

St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

7th & 8th November2026

Wisdom 6:12-16;
Psalm 62;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Matthew 25:1-13

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Gospel Reflection by Fr Matthew Dimian

Hello St Finbar's!
I am delighted to have been appointed the Administrator of Glenbrook parish for a few months.
I'd like to honour the service that Fr John Hogan has provided to this community since the end of 2024. I had the privilege of studying under Fr John Hogan for about eight years while he was the rector of Holy Spirit Seminary. I smiled fondly upon seeing Fr John's programme of human formation in his bulletin reflections here. This was the same formation that was drilled into us in the seminary. A few of Fr John's key phrases have become icons among his former seminarians: power over perception; be agents not victims; no complaining, blaming or justifying; and fortitude in adversity is flourishing. Fr John exemplified what he taught, and I note with admiration his fortitude in the face of escalating health struggles recently. I'm certain that Fr John would disapprove of such flattery. Nonetheless, on behalf of St Finbar's parish and myself, a great thank you to Fr John for the gift of his life, his priesthood, and his sacrifices.
I moved here this week from St Aidan's Parish in Rooty Hill. I'm nearly four years ordained a priest, so I value this opportunity to gain more experience by getting to know a new community and ministering to it in whatever ways I can. I like card games. My usual game of choice is Canasta, but I notice that the parish has a Bridge club… One of my goals while I'm at St Finbar's - in addition to the eternal salvation of souls - is to learn Bridge.
I was told that I would only be here for about three months. But the Holy Spirit can make our short time together fruitful. As an Administrator, my mandate is not to make any major changes to the parish. Nonetheless, we can mutually enrich each other to holiness by the unique gifts we each bring as members of Christ's Body. I look forward to getting to know you all, possibly after Mass, at a concert, around a cards table, or over end-of-year Christmas nibbles. Please pray for me.

Fr Matthew

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Baptisms

The Parish joyfully welcomes the Baptisms of

Rafael Stanislaw-Patterson Chardon
Arthus James Turner
Albert Henry Turner



this Sunday and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community here at St Finbar's.

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

Sunday 8th November *32 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*	**7.30am Mass** **9.30am Mass** **11.00am Baptisms** 3.00pm Sydney Chambers Choir Concert
Monday 9th November *The Dedication of Lateran Basilica*	**No Morning Mass –Office is closed**
Tuesday 10th November *St Leo the Great*	**9.15am Mass** 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm PPC Meeting M/R
Wednesday 11th November *St Martin of Tours*	**9.15am Mass followed by Rosary** 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C
Thursday 12th November *St Josaphat*	**9.15am Mass** 1.00pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm RCIA Program M/R
Friday 13th November	**9.15am Mass** 10.00am Chair Yoga P/C 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 14th November	**9.15am Mass** 4.15pm Confessions **5.30pm Vigil Mass**
Sunday 15th November *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time year A*	**7.30am Mass** **9.30am Mass** 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C **6.00pm Youth Mass** **7.30pm Youth Group P/C**

2027 CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE WARDEN'S TABLE

Franciscan: $9 Columban: $12

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Bishop's Good Works Appeal - Help a young mother break the cycle of violence and homelessness.

This Christmas, embrace the spirit of the Nativity story. Let the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, inspire us to reach out to those in need - especially vulnerable homeless women and children. Your tax-deductible gift this Christmas can provide young mothers and their children with secure shelter, nourishing food, and the support they need to build a strong family life and a hopeful future. **Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code.**

Thank you for your generosity,
Christian kindness and compassion.

Online Information Session on the Undergraduate Certificate of Theology: 11 November

An online information session is being held on Wednesday 11 November at 8pm, for all those interested in the Undergraduate Certificate of Theology being offered by BBI Taite in partnership with the Diocese of Parramatta. Learn more about the course structure, delivery modes and assessment from Profession Gerard Moore, BBI Taite Principal and Course Coordinator. Register here: parracatholic.org/connect/events/?topic=theology

MEN'S BREAKFAST – SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2026 AT 7.30AM CHURCH HALL

Start your Saturday with a hearty breakfast, good company and great conversation. All men are invited, along with sons, grandsons, neighbours and friends. Whether you are a regular attendee or coming for the first time, we would love to see you there. To assist with catering please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Warden's table by Sunday 14th of November.

Guest speaker is Asad, an Afghani refugee will talk about his life surviving the Taliban.

Please contact Carl Moll -417 471 137 or John De Mattia 0419 919 443.







WELCOME FATHER MATTHEW

This weekend, we warmly welcome **Father Matthew Dimian** to St Finbar's Parish as he begins his ministry with us. We are grateful that Father Matthew will be serving our parish community over the next three months, and we assure him of our prayers, support and friendship as he settles into parish life. We look forward to sharing this journey of faith with him and getting to know him in the weeks ahead.

We also encourage parishioners, if you are able, to consider inviting Father Matthew to share a meal with your family. It is a wonderful way for him to meet members of our parish community and become acquainted with the families who make St Finbar's such a welcoming and vibrant parish.

May God bless Father Matthew abundantly, guide him in his ministry among us, and make his time at St Finbar's a joyful and rewarding one. **Welcome, Father Matthew! We are delighted to have you with us.**

THANK YOU, VINCE AND CARMEL



Our sincere thanks to **Vince Dobson** for the beautiful new Irish Cross that now stands atop our church. Vince has dedicated many hours of time, skill and hard work to crafting this special addition, and we are also grateful to his son-in-law for assisting with its installation. The parish community is deeply appreciative of this gift and the generosity shown by Vince and Carmel in their ongoing support of our parish. May God richly bless Vince and Carmel for all they do and may this new cross stand as a visible sign of faith for generations to come.

ADVENT GINGERBREAD HOUSE/NATIVITY SCENE MAKING EVENT

Sunday 29th November 2-4pm in Parish Hall, Cost $40. Place order through Parish Office secretary@stfinbars.org.au . Last orders by 13th November.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance will be on permanent display on the Sanctuary during the month of November. Parishioners can add the names of any family members or loved ones who have passed to eternal life. Please do not enter any names that are already in the book.

NOVEMBER

Is the month we especially remember our departed brothers and sisters, parents and family members. Please pray for them and remember them in the Masses. Special Mass Envelopes are available on the Warden's table.

RED NOVEMBER MASS THE WEEKEND OF 21ST AND 22ND NOVEMBER 2026

Red November is an international initiative of Aid to the Church in Need. It is a day to stand up for faith and freedom; to gather and pray for those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red.

COME, LET US ADORE CHRIST OUR KING!

Continuing the beautiful tradition we began last year, I warmly invite you to join our **Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, 22 November at 9:30 am**, celebrating the **Solemnity of Christ the King**. Together, we will bring our Eucharistic Lord into the heart of Springwood and the Lower Mountains, bearing public witness to His loving presence and asking His blessing upon our community. Commencing at **St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, 168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood**, and led by Scottish bagpipes, we will accompany Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to the church for **Benediction, followed by Holy Mass**. Please come with your families and invite others to join us. Let us walk together in faith and love, adoring Jesus and proclaiming Him King of our hearts, our homes and our parish. **Fr Jack Elkazzi**

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 14TH & 15TH NOVEMBER 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
1st Reading	Maire Griffin	Kevin Lloyd	Peter or Trish Hurley	Elizabeth Christie
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Carl Moll	Erin Kelly	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Volunteer Please	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick	Volunteer Please
Music	Cantabile	N/A	Cormac's Group	N/A
IT Operators	Juliette Lynch	Michelle Wilson	Sophia Karatovic	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	Carolyn & Pia			
Church Care	Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, Veronica Clune & Nora Cordoba			
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene & Bert Aligno			

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
Dietrich Blatz (Carl Moll's Cousin), Thelma Fogarty & Monika Locke.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:
Vanessa Lawson, 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*:**
Monica Roebuck, Michele Tagg, Terence McGrath, Kevin O'Neill, Gregory Kelly, Therese Voorn, Patrick Broughan, Lorraine Tolhurst, Patrick Field, Alma Melville, Kenneth Hepburn, Ludgardia Way, Eileen O'Keefe and Renee Belton-Webber.

