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Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year C

23rd & 24th November 2019

2 Samuel 5:1-3; Ps 121; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43. Eucharistic Prayer 2

		<i>Reflection on the Gospel</i>
Sunday 24th November <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass –First Holy Communion	<p>The choice of today's gospel passage in the lectionary appears to be twofold. Firstly, the inscription above the crucified Christ reads, 'This is the King of the Jews', one of the scriptural references to Christ's kingship – although that reference is more complicated than it first appears. Secondly, the feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year and the end of the year-long journey through the gospel of Luke. Given that the second half of the gospel is a physical and psychological journey towards Jerusalem and the death that awaits Jesus there, it is fitting that the final reading for the liturgical year is the crucifixion. When the feast of Christ the King was first conceived by Pope Pius XI in 1925, its intention was to emphasise the majesty and power of Jesus Christ, King and ruler of the world. However, our understanding of 'king' as it can be applied to Jesus has changed significantly in the intervening years. Despite earthly notions of kingship and the role of the Messiah, Jesus completely rejected such expectations and assumed the role of servant to the poor and outcast. As we have seen throughout this year, the gospel of Luke depicts in great detail the emphasis and priority that Jesus gave to the lowly and marginalised. The theme that flows through the gospel is again captured in the account of the crucifixion. At this most critical point, it is a criminal, crucified alongside Jesus, who responds in faith to Jesus and asks to join Jesus when he enters into his kingdom. The criminal has a much better idea of the nature of the sort of king that Jesus really is than is revealed by the sign that Pilate has had nailed to the cross.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p>
Monday 25th November	9.00am Mass 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	
Tuesday 26th November	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice	
Wednesday 27th November	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 28th November	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm Plenary Council Group Meeting M/R 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	
Friday 29th November	9.00am Mass + Benediction 1.00pm Bowlers Christmas Lunch P/C	
Saturday 30th November <i>St. Andrew</i>	9.00am Mass 10.30am Te Deum Choir practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 1st December <i>1st Sunday of Advent Year A</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Young Families Advent Meeting P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group	<p>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY</p> <p>Father Jolly and St. Finbar's Community would like to congratulate the children who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. May God bless them all.</p> <p><i>Last Saturday morning the Parish held another successful men's breakfast. Special thanks to Lina and the kitchen team, the cooks on the BBQ and all those who attended. Carl Moll.</i></p>



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

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH MUSIC AND SACRED READINGS AT ST. FINBARS

Music and Readings for Christmas

St Finbar's traditional Christmas concert anticipated by the entire community will be held this year on Sunday 22nd December at 7.30pm. Massed Choir, Readings, Harp, Soloists and Brass. Join the great organ in singing carols with the choir and congregation and rejoice in the Hallelujah Chorus with trumpets and timpani.

Donation: Families \$35, individuals \$15.

Bring the family, friends and neighbours. Enquiries 4754 1780.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR 2019

Help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

The Bishop's Christmas 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. Thank you for your generosity.

EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE PRAYER INTENTIONS

Is there anyone or anything that you'd like prayed for? Write your intention on the Epiphany Pilgrimage prayer cards in the church foyer and place them in the box provided. The Epiphany pilgrims will pray for your intention every evening of their journey from 2 – 8 January 2020. For more information or to register for the pilgrimage, visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org. To help out with the celebrations and catering at St Finbar's, contact Matt and Lucie Twyford on 0402669153.

NEW ROSTERS FOR 2020.

We are in urgent need for Wardens, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the 7.30am Mass and a Senior Server for the 9.30am Mass on the 1st Sunday of the Month. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office on 47398928 or email secretary@stfinbars.org.au. Thank you for all your help and support.

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), Joan 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, Michelle Anthony and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Marie Brooks, Myee Goymour, Raelene Baskett, Winifred Lawrence, Cecil White, Nicholas Haddock, Stephen Hutchins, Glenna Van den Steen, Shirley Noyes and Ronald Aussel.

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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 of 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.

TRADING TABLE. Weekend of 30th November & 1st December after all Masses.
All proceeds going to drought/fire relief.

Carols in the Glenbrook Park to be held on Friday 13th December, commencing at 7.45. Bring your own picnic rugs and chairs. Music by Blue Mountains Concert Band. In the event of rain, carols will be held in St Andrew's adjacent to the park. This is a Glenbrook - Blaxland Interchurch event and all are welcome to attend.

Musicians – we need you!

Our ministry is dwindling. In recent years we have lost more than half of our musicians to other commitments or life changes. As they have departed the musical load is increasingly being borne by fewer and fewer people and more and more Masses are without music. It has been some time since anyone new has stepped up to this ministry and yet we know that our parish is, and always has been, blessed with musical talents. We would like to invite you now to share your gifts with our community and consider establishing a choir or joining one of the music groups. We especially wish to appeal to vocalists and those who play the keyboard. Each group has a different style and theme, and we welcome you to try out with any one of us. You will be mentored and supported and you will very likely make some great friendships too. Just come to talk to anyone of the groups or contact me on 0481 841 704 or email: mhy.phillips@gmail.com. Matthew Phillips, Music coordinator.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Positions Vacant:

- Clergy Healthcare and Administration Support Officer (Part time) - Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Catholic Outlook is back!

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back from Sunday 1 December 2019. The revised Catholic Outlook will be published quarterly as an A4 magazine with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta. Look out for copies in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from Sunday 1 December.

Plenary Council 2020

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020. There are many opportunities to engage in the "Listening and Discernment" phase by participating in small group sessions within the Diocese. Ask your priests or Deanery Representatives for session dates in parishes and deaneries or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.



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Baptisms: By Appointment
Weddings: By Appointment

Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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ROSTER FOR 30TH NOVEMBER & 1ST DECEMBER 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	Carl Moll	Volunteer Please
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Grace Incorvil & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance & Sue McGrath
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Terry Keogh	Jesse Mowbray
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Briony Mowbray
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Martin Rogers
I.T Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Elizabeth Konza	Patrick Watson
Musician			A. Hobbs' Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Michelle & Joseph Wilson
Minister of Communion	John Verhoeven Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara Beth Culliver	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller John Killeen	Garry Pursehouse Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher
Children's Liturgy	Elizabeth		
Cashier	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance & Vicky Ang		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson & St. Finbar's Playgroup.		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		

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