

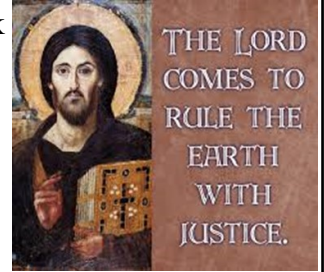
# The BARRA

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

16th & 17th November 2019

Malachi 3:19-20; Ps 97; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19. Eucharistic Prayer 2

<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>17th November</b></p> <p><i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.30 Musician Meeting M/R <b>11.00am Baptism</b> 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 3.00pm First Holy Communion Rehearsal <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group</p>	<p><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p>
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>18th November</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 9.00am Fun Singers</p>	<p>This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world. The language of passages like today's gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated. Unfortunately, the lectionary has the passage concluding at verse 19; the complete passage continues on for another 17 verses and so we don't get the full effect of Jesus' speech. In the latter portion, Jesus assures the disciples that the kingdom will surely come to pass. It is a promise that we affirm every time we say the Creed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>19th November</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>20th November</b></p>	<p><b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>	
<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>21st November</b></p> <p><i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>	<p><b>10.00am Healing Mass and morning tea</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C</p>	
<p><b>Friday</b> <b>22nd November</b></p> <p><i>St. Cecilia</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass + Benediction</b> 1.00pm Bowlers P/C</p>	
<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>23rd November</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.30am Te Deum Choir practice <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>24th November</b></p> <p><i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass &amp; First Holy Communion</b></p>	



*Fun Singers is on Monday the 18th of November at 9am.*

**SUNDAY BAPTISMS:**

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Pippa Hannigan and Wyatt Ryujin Nash this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.



*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

## EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE – SAVE THE DATES!

Once again, the parishes of the Blue Mountains Deanery will host the Epiphany Pilgrimage from 2 – 8 January 2020. We can welcome the pilgrims to our beautiful mountains by:

- Journeying with them for a day or more of walking along the route (visit [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org) for track information and to register)
- Joining them for one or more evenings at the parishes of the Deanery for prayer, catechesis, Adoration and a festive meal.
- Welcoming them in a particular way when they visit our parish from 2 – 3 January
- Joining them for their final Mass at the Chapel of the Magi in Bell on 8 January

To help out with the celebrations & catering at St Finbar's, contact Matt and Lucie Twyford on 0402669153

## TIMEOUT TUESDAY.

19th November, St Finbars Parish Centre. 10am – 1pm. Our last gathering for the year. Come and enjoy

**MUSICIANS' MEETING.** Will be held in the Parish Meeting Room this Sunday the 17th November after the 9:30 am Mass. We will be discussing music for Advent and Christmas. Anyone interested in singing/playing for any of the Christmas Masses is welcome to come to the meeting. For further enquiries, please contact Matthew Phillips on 0481 841 704 or at [mhy.phillips@gmail.com](mailto:mhy.phillips@gmail.com).

**TRIVIA NIGHT** Grateful thanks to all those parishioners who supported the recent parish Trivia Night. As well as having fun and helping strengthen our community, you raised over \$1500 for the parish. A big thank you to Lyndal and Martin Rogers and their team for organising and running the night.

**FINAL BISHOP'S CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL FOR 2019** The final Bishop's Catholic Foundation appeal for 2019 will take place over the weekend of 30th November/1st December. Donations of \$2 or more to this appeal are tax deductible. As usual, special envelopes will be placed on the seats for you to use for either cash or cheque donations, or for donating via your credit card. Please come prepared on this weekend.

**PIETY STALL.** Come and check the Piety Stall for great First Holy Communion and Christmas gifts. We have new Christmas Cards Packs of 8 for \$4 each.

**2020 Religious calendars are now available at the wardens' table. \$6 Franciscan and \$9 Columban.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joyce Slyney, Richard Formosa, Liam O'Sullivan (Son of Mary & Mick), George Frampton, John Parker (husband of Gwen), Tony Hickey, Brian Martland, Kathleen O'Connor, Victor Baker, Rita O'Malley, Stanley Harris and Ian McNay.

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

Robert Carey (Ann Keating's brother), Ken Moore, Margaret Christensen, Ryder Lopez, Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Sandra & Chris Paine, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Elise & Hilary Doyle, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Sophie Hollies, Colleen Nolan, Ernie Cafe, Michelle Anthony and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

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

Kathleen Roberts, Marjorie Fitzgibbons, Sheila Hammerton, Beverley Pembroke, Mary McGee, Kevin Sharp, George Tinning, Lillian Mitchell, Julie Stone, Joseph Redler, Joseph McGoldrick, Keith Trevenar, John Hennessy and Ida Brown.

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## PRAYER FOR RAIN:

*God of love and life, we thank you for the creation of the earth to nourish us and sustain us with life. Jesus asked us to constantly ask you and it will be given to us. We ask you Father now in faith, hope and love that you look with compassion and favour on our drought stricken land and on our suffering brothers and sisters in the farmland. In your loving providence send abundant rain and renew the faith of your people and the face of our land. Keep our land free from bush fires and other calamities. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



St Vincent de Paul Society  
NSW/ACT *good works*

Dear Father Jolly and parishioners of Glenbrook Parish,

We wish to heartily thank you for the extremely generous donations of goods and cash to be distributed to families who are struggling through this unprecedented drought. We were overwhelmed with the amount of your donation. We have sent some to our Moree office and those members were in tears upon receiving the parcels. Our local nuns are also distributing some of the goods.

We are slowly sorting through the bags and parcelling up to distribute to needy families.

Thank you once again and please keep us in your prayers as we are with you.

Jacinta Stanley (Secretary)

**PARISH MINISTRIES** St Finbar's parish is blessed with the large number of ministries that exist within the parish, all run by dedicated parishioners. Some ministries are obvious when you come to Mass—these include the Wardens, Welcomers, Music, Junior and Senior Servers. However there are a lot Ministries that operate behind the scenes to keep our parish functioning including the following:

- ◆ Garden Club and Gardeners who keep the parish grounds neat and tidy and looking good
- ◆ Cashiers who count the various collections each week and prepare the money for banking.
- ◆ Hospitality people who look after food and drink after 9:30am Masses, at funerals and other parish functions
- ◆ Church Cleaners who clean and tidy the church every Friday or Saturday, ready for the weekend Masses.
- ◆ Those who launder and iron the altar cloths and purifiers used at all Masses.
- ◆ Piety Stall volunteers who man the stall at the 9:30am Mass each Sunday.
- ◆ Children's Liturgy ministers who teach the liturgy of the Mass to children during part of the 9:30am Masses
- ◆ Catechists who teach religion to catholic students in many of our local state schools.

Joining a parish ministry is a great way to get involved with the parish community and help it to grow stronger. If you would like to join any of the ministries, please contact Juliana in the parish office and she will connect you with the relevant parishioner you need to talk to.

## Diocese of Parramatta Notices

### Plenary Council 2020 Diocesan Session 6: 20 November

You are invited to the sixth session in the Diocese of Parramatta to gather and discern the Plenary Council 2020 National Themes for Discernment. This session on 'Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform' will be held on 20th November from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org) or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

### Reflection Day for Women: 23 November

Preparing our hearts for Advent – Reflection Day for Women. Saturday 23 November 9.30am – 3.00 pm. Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. Facilitator: Sr Mary Louise. Cost \$25 BYO own lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Take some time out for prayer and reflection!

To register or for more information [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) or phone: (02) 4773 8338.

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**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 23RD & 24TH NOVEMBER 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Riley Farrell & Ethan Cameron		Keira Vermaak & Nicola De La Mare
Warden	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Volunteer Please	Mary Creenaune	Avril Llewellyn
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Philomena Watkins	Andrew Teece	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Elizabeth Konza	Yvonne Scanlan
I.T Operator	Eleanor Thompson	Terry Keogh	Joseph Marceau
Musician	Te Deum		Holy Light
Presentation of the Gifts	Steve & Heather Lee	Rivas Family	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Vince Dobson Noreen Taylor Lorraine Brown Allan Jones	Terry Madden Ann Keating Jean Di Nucci Volunteer Please	Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Todd Stanford Juliana Khnouf Ben Ticehurst Leanne Brown
Children's Liturgy	Colin		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Joe Grange		
Hospitality	Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Church Care	Julie Fehon, Tania Walker, Janette Ankers, Lynda Favell & Kylie Lane.		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon & Michael Lloyd		

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