

St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

14th & 15th November2026

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,3-31;
Psalm 127;
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6;
Matthew 25:14-30

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Bulletin Reflection – on Unity

Christ prayed to the Father that his disciples, the Church, might remain one in fellowship and communion: "they may be one, even as we are one" (Jn 17:11). Pope Leo seems to have discerned that such unity is especially needed in this moment of history. He took as his papal motto, "*In Illo uno unum*," which means *"In the One [Christ], we are one."* His inaugural homily stated it emphatically: "Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for *a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world."*

Last Monday, Pope Leo took up the same theme with the Church in Argentina during his Apostolic journey to Latin America. Gathered in the Cathedral of Buenos Aires with all the bishops of Argentina and their synodal teams, the Holy Father vividly described the various Argentine terrains and landscapes, and he notes that the local churches throughout the country are just as diverse. Without a unifying force, such differences might easily become divisions, as the politically polarised Argentina is aware. Yet Pope Leo called the Argentine Church to be a model of unity in Christ, who alone has power to heal the divisions caused ultimately by sin in the human heart.

The pursuit of unity, fellowship, and communion must be an essential goal of parish life. Parishes are filled with people of all walks of life and backgrounds, and I've observed that St Finbar's is no different. Yet when such a varied group of ages, styles, and desires manage to be one in mind, heart and soul, it becomes clear that God is the primary agent at work within us, and thus we can point beyond ourselves to Christ Our Head. It must be said that a common life founded on mere human efforts is bound to fail. Pope Leo says to the Argentine church: "This diversity finds its unity in the same faith, in the sacraments and in ecclesial communion." Such unity is foremost a gift of grace given by God through his church. The means of unity are "one Lord, one faith, one baptism," (Eph 4:5). We must be one in mind, believing the same truths revealed by God and contained in the Scriptures, Tradition and the Church's teaching; one in heart filled with the same divine charity practicing the virtues, beatitudes and commandments; one in saving grace filling our souls through the sacraments and the worship of the Mass; one in the communion of the church under headship of Christ who governs through the pope and bishops.

Unity is the fruit of clinging to these divine means given to us through the Holy Spirit. Yet we must also cooperate with such graces to produce fruit. So let's heed the Holy Father's call as a parish:

"Therefore, let us cultivate communion, welcoming our legitimate differences with charity and fostering fraternity, so that our unity may make Christ's love visible and help many to encounter him."

Fr Matthew

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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.*

Parish Calendar

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**
Monday 16th November	**No Morning Mass –Office is closed**
Tuesday 17th November *St Elizabeth of Hungary*	**9.15am Mass** 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Columbarium Meeting M/R
Wednesday 18th November	**9.15am Mass followed by Rosary** 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting M/R
Thursday 19th November	**9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea** 1.00pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm RCIA Program M/R 7.00pm Earthcare and Social Justice Group P/C
Friday 20th November	**9.15am Mass** 10.00am Chair Yoga P/C 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 21st November *The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary*	7.30am Men's Breakfast P/C **9.15am Mass** 4.15pm Confessions **5.30pm Vigil Mass**
Sunday 22nd November *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Time year A*	**7.30am Mass** **9.30am Mass** **10.45am Baptisms** 2.00pm Concert Committee Meeting M/R

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.

JEFF HOOD

The Mass of Ordination to the Presbyterate of Rev Jeff Hood will be on Tuesday the 24th of November at 7.30pm at Cathedral Church of St Patrick Parramatta. Jeff's thanksgiving Mass will be at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Greystanes on Thursday 26th of November at 7pm. All Invited.

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 who will talk about his life surviving the Taliban.

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

2027 CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE WARDEN'S TABLE

Franciscan: $9 Columban: $12







MANY THANKS FROM BERYL

With heartfelt thanks to everyone at St Finbar's Parish for your kind wishes on my 100th birthday.
The beautiful messages in the 'Pink Folder' together with the lovely cards I received from parish friends brought me such joy.
Each was a delight to read & will remain a treasured memory of my St Finbar's community.

ADVENT GINGERBREAD HOUSE/NATIVITY SCENE MAKING EVENT

Saturday 28th November 2-4pm in Parish Hall, Cost $40. Place order through Parish Office secretary@stfinbars.org.au . Last orders by 13th November.

BUSHCARE GROUP GATHERING. BMC Council run Bushcare group near the Glenbrook Lagoon (Kodala lane). This group meets monthly and it's next meeting is November 29 1.30 to 4.30pm. Come and join us as we remove weed species (this time we targeted the all too prolific Yorkshire fog) and plant more preferable plant species for our precious local ecosystem.

PARISH GROUNDS NEWS:

THANK YOU to the eight wonderful volunteers who assisted at the Working Bee on October 31st. We completed the task of clearing away the cuttings from the photinia hedge along the Levy Street fence. The bushes are now looking much healthier and benefiting from better air flow and the lovely periodic rain over these past few weeks.

EARLY NOTICE – we *might* hold one more working bee on Dec 5. More later.

THANK YOU to the mowing crew for this past week. You did a great job on Nov 5. It's now flowering time for agapanthus and other lillies that you will find all around the church. Please enjoy the show BUT, *"Please enjoy the show. For curious little hands the flowers are tempting to touch, but the flowers and stems are delicate. Please help us keep them beautiful for everyone by looking but not touching. Thank you."*

SAFETY ISSUE – Could you please keep the children from kicking or throwing the pebbles that are placed at the side of the pathway on the Levy St side of the church? The pebbles exist so that rainwater can be absorbed into the ground around the church, thus limiting water on paths.
When the pebbles are thrown onto the path, they become a safety hazard for any person who has balance challenges etc. This includes people who use walkers to assist their mobility. Additionally, if the pebbles are thrown on the grass, this can become a safety issue when a person mows the grass.
Thank you for your assistance.

RED NOVEMBER: PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS THE WEEKEND 21ST AND 22ND NOVEMBER AT ALL MASSES

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to pray, support and act for persecuted Christians throughout Red November. Register today and receive a **free prayer card** and **complimentary pair of Rosary beads**, handmade by Christians in Syria.
To join us in prayer, scan the QR code, or visit rebrand.ly/RedNovemberRosary

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
Contact Michelle for more information or to book into a class. Phone 0413366425.

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 21ST & 22ND NOVEMBER 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	Ben Oxley	Frank Zammit
1st Reading	Jessica Doherty	Kevin Lloyd	Cecilia Zammit
2nd Reading	Volunteer Please	Andrew Teece	Annissa Nilsson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Peter McMahon	Yvonne Scanlan
Music			Holy Light
IT Operators	Volunteer Please	Robyn Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Steve & Heather Lee	Rivas Family	The Young Family
Communion	Lorraine Brown Vince Dobson & Volunteer Please	Jessica Tiller & Jean Di Nucci	Annissa Nilsson, Elizabeth Rowe Todd Stanford
Children's Liturgy	Colin		
Church Care	Volunteers please		
Hospitality	Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Lawn Mowing	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Brendan Christie		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
Dietrich Blatz (Carl Moll's Cousin), Thelma Fogarty and 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:
Amy Mood, Brenda Amaral, John Howling, Kathleen Roberts, Marjorie Fitzgibbons, Sheila Hammerton, Beverley Pembroke, Mary McGee, Kevin Sharp, George Tinning, Colleen McHardy, Gary Shackleton, Lillian Mitchell, Julie Stone and Joseph Redler

