

# The Barbra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
 2nd & 3rd March 2019

*Sirach 27:4-7; Ps 91; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45*

<b>Sunday</b> <b>3rd March</b> <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Catholic School Week Mass</b> <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C	<div data-bbox="970 333 1382 378" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>Reflection on the Gospel</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="799 400 1541 1229" data-label="Text"> <p>A Greek word for an actor is <i>hypokritā's</i>, and Jesus often uses it in a disparaging way. How often have we heard the sad, sometimes angry, remark by someone let down by a person they trusted: 'It was all a big act'. Eventually, the true character of the dishonest or manipulative person is revealed. All the acting in the world will not forever suppress what is bound to overflow from the heart. This takes us to the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus pronounces a blessing on 'the pure in heart, for they will see God'. This does not describe those who are ritually or sexually pure, but those who, at the core of their being, are not actors. There is no duplicity or camouflage, no lie or deception clouding the heart. Because of this, Jesus says they are well prepared to see God because they do not have the great plank of acting in their eye. Of course, we already see God in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, so that we can pray with the clear-sighted Richard, Bishop of Chichester in 1253: 'O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day.' We could pause for a moment and resolve to make that prayer with a pure heart. Then, when we grace-fully share Christ's resurrection life in Heavenly Glory, in the embrace of Divine Love we shall truly see the Triune God face-to-face!</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1209 1229 1541 1274" data-label="Text"> <p><i>Reflection by Fr Michael Tate</i></p> </div>
<b>Monday</b> <b>4th March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R <b>7.30pm Sacramental Information Evening P/C</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>5th March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R 7.30pm St. Finbar's Netball Club Meeting P/C	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>6th March</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <i>Fast and abstinence</i>	<b>9.15am School Mass</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C <b>7.30pm Ash Wednesday Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>7th March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm Lenten Group M/R 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	
<b>Friday</b> <b>8th March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass + Benediction</b> 1.00pm Bowlers <b>7.15pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass</b>	<div data-bbox="799 1330 1541 1532" data-label="Text"> <p><b>MUSIC MINISTRY MEETING.</b> A musicians' meeting will be held in the meeting room on 10th March after the 9:30 am Mass. We will be discussing music for the Holy Week. For further enquiries, please contact Matthew Phillips on 0481 841 704 or at <a href="mailto:mhy.phillips@gmail.com">mhy.phillips@gmail.com</a>.</p> </div>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>9th March</b>	7.30am Men's Breakfast <b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 2.30pm Wedding <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<div data-bbox="799 1576 1541 1845" data-label="Text"> <p><b>FRIDAY EVENING DURING LENT.</b>          Are you looking to do something extra this year in preparation for Easter?. Come and join us for the Stations of the Cross followed by Mass, every Friday evening during Lent at 7.15pm at St. Finbar's. Everyone is most welcome. This will be held in addition to the usual Friday 9am Mass followed by adoration and Benediction.</p> </div>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10th March</b> <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.30am Musicians Meeting M/R 11.00am Baptism	<div data-bbox="799 1879 1541 2038" data-label="Text"> <p><i>Congratulations to Susan Scicluna &amp; Iain Druce who will get married this Saturday the 9th of March, we wish them both a happy and wonderful life</i></p> </div>

**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. Our Parish lies within the Traditional Country of the Darug people— The Aboriginal Custodians of our area .

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

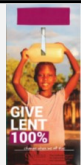
## FOR YOUR DIARY - SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2019:

St. Finbar's Sacramental program Information Evening is on Monday the 4th of March 2019 at 7.30pm. All Parents who will have children participating in one of the Sacramental programs in 2019 need to attend the meeting.

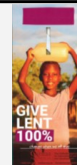
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Will be held on Saturday 1st of June at 2:30pm with the preparation meetings will start on Saturday 4th of May at 4.30pm.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Will be held on Sunday the 1st of September at 6:00pm. The Confirmation preparation meetings will start on Saturday the 27th of July at 4.30pm.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion:** Will be held on Sunday the 24th of November during the 9.30am Mass. The Holy Communion preparation meetings will start on Saturday the 19th of October at 4.30pm



**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND  
ENVELOPES ARE LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.  
PLEASE TAKE YOURS HOME TODAY.**



## Helpers Needed

### "Conversation & Cuppa 2019"

9.30am On Friday 8th of March and Friday 12th of April

We need two volunteers to supervise a Faith based activity and morning tea for children. Discussing the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith with our school Community. For more information or to volunteer please contact Annemaree 0412942299. Thank you

## LENT 2019 WITH BRUCE DOWNES THE CATHOLIC GUY.

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed! Come on a 40 day journey with me and I know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together. Receive a video each Sunday and an inspirational email each day during Lent. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: [www.TheCatholicGuy.com/Lent](http://www.TheCatholicGuy.com/Lent). Call 1300 734 880 for more info

## BRIDGE LESSONS.

Bridge is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. In its basic format, it is played by four players in two competing partnerships, with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. Millions of people play bridge worldwide in clubs, tournaments, online and with friends at home, making it one of the world's most popular card games, particularly among seniors. A series of lessons will be held in March/April in the Hall. For further information please contact Kerrie on 4753 6048 or 0458 536044.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Eva Lynch, Joyce Farnham (Ray and Sue Farnham's mother), Lucy Groves, Patricia Psaila, Elsie Frontain (Jeannine Ashbee's Mother in Canada), Joan Kelly and Jeanette Matthews (Patrick Watson's Cousin).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Sally Phoebus, Chris Paine, Mark Bates, Ryder Lopez, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Josephine Teece, Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, Jacqui Visser, Elise Doyle, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Little Majella, Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson) and Moira Mercer (Eileen Jones' sister).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Margaret Feld, Gloria Miles, James Hurley, Mary Mulvey, Lewis Konza, Ellen Butcher, Rosena Baker, Hugh McDaid, Joan Morgan, William Chambers and Maree Bowden.

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to love,  
and then to  
part is the..."*

*...saddest  
journey of  
the human  
heart"*

**LEURA MEMORIAL  
GARDENS FUNERALS**

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

**BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL** Thank you to all the parishioners who gave generously to this appeal last weekend. The envelopes have been left on the seats for those parishioners who were unable to give last week. Please place the envelope in either collection this weekend. We did not reach our quota, so if any parishioners are able to be a little more generous, this would save us having to use parish funds to make up our quota amount.

**SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL:** *Are we living in a Christian country? Where is the Church situated in the mind of modern Australia? Is 'Christian' really an appropriate description for our culture?* Please join us as **Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP** delivers his lecture "The Godless Country? Part II, Christian Australia" at **6:30pm, Thursday 7 March 2019 in the Chapter Hall of St Mary's Cathedral**. Refreshments will be provided. Scholarship at the Cathedral is an initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese in partnership with the Institute for Ethics and Society at the University of Notre Dame Australia. Please register your attendance at: <https://www.satcathedral.org/>

## Diocese of Parramatta Notices

### Dr Laurie Woods

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in the Diocese of Parramatta has engaged Dr Laurie Woods to present on the Gospel of St Luke.  
Venue: IFM Marion St Blacktown  
Time: 10am - 2pm  
Dates: Fridays March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12  
All are welcome. BYO lunch.  
Please register with Maree on 02 8838 3486

### Dr Austen Ivereigh: 20 March

You are warmly invited to a public conversation between papal biographer & UK Catholic journalist Dr Austen Ivereigh and Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv as they discuss Pope Francis and becoming a humble, listening and learning Church. Wednesday 20 March at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. RSVP by 13 March to Br Mark O'Connor on [mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org](mailto:mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org). - Time to be confirmed

## PARRAMATTA YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS (PYCW) UPCOMING PROGRAMS 2019

We are a Movement run FOR, BY and WITH young people. We strive to serve, educate, and represent young people by empowering them to be the change they want to see in their lives, communities, and the world. We utilise the Review of Life (SEE-JUDGE-ACT) as our primary methodology to examine the meaning of our lives, the issues that engage us, and the integral part played by our values and faith. Today, the YCW is an active movement in more than fifty countries and has been present in Australia for the past sixty years! In the next couple of weeks, our Movement will begin a few key initiatives, aimed at bringing young people together to take action – if there are any young people in your parish from the ages of 18 – 30 that are passionate about social justice, leadership development and formation or seeking a space for reflection and discernment, they are more than welcome to get involved. Please check the notice board for more information about the upcoming programs.

## COLES STIKEEZ COLLECTIBLES.

If you or your family and friends are shopping at Coles whilst their current promotion is running, we would be grateful for any donations of the Stikeez collectibles. We use these for maths activities at different times and they will go nicely with our collection of Coles Minis. Please send them in a bag to the school office. Thank you in advance.



**AFFORDABLE HOUSING.** You are invited at 6.00 pm On Thursday March 14 2019, nine days before the next NSW election, join 2000 leaders and citizens at Sydney Town Hall to stand together for the common good. Together we will be seeking clear, concrete commitments on affordable housing, household energy and rental reform from both state and federal politicians. Parramatta Diocese Social Justice Office, Vinnies NSW Sydney Alliance and the Everybody's Home Campaign are jointly hosting the Assembly. Register now to be part of making a difference for the Common Good. Register at <https://register.eventarc.com/41575/march-2019-assembly>

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# PARISH INFORMATION

## Sacraments

Confessions: Sat 4.45-5.15pm  
Baptisms: By Appointment  
Weddings: By Appointment

**Office Hours:** 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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## ROSTER FOR 9TH & 10TH MARCH 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Volunteer Please	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Katia Apps	Joshua & Lucy Toutounji	Rocco Siciliano Emily Dowling Nicola De La Mare
Warden	Ken Schneiders	Volunteer Please	Kylie Mills
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Sue McGrath
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Allan Jones	Maura Williams	Richard Cutler
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dawn Willis	Andrew Teece	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Joanne Stubbs
I.T Operator	Eleanor Thompson	Terry Keogh	Jim McLoughlin
Musician	M. Phillips & M. Taylor		Naomi's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Margaret Richards	Kath Tierney Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	Avril Llewellyn John Mullane Gerard Egan Juliana Khnouf
Children's Liturgy	Michelle S		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Daren & Liz Dukes		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young & Beth Killeen		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Beth Culliver		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Michael Lloyd & John Killeen		

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