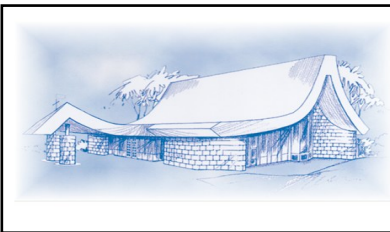


St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

26th & 27th September 2026



Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

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/>



PARISH INFORMATION

Father John ponders.....

Curiosity killed the cat, but where human beings are concerned, the only thing a healthy curiosity can kill is ignorance. - Harry Lorayne

Our modern world seems to be over-indulging itself on intelligence, the artificial kind I mean. Leaders of nations are decrying its effects and attempting to preserve us from it. Even the non-artificial kind, which has been with us for some decades now, is becoming more and more under suspicion. Websites abound carrying so much information that I doubt a single person could read all of it in a lifetime. A superabundance of information sounds like a great idea for doing research or for dipping into to find bits and pieces of information from time to time. But we need to be wary lest we sell our souls to information which is actually incorrect. As a seminary rector I set assignments for seminarians to complete on various topics concerning spirituality and the moral life. So often what was presented from Wikipedia was actually wrong.

It is so important to almost check five times the sources to be used in order to arrive at the Truth. Harry Lorayne is correct in promoting the important quest in killing ignorance, so it is important to be sure of our sources of information.

In our modern secularised world, where few people are competent in the field of religion, it is a field of ignorance where people can't seem to use critical thinking to get to the major truths. Within our own Catholic-Christian environment we can easily succumb to an agenda of believing what is true to be merely an overlay of fanciful distraction or even self-delusion. Christ did not come in order to allow us to make his teachings on salvation and eternal life a personal/private enterprise. In examining the Word of God and using logic and reason the Teaching Office of the Church (Magisterium) has spent two thousand years defining and explaining what Christ wants us to know.

We have no need to be lost in ignorance. Yes, the Bible can be quite difficult to understand and there are any amount of competing perspectives unfortunately, but we don't need to be lost to any misunderstanding. Pope John Paul II issued the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a compendium of Catholic teaching on quite an array of subjects in order to present the fullness of the Catholic Faith and to keep us all on the straight and narrow. We can use this book not only for intellectual research but also as a source of inspiration in plummeting the depths of God's involvement in our lives which results in a never-ending act of love.

Do you have a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church?

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Happy Feast Day, St Finbar's Parish!

This weekend, as we celebrate the Feast of **St Finbar**, our parish patron, we warmly wish all parishioners and their families a joyful and blessed feast day.

May St Finbar's example of faith, holiness and service inspire us to grow ever closer to Christ and to one another as a parish community. May God bless you all abundantly.



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 27th September <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass—St Finbar's Feast Day
Monday 28th September	No Morning Mass –Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
Tuesday 29th September <i>Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	9.15am Mass 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R
Wednesday 30th September <i>St Jerome</i>	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Bridge P/C
Thursday 1st October <i>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm Emotional Development Course/ Father John P/C
Friday 2nd October <i>The Holy guardian Angels</i>	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 3rd October	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Concert Committee Meeting M/R 4.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 4th October <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.30pm Youth Group

WYD27 Songwriting Competition: Submissions close 16 December

Young people of the Diocese of Parramatta, we want your original song to inspire our pilgrims on their journey to World Youth Day! Open to individuals or groups aged 16–35. All musical genres welcome. Find out more and submit your song via our WYD27 website: parrawyd.org

Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Formation course: 17 October

Are you currently taking Communion to the sick and dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. Saturday 17 Oct from 9:30am – 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 14 Oct at parracatholic.org/events/ministry-of-communion-formation/

2026 LIFTED Live in the Forecourt: 24 October

All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Saturday, 24 October for LIFTED Live in the Forecourt 2026. Join hundreds of young people and families for a Youth Mass at 6pm followed by festivities in the forecourt. Encounter the variety of talent and passion of Western Sydney and Blue Mountains, with live performances, inflatable games, small businesses, adoration and more. Register by visiting parracatholic.org/lifted-live

The FaithFeed ECHO: 6 November

Looking for a space that brings together creativity, music and meaningful conversations? Searching for a place where gifts among those in their 20s, 30s and 40s can be celebrated and empowered? Register for TFF ECHO – an experience from The FaithFeed. Food, drink and live music provided! Doors open at 7pm with live music from a 7:30pm start. Register via parracatholic.org/events/the-faithfeed-echo

YOUTH NIGHT

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH, GLENBROOK



EVERY 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6PM

MASS: 6PM SUPPER: 7PM
THE LOUNGE YOUTH GROUP: 7.30-8.30PM



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FINBAR'S FUNDRAISING FESTIVE FROCK UP! DINE, DRINK, DANCE AND DAZZLE

Get ready to frock up and join the fun at **Finbar's Fundraising Festive Frock Up on Saturday 14 November at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall!** Enjoy a wonderful evening of food, friendship, music, dancing, raffles, lucky door prizes, and a special surprise for everyone. Dress to impress for the **Best Dressed** and **Best Dance Moves** awards, and help celebrate our parish community and help in the our parish expenses. **Tickets: \$50 per person.** Places are strictly limited, the event will be catered for and exact numbers are needed so there will be no sale of tickets on the night of the event. Be sure to **RSVP by 16 October** and book your tickets ahead. Come along and make it a night to remember!

To book please email Tamar on admin@stfinbars.org.au or visit the parish office Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 1.30pm.

WELCOME OUR NEW SENIOR SERVERS AND SACRISTANS. The parish would like to sincerely thank three parishioners who have generously responded to the need for additional Senior Servers in our parish. We warmly thank **Ann O'Connor**, who will be serving at the **5.30pm Vigil Mass on the 4th Saturday of each month.** We also thank **Chris Barach**, who will be serving at the **9.30am Mass on the 5th Sunday of the month** and has kindly offered to be a standby server for other 9.30am Masses when needed. Our gratitude also goes to **Lorraine Brown**, who will be serving at the **5.30pm Vigil Mass on the 5th Saturday of the month** and has generously agreed to be available as a standby server for other Saturday Vigil Masses. We are truly grateful for their willingness to serve our parish community. The support and dedication of our volunteers will make a tremendous difference, and without their generosity, many of our parish ministries could not operate as they do. Please keep Ann, Chris and Lorraine in your prayers as they undertake this important ministry.

BUILDING INTERFAITH RELATIONS. St Finbar's parishioners recently joined others from across the diocese in a visit to the BAPS Hindu Mandir (temple) in Kemps Creek for a morning of shared learning, reflection and connection. Along with a warm welcome and hospitality there was opportunity to learn about Hindu beliefs, rituals and traditions. The visit created a meaningful opportunity for open interfaith dialogue and recognizing the values we share across faiths, including compassion, service, respect and care for the wider community. Look out in the bulletin for further opportunities to build connection and understanding across communities.

RCIA PROGRAM COMMENCING 5 NOVEMBER – THANK YOU TO OUR TEAM. Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program will commence on **Thursday, 5 November at 7.00pm.** We are delighted to already have four candidates preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church and look forward to accompanying them on their faith journey. The parish would like to sincerely thank **Bill West** for generously offering to assist **Fr John** with the program, together with **Vince and Carmel Dobson** and **Dawn Willis**. Their willingness to share their faith, time and experience is greatly appreciated.

If you know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or exploring becoming Catholic, please encourage them to contact the Parish Office. We would be delighted to welcome them.

YOUTH DAY – CHRIST IS ALIVE IN YOU! Sunday, 18 October @St Finbar's Church

12.00pm to 6.00pm: Year 6 - 12 are invited to join us for a special Youth Day on Inspired by Jesus' words, "Abide in me as I abide in you" (John 15:4). The day will feature inspiring talks and testimonies, praise & worship songs, fun activities, fellowship, and more. The Youth Day will be followed by Mass and a sausage sizzle. Come along, bring a friend, and discover how Christ is alive in you and the mission He has for you. Registration is free. Scan the attached QR code to register.

**URGENT NEED FOR CATECHISTS**

Our SRE Catechist team is in urgent need of new volunteer teachers to help fill our requirement to teach at the six local public primary schools in our Parish. No experience needed; just the desire to plant the seed of our faith into the hearts, souls and minds of the young primary school children. Full training and mentoring available. If you can spare an hour a week, please consider joining the team. "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few" Gospels of Matthew and Luke For more information please contact the parish office or Mike Rivas M: 0414655470.



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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 3RD & 4TH OCTOBER 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 & Patrick Barach	Summer & Oliver Wilson	Xavier Rajnoch, Elizabeth & Sofia Grus	James Christie
Warden	Vince Dobson	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune	Volunteer Please
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Carl Moll	Jessica Doherty	Elizabeth Christie
2nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Steve Baird	Emily Mulhall
Intercession	Elizabeth Rowe	Volunteer Please	Martin Rogers	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Naomi's Group		Anne's Group	N/A
IT Operators	Henry Hanco	Joseph Wilson	Patrick Watson	Lachlan Lloyd
Gifts	Volunteers Please	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	The Grus Family	N/A
Communion	Beth Culliver, Elizabeth Rowe & Jim Barndon	Brian Grech & Helen Keogh	Martin Rogers Garry Purchasehouse & Wendy Brown	Brendan Khnouf
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays			
Church Care	Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, Veronica Clune & Nora Cordoba			
Hospitality	Vicky Ang & Volunteer please			

My name is Robyne, single catholic lady looking to move in to single catholic lady household or studio/granny flat. Have Catholic references. Burfitts happy to be a referee. Call me: 0492-941-289 or email me at: r.word184@passinbox.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bridget Sharp, Flavio Varnier, Monika Locke and Norman Fisher (Bernie's brother).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Frank Higgins, Tony Phoebus (Mark's Uncle), Tom Torrance, John Brown, Mila Svehla, Chris Paine, Pat Barrett, Caroline Goosen, Noreen Taylor, Lyn Downes, Mark Bates, Sophie Hollies, Beryl & Stan Callaghan, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Margaret Stevens, Maddison Farrugia, Gerard Keenan, 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:

Thelma Dwyer, Shirley Glover, Thomas Beattie, Paul Morgan, Francis Luland, Anthony Cunningham, Rodney Mulvey, Kenneth Kelly, Joyce Richards, Donald King, Barry Ward, Vincent Flynn & Kelvin Lawrence.

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