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Father John ponders.....

"It is not a sign of health to be well-adjusted to a sick world." - Carl Jung

If we begin from the understanding of Christianity that humanity has been badly affected by the Fall from Grace we have a lever to make sense of this quotation today from the Swiss psychologist Carl Jung. He had been a student of Sigmund Freud but then took his own path. He is well known for the quasi-religious exploration of the interior life and his attempts to define how different personalities emerge. Be that as it may, our concern is to make sense of the human condition affected by the powers of darkness and currently no one is exempt from this condition.

Jung, as a psychologist, was particularly motivated in his work to help individuals flourish as human beings, to live a life of virtue. But he saw so many drawbacks inhibiting people from living a worthy life. Of great concern to him included the imperfection of other people and the effects they had on the person. This included the pernicious reality of the "herd mentality" which shows up in so many ways. This has gone on throughout history. We want to be like everybody else, not wanting to stick out like a sore thumb, not wanting to miss out on anything. Ancient Israel did not want God as king but wanted a human king so that it could be like the other nations. Fads and fashions are typical of this mentality and these come along almost day in and day out. While these may not be of moral concern there may well be an element of over-dependence on the way the crowd leads us into concern for the things of this world and a mist forms across the vision of eternity.

Yes, there are plenty of ways in which we can also be immoral. The sexual ethic in our modern world appears to have hit the dirt in favour of a misconceived idolization of individual freedom and fulfillment. The hippie movement of the 1960s was a culmination of sex without responsibility for the sake of personal individuation, and the sacred marital act became bastardized *en masse*. Drugs, sex and rock and roll remain a blight on the horizons of humanity because self-indulgence has become the order of the day. Becoming well-adjusted to the sinful herd is not a sign of health but more a sign of human depravity. As Christians we should want to flourish in virtue. This cannot be done if we use what everyone else is doing as the standard for thought and action. The phrase "everyone else does it" is adolescent and not a valid excuse for anything. No, our standard for thought and behaviour is the person of Jesus Christ. Only in him can we be well-adjusted according to the mind of God!

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Daylight saving starts at 2am this Sunday the 4th of October. Please remember to put the time forward one hour before going to be on Saturday night.



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.

Sunday 4th October	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass
<i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i>	6.00pm Youth Mass 7.30pm Youth Group P/C
Monday 5th October	No Morning Mass -Office is closed
Tuesday 6th October	9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Earthcare & Social Justice Group M/R
Wednesday 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C
Thursday 8th October	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm Emotional Development Course P/C
Friday 9th October	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 10th October	9.15am Mass 4.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 11th October <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms

ST FINBAR'S FEAST DAY THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make our St Finbar's Feast Day celebration such a success. We are especially grateful to the **Men's Breakfast Group** for cooking the sausages and to **Finbar's Ladies** for serving the morning tea.



Your generosity, hard work and support are greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your service to our parish community.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY COMMISSIONED PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We warmly welcome and congratulate our newly commissioned Parish Pastoral Council members: **Kylie Mills (Chair), Brian Sayah, Vince Dobson, Daniel Lynch, Dan Kensey, Cecilia Zammit, Annissa Nilsson, and Brendan Khnouf.**

We thank them for their willingness to serve our parish community and pray that God will guide and bless them in their ministry and leadership.

Save the Date - Sunday 13 December 2026 - St Finbar's Parish Christmas Carols - from 5.00pm (time TBC).

CAKE STALL FUNDRAISER THIS WEEKEND

Please support Helena Scanlan's Cake Stall at the 9.30am Mass this weekend. Helena is raising funds to help her and fellow students from Montgrove College travel to the Philippines, where they will assist in building a canteen for an orphanage. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated and will help make this worthwhile project possible. Thank you for your kindness and encouragement.

PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV: ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY

From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part! For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying



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 FESTIVE FROCK UP! 🎉 DINE, DRINK, DANCE AND DAZZLE

Get ready to frock up and join the fun at **Finbar's 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 in style.

Tickets: \$50 per person. Places are limited, so be sure to **RSVP by 16 October.** Come along and make it a night to remember! 🍷 🍴 🕺 🎵. To book please email Tamar on admin@stfinbars.org.au

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED MASS. Will be celebrated on Sunday the 1st of November at 6pm. The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered only for the faithful who departed this past year. Also invited to participate in the liturgy are parishioners who have lost a close relative during the past year and whose funeral was conducted outside of the parish.

A candle ceremony will be part of the celebration, so if you would like your loved one remembered by lighting a candle (which your family member will place on the sanctuary during the Mass), Please email the parish office on: secretary@stfinbars.org.au.

A small photo of your loved one could also be placed on the sanctuary before the commencement of Mass.

MICHELLE BARRETT – YOGA. Join in for Accessible Chair Yoga and Yoga & Gentle Movement classes at St Finbar's Parish Hall. Fridays 16/10/26 – 18/12/26

Class 1. 10am- 10.50am - Accessible **Chair Yoga** for everybody, suitable for all ages and abilities. Practice seated yoga in a chair, combined with optional standing poses. A great way to improve mobility and flexibility without needing to get down on the floor.

Class 2. 11am-12noon - **Yoga & Gentle Movement**, combining floor and standing poses. Enjoy a Hatha style yoga movement class, suitable for all levels, for anyone wanting a calming, grounding practice without feeling rushed. \$10 per class, pay what you can afford everyone is welcome. Contact Michelle for more information or to book into a class. Phone 0413366425.

STRENGTHENING OUR PARISH VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Listening to Our Volunteers' workshop on 3 August. Your feedback is helping shape the future of volunteering in our parish. To build on this work, a **Volunteer Engagement Working Group** led by Annissa Nilsson and Cecilia Zammit has been formed **to refresh our volunteer model and prepare for the Volunteer Expo in February 2027.** The group will focus on improving communication, updating volunteer resources, creating more flexible pathways to serve, and strengthening support for our volunteers as we continue to build a welcoming, sustainable, and mission-focused parish community.

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.



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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 10TH & 11TH OCTOBER 2026

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Garry Purchasehouse
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Nick McMaster & James Horner
Junior Servers	Alex Nilsson & Emily Pawlyk		Summer & Oliver Wilson, Noah Young
Warden	Maree Roach	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Maureen Tulk	Peter McMahon	Dan or Tim Kensey
2nd Reading	Jessica Doherty	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Therse Ross	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 Brian Robertson Volunteer Please	Jim Tierney & Kath Tierney	Gerard Egan, Yvonne Scanlan & Colin Stead
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Church Care	Volunteers please		
Hospitality	Ann King, Lynne Atkinson, Daren & Liz Dukes		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

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, Mark Bates, Chris Paine, Pat Barrett, Caroline Goosen, Noreen Taylor, Lyn Downes, Sophie Hollies, Jacqui Visser, Beryl & Stan Callaghan, Terry Stevens, 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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