



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A**

18TH & 19TH JANUARY 2020

*Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Ps 39; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34; Eucharistic Prayer 2*

<p><b>Sunday</b> 19th January <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p> <p>What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou'! It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off. We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off. Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God. So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.' But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis. We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Fr Michael Tate</i></p> <p><b><u>YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN A LENTEN GROUP IN 2020. IT IS YOUR CHANCE TO SIGN IN THIS WEEKEND!</u></b> <i>Lenten Group</i> offers you an opportunity to explore the message of Jesus with others, to relate it to your own experiences and thereby to express it more fully in your daily life. The program we are using this year is the <i>GRACE Lenten Program 2020-Wollongong Diocese</i></p> <p>You can choose from these 3 groups;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday at 2.30pm Group leader Constance Colley</li> <li>• Thursday evening at 7.30pm Group leader Mila Svehla</li> <li>• Saturday Morning at 9 am Group leader Martin Rogers.</li> </ul> <p>Group leaders will contact you regarding venues. Please add your name and contact details to lists provided at the table in the Narthex this weekend.</p> <p>For any enquiry call Mila on 4739 1470</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> 20th January</p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 21st January <i>St. Agnes</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 22nd January</p>	<p><b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>	
<p><b>Thursday</b> 23rd January</p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C</p>	
<p><b>Friday</b> 24th January <i>St. Francis de Sales</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction</b> 10.00am SRE Meeting M/R 1.00pm Bowlers</p>	
<p><b>Saturday</b> 25th January <i>The Conversion of St. Paul</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Sunday</b> 26th January <i>Australia Day</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b></p>	
<p><b><u>BUSHFIRE RESPONSE:</u></b> Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country. The Australian Bishops have announced that special collections will be taken at Masses on Australia Day weekend to support affected communities. They have also urged Catholics to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires. To access prayer resources or for more information, visit <a href="http://www.catholic.org.au/bushfires">www.catholic.org.au/bushfires</a></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 .*

# PARISH INFORMATION

## Sacraments

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

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

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## ROSTER FOR 25TH & 26TH JANUARY 2020

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	Gerard Egan	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	Robyn Flynn	Ellen Teece	Joseph Marceau
Musician	No Music	During Mass	In January
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
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Cashier	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Hospitality	Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn, Lucie & Matthew Twyford		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Jessica Doherty & Eileen Jones		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Not available during January		

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jim Barrett, Anthony Campbell (Alison Howard's Brother), Hilary Doyle, Denis (Mick) O'Sullivan, Robert Carey (Ann Keating's brother), Joyce Slyney, Richard Formosa, Liam O'Sullivan, George Frampton, Tony Hickey and Brian Martland.

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

Eugene Daley (Margaret Rivas' Friend), Ken Moore, 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 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:

Guiseppe Nardi, Angela McGregor, Kathleen McFadden, Bruce Oxford, Philip Mason, John Castor, Phillip Coburn, Patrick Egan, Lachlan Turnbull and Margaret Lane.