blood** at these Masses instead of one. As a result, we will be rostering **three Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** at each of these Masses.

If you are able to assist in either of these important ministries, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Thank you once again to all our current volunteers for your continued dedication, generosity and faithful service to our parish community. Your contribution is truly valued and appreciated.

JUNIOR SERVERS TRAINING

Over the next few weeks, Peter McMahan will begin training a new group of Junior Servers. We warmly invite any children who would like to join this ministry to contact the Parish Office for further information.

For those children who are already serving and are currently on the roster, could you please confirm with the Parish Office that you are happy to continue on the next roster.

Thank you all for your wonderful help, commitment and support of our parish. Your generosity in serving at Mass is greatly appreciated. We look forward to welcoming new servers and continuing this important ministry together

CELEBRATING ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY AND 50 YEARS OF NAIDOC

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday of July across the Australian Catholic Church. It serves as a dedicated time to honour the diverse histories, cultures, and contributions of First Nations peoples and marks the official beginning of NAIDOC Week. This year the celebration of NAIDOC week is in its 50th year.



Last month, at the invitation of the Earthcare and Social Justice group Dharug Elder, Uncle Chris Tobin joined parishioners from St Finbars and other local churches for an evening yarn. Chris generously shared with us some personal stories and perspectives and encouraged us all to continue this process of listening and learning from our First Nations people. The simple act of listening in friendship is an essential part of our response as Catholics to progress on the journey towards reconciliation.

40 years ago on November 29, 1986, Pope John Paul II gave a historic address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at Blatherskite Park in Alice Springs. He delivered a powerful message of hope, reconciliation, and empowerment, formally validating Indigenous culture and condemning the dispossession and suffering First Nations communities faced.

In this address he said “*The Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others*”.

To learn more: Visit the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) website - natsicc.org.au NATSICC is the peak Advisory Body to the Australian Catholic Bishops on issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics. Under the Programs link, see Cross Cultural Course for a self paced learning module designed for non Aboriginal people to build their knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture and history. It is highly recommended!

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 11TH & 12TH JULY 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 | Volunteer Please | Patricia Murnane |
| 1 st Reading | Maureen Tulk | Peter McMahon | Richard Cutler |
| 2nd Reading | Therese Ross | Geraldine Agahari | Frank Zammit |
| Intercession | Felicity Lindfield | Elizabeth Konza | Joanne Stubbs |
| Music | Dawn Willis & Michael Taylor | | Finnie's group |
| IT Operators | Juliette Lynch | Volunteer Please | Sophia Karatovic |
| Gifts | Margaret & Michael Richards | Volunteers Please | Dorothea Walsh |
| Communion | Brian Robertson & Vince Dobson | Jim & Kath Tierney | Colin Stead & Gerard Egan |
| Children's Liturgy | School Holidays | | |
| Church Care | Francis Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, Veronica Clune, Emily Mulhall & Nora Cordoba | | |
| Hospitality | Ann King, Lynn Atkinson, Liz & Daren Dukes | | |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jeffrie Harsh (Helen's Husband), James McCaughan (Cormac's Father) 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:

Dr Christopher Kohlenberg, John Bowden, Eliza Nolan, Helen Lum, Kathleen Higgins, John Coyle, Pining Brown, Raymond Heaver, Joan Sisson, Sam Chew, Jean McMillan, Kathryn Hazell, Harry Taylor, Aloysius McGlynn, Mildred Jordan, David Aitken, Jack Roles, Kathleen O'Connor, Ric Baradinsky, Danielle Archer, Victor Baker, Leon Smith, Lorraine Grant, Garry Thew and Patricia Bates.

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