



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

10th & 11th October 2026

Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 22;

Philippians 4:12-14;

Matthew 22:1-14

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Father John ponders.....

We cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are. - Max Depree

With so many choices to be made these days we can find it quite difficult to identify a path of our own choosing through life. Being overwhelmed by the enormity of what life offers can stun us into inactivity. Or maybe we find ourselves hopping about from one thing to another like a gadfly. Or maybe we just give up and stop trying altogether. If we choose the latter strategy, we may soon find that it is no strategy at all for we don't seem to be getting anywhere. Each of us has a calling from God to excel, a calling we need to take seriously if we are to become what God wants us to be.

Withdrawing from such an adventure and living a life of idleness is not a legitimate option. God has provided us with a plethora of gifts, talents and intelligence along with all the necessary opportunities to embrace and become what we were meant to become. As sons and daughters of the Most High we are privileged in being restored to the likeness of Christ, and this pathway of perfection is a very desirable way to be fully alive to God.

But there is always more to consider in the building up of ourselves as human beings. Confining ourselves to the spiritual and the moral spheres leaves us somewhat unbalanced. There are all the human attributes to consider in becoming the best that we can achieve. To flourish in many aspects of our very humanity, bit by bit, is a sublime gift by which we can become the glory of God fully alive (Saint Irenaeus). This cannot be achieved by staying where we are, in the doldrums. Picking ourselves up and starting all over again and again is the quest to attain completeness as far as we can in this life.

Of course, this means a slow but obvious journey of moving from one adventure to the next as time progresses. Even for the elderly! Taking on an interesting challenge at the beginning of each year affords us sufficient time to enjoy and become competent in yet another area of life. The task needs to be interesting or we will easily give up. Things to consider: taking up bushwalking, cricket, bridge, bowls, volunteering for some charity, composing poetry or other literary pursuit, keeping a diary of your thoughts and feelings, attempting painting and drawing, Emotional Intelligence. The list can go on and on. Don't forget that in our later years latent gifts become manifest as we give them a try. Coming to be what we are meant to be can be a "brave new world that has such people in it", so, give it a try.

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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.

Sunday 11th October <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms
Monday 12th October	No Morning Mass –Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.30pm Bible Study M/R
Tuesday 13th October	9.15am Mass 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting M/R
Wednesday 14th October	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C
Thursday 15th October <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea 1.00pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm Emotional Development Course P/C
Friday 16th October	9.15am Mass 10.00am Chair Yoga P/C 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 17th October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	9.15am Mass 4.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 18th October <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 12.00pm Ignite Youth Day 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.30pm Youth Group P/C

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition (11-25

October). Our parish is pleased to host the **St Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition** from **11 to 25 October**.

The exhibition, created by **St Carlo Acutis**, showcases Eucharistic miracles from around the world. All parishioners, families, students, teachers and visitors are warmly invited to visit.

Free entry. No bookings required.

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS ST JOAN'S GUILD is hosting a 'come and see' craft afternoon for girls aged 5-18. The Guild is a new Australian faith-based character and leadership development program. Girls participate in badge programs, volunteer projects, leadership opportunities and outdoor experiences with an emphasis on Christian values and growth of virtue. Activities of the afternoon will include (Christmas) card making, yarn and needle crafts, decorative painting and making Christmas ornaments.

November 21st, 1:30-3:30pm. Reservoir Park Hall, 178 Rusden Rd, Mount Riverview

Contact - Elizabeth Brazier 0413149059

Multifaith Gathering – “Unarmed and Disarming Peace”

You are warmly invited to join Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta's Interfaith Commission for a special Multifaith Gathering marking the 40th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's historic World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi. People from diverse faith traditions will come together in a spirit of unity, prayer and dialogue.

The evening will include sacred faith performances, interfaith dialogue and light refreshments.

Tuesday 27 October 2026 | 6:30–9:00 pm

St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall, 1 Marist Avenue, Parramatta. Registration:

<https://events.humanitix.com/multifaith-gathering-world-day-of-prayer-for-peace-in-assisi>

YOUTH NIGHT

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

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FINBAR'S FESTIVE FUNDRAISING FROCK UP! DINE • DRINK • DANCE • DAZZLE.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, 14 November at 7.00pm** in the Parish Hall and join us for a fabulous evening of fun, laughter, music, friendship, and fantastic prizes!. Dress up, bring your friends, and enjoy a wonderful night together as we celebrate our parish community and support the important work of **St Finbar's Parish**. Your generosity and support make such a difference. We look forward to sharing a memorable evening with you. **Come along, have fun, and help our parish shine!** ✨

Tickets: \$50 per person. Places are limited, so be sure to **RSVP by 16 October.** ✨👤🎵🎭

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.

THANK YOU to the 13 parishioners who attended the recent working bee to help us dispose of the shrub cuttings. Special thanks to Brian who provided the truck and to our young'uns Liam and Sophie! We all made new friends! Bonus! Another bee is planned once the hedge prune is completed. **Tricia & Kieren Murnane**

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY OCTOBER 4

A lovely weekend for the celebration of St Francis and his works.

Thank you, Fr John for our Blessing of the Animals Liturgy and reverence of Creation.

Thank you also for an inspiring homily on St Francis.

Thank you, Juliana and Tamar for your morning tea work.

Thank you pets for your calm focus during your blessing. Well done loving owners.



Tricia Murnane

IGNITE 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.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL. For Yamikani, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice. But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow and look ahead with renewed possibility. This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.



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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 17TH & 18TH OCTOBER 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	Volunteers Please		Joseph Sheary & Johnny Hamilton	Sophia Lynch & Zoe Wilson
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	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Jim Barndon	John De Mattia	Irene Aligno	Volunteer Please
Music	Cantabile	N/A	Cormac's Group	N/A
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Elizabeth Konza	Dan Kensey	Lachlan Lloyd
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family	N/A
Communion	Lorraine Brown, Margaret Richards & Volunteer Please	Brian Grech & Helen Keogh	Irene Aligno, Erin Kelly & Carmel Higgins	Brendan Khnouf
Children's Liturgy	Colin & Gwen			
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Elizabeth Plummer, Deb Gall & Sandra Hanigan Mopping Group: Carl, Moll, Andrew Flaherty, Steve Lee & Bryan Egan.			
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene & Bert Aligno			

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, 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:

Michael Harris, Jeffrey Hunt, Julie Grech, Verlie Gapps, Clifford McHardy, Terence Judge, Robert Agnew, Ronald Groves, Peter Smith, Pam Clyne, Mary Nolan, Daniel McGrath, Kevin Taylor, Nellie Stanborough, Christine Frewer, Stephen Critchley, Reginald Bailey, Rose Barrett, Hope Williams, Bruce Macbeth, Johanna Williams and Oliver Pinson.

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