



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

17th & 18th October 2026

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 95;

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:15-21

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Father John ponders.....

“Because it's only when we accept what we don't know that the whole world opens up for us.” – Douglas Murray

It has become a truth in the whole realm of morality/spirituality that the foundational virtue of all the virtues is the virtue of humility. Attempting to live a life of righteousness, not only for the Lord's sake but for our own personal integrity, always brings its own rewards in establishing one's true character. The problem we encounter in following the path of humility is that we may not be so good at it. We may tend to be drawn toward self-expansion in our affairs with others. We like being noticed, and if we are at the centre of other people's attention we find the experience exhilarating. Domination in conversations is a dead give-away for those tending to lean toward pride rather than humility. Stubbornness in our opinions is also the hallmark of the person who has a long way to go to achieve humility. They think they know everything and insist that their opinions count more than everybody else's. One serious drawback of this disposition is that it is a very narrow world which is not open to the rest of the world and other people.

Our quotation for consideration today gives us a very down-to-earth assessment for those who are too full of themselves. They miss out on the whole wide world because of their opinionated stance of themselves. Accepting that there is plenty that we do not know sets up the stage of recognising that there is so much yet to learn. Pride closes us in on ourselves, makes our personal world small, closes us off from positive information and influences continually coming to us from the outside. We remain stulted with a tendency to atrophy/shrinking. This is not the path to flourishing in life but the path to floundering and dismissing any need for making progress toward true freedom.

Pride certainly ruins relationships because there is little room for reciprocal partnerships. Others feel left out in the open because there is little warmth in the relationship. Why do people insist on always being right to prove their own self-worth when they end up with a life's experience of relational frigidity? We are being made into the Likeness of Christ and until we look, sound and behave like Jesus himself the job is certainly far from complete. Humility does mean ego-forgetfulness but the compensation is recognising a wide world of all things we can use for true flourishing, especially the advantage of loving relationships.

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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 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
Monday 19th October	No Morning Mass –Office is closed 7.30pm Bible Study M/R
Tuesday 20th October	9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 10.30am Pastoral Care meeting M/R 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting M/R
Wednesday 21st October	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C
Thursday 22nd October	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm Emotional Development Course P/C 7.00pm Concert Rehearsal - Church
Friday 23rd October	9.15am Mass 10.00am Chair Yoga P/C 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 24th October	9.15am Mass 4.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 25th October <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms 3.00pm Academy Singers Concert -Church

ST CARLO ACUTIS 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.

Genuine Dialogue: A Path to Peace

In a world that cries out for cohesion across our diverse communities, the Jubilee Year of St Francis deepens our Gospel call to be people of peace and fraternity. St Finbar's welcomes Fr Patrick McInerney and members of the diocesan Interfaith Commission to share insights and reflections with us on Tuesday 3rd November 7:00-8:30PM in the Parish Centre. Fr Patrick is Director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and Consultor with the Vatican Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue. Please register your interest by emailing secretary@stfinbars.org.au. An opportunity not to be missed!

Peace and thanks, Irene

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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THE LOUNGE YOUTH GROUP: 7.30-8.30PM

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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

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, BERYL!

The parish community extends our warmest congratulations and best wishes to **Beryl Callaghan** as she celebrates her **100th Birthday** this week on **21st of October**. We thank God for the gift of Beryl's long and faithful life and pray that He continues to bless her with good health, joy, peace, and the love of family and friends. May God's abundant blessings be upon her on this very special milestone birthday and always.

Happy 100th Birthday, Beryl! 🎂 🎉 🕊️ 🌺



PARISH EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS AMBASSADOR. Father John has appointed **Margaret Richards** as St Finbar's Parish Ambassador for the **Eucharist28 International Eucharistic Congress**.

In this important role, Margaret will act as a link between the Eucharist28 Operational Team and our parish community, helping to share information and encourage parishioners to engage with and prepare for the Congress in 2028. We thank Margaret for generously accepting this role and ask parishioners to keep her and the success of Eucharist28 in their prayers.

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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This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 24TH & 25TH OCTOBER 2026

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ann O'Connor	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ann O'Connor	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Junior Servers	Rebekah & Jude Mowbray		Sebastian & Oscar Baird Nicholas Egan
Warden	Margaret Richards	Volunteer Please	Frank Zammit
1 st Reading	Dawn Willis	Kevin Lloyd	Cecilia Zammit
2nd Reading	Volunteer Please	Peter McMahon	Frank Zammit
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Volunteer Please	Carmel Higgins
Music			Holy Light
IT Operators	Patrick Watson	Robyn Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Jan de Bie & Volunteer Please	Volunteers Please	The Young Family
Communion	Lorraine Brown Jim Barndon Vince Dobson	Jessica Tiller & Jean Di Nucci	Annis Nilsson, Greg Rowe Todd Stanford
Children's Liturgy	Michelle		
Church Care	Volunteers please		
Hospitality	Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Lawn Mowing	Tony Doyle, Darren Dukes, Bryan Egan & Courtney Whiticker		

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:

Margaret Corbin, Norval Thyrd (Jnr), Kenneth Townsend, Peter Jeans, Margaret Collins, Robert Weston, Maurice Scaramuzzi, Mary Murray, Margaret Plim, Daphne Grange, Thelma Taylor, Eileen Burrowes, Arthur Kachel, John Mullane, Kathleen Graham, Peter Brown, William Brownlow, May Graham and Carlyle Murray.

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