

The Balfin

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

13th & 14th January 2018

1 Sam 3:3-10,19; Ps 39; 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Sunday 14 January <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass
Monday 15 January	NO MORNING MASS
Tuesday 16 January	NO MORNING MASS 11:00am Olive O'Neill Funeral Mass
Wednesday 17 January <i>St. Anthony</i>	NO MORNING MASS 7.00pm Bridge P/C
Thursday 18 January	NO MORNING MASS 1.30pm Bridge. P/C
Friday 19 January	NO MORNING MASS 1.30 Bowlers P/C
Saturday 20 January	NO MORNING MASS 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 21 January <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge

During January we welcome back Fr Robert Anderson to our Parish for all the weekend Masses.

Reflection on the Gospel



Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry.

Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know. To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do.

In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). There are many instances throughout the Bible of people taking or being given new names. Abram became Abraham; Jacob became Israel; Saul became Paul.

This change of name is used as a sign that they have encountered God in a special way and have taken on a new life – a new commitment to God. In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that. Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus.

A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

URGENT REQUESTS: We need a **Warden** for the 1st Sunday of the month 9.30am Mass & **Junior Servers** for different Masses. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office on 47398928. Thank you

***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.*

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

HOW WILL YOU PREPARE FOR EASTER THIS YEAR?

Lent - the season of preparation for Christ's Resurrection at Easter, is for many Catholics a special time of prayer, fasting and renewed spiritual focus.

Lenten Group - 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.

Ash Wednesday is early this year (14 February), you are invited to join a Lenten Group and to journey to Easter with other members of our Parish Family. The program we will be using is called SURRENDER from Wollongong Diocese.

There will be an opportunity to sign up next weekend 20-21 January. There will be 3 groups:

Wednesday afternoon, Wednesday evening, and Saturday morning.

For more details contact Mila 47391470.

A funeral Mass will be held for Olive O'Neill on Tuesday the 16th of January at 11:00am. Please keep Cath Newton and the O'Neill family in your prayers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Please note that Ash Wednesday is on the 14th of February this year. The Church will have the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7.15pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm starting Friday the 16th of February and all through Lent.

THE NEW ROSTERS from February 2018 to July 2018 will be sent out before the end of January to those who have emails. If you do not receive yours for your ministry and you do have an email address, please contact the Parish Office, and one will be sent to you. If you do NOT have an email, please take a copy from the table in the Narthex. Thank you once again. Juliana

One of the Parishioners is in urgent need for an adjustable bed. If you have one or know of someone who has one they can spare. Please ring or email the Parish Office. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Olive O'Neil (Cath Newton's mum), Robyn Kopp, Joy Serne', Geoff Shalala, Mary Cockburn, George Chacko (Father Jolly's Uncle), Marjory Etherington, Maggie Cooper (Patrick Watson's friend), Terence McGrath, Anne Bell, Jack Mullane (John's Father), Lynette Fernandes (Ahyiesha D'Souza Mum), Cliff McHardy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Lyn Downes, Ellen Moffitt, Jane Bloor, Ena Baker, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, Pam Clyne, Jacqui Visser, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, John Roebuck, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Shirley Glover, Little Majella and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Lucy Barrett, Doris Gibson, Darcie Pizarro, James Mulvey, Maureen Ingram, Catherine Hagen, John Castor, Daniel O'Keefe, Marie Boyle, Thelma Johnstone, Guiseppe Nardi, Angela McGregor, Kathleen McFadden, Bruce Oxford and Don Moffitt (Beryl Callaghan's brother).

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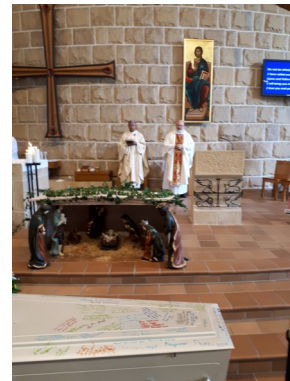


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the human
heart"*

**LEURA MEMORIAL
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HIGHLIGHTS OF GEOFF SHALALA'S FUNERAL:



Jan Smith wishes to thank the St. Finbar's Parish Community for their prayers over the last several months.

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP | DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA. LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2018

Father Jolly and the Liturgy Committee invite your consideration to become a trained liturgical minister and to assist the Parish in one of the ministries listed below. This will be very much appreciated!

The liturgical ministry courses are being offered at :

1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown (B), (Diocesan Assembly Centre) between 12th February & 7th May at 7.00pm.

St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith, (P), Meeting Room 1, between 15th February & 10th May at 7.00pm.

You would only need to attend the **ONE** location, either at Blacktown or at Penrith.

Compulsory Introductory Session (12/2 B; 15/2 P)

Minister of the Word (19/2 and 26/2 B; 22/2 and 1/3 P)

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (5/3 and 12/3 B; 8/3 and 15/3 P)

Communion to the Sick and Dying (Must also attend the above course): (9/4 B and 12/4 P)

Senior Altar Servers & Acolytes (Must attend **all 8** courses): (30/4 and 7/5/ B; 3/5 and 10/5 P)

Enrolment forms are available from the Wardens Table. Please complete and return to the Parish Office.

FOR YOUR DIARY - SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2018:

St. Finbar's Sacramental program Information Evening is on Monday the 5th of March 2018 at 7.30pm. All Parents who will have children participating in one of the Sacramental programs in 2018 need to attend the meeting.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Will be held on Saturday 2nd of June at 2:30pm with the preparation meetings will start on Saturday 5th of May.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Will be held on Sunday the 2nd of September at 6:00pm with the Bishop attending. The Confirmation preparation meetings will start on Saturday the 28th of July.

Sacrament of Holy Communion: Will be held on Sunday the 25th of November during the 9.30am Mass. The Holy Communion preparation meetings will start on Saturday the 20th of October.

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Baptisms: By Appointment
Weddings: By Appointment

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ROSTER FOR 20 & 21 JANUARY 2017

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Rodney Moffitt	Dawn Willis
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji & Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers & Alex Walker
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Maura Williams	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Eileen Jones	Geraldine Lohan	Kylie Lane
Intercession	Reg Moore	John De Mattia	Riley Farrell
IT Operator	Henry Hanco	Ralph Maples	Patrick Watson
Music	No music		No Music
Presentation of the Gifts	Lee Family	Ann & Ray Keating	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Gwen Cullinan Pat Barrett John Killeen Bernie Fisher	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Jean Di Nucci	Therese Luczak Annisia Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena & Irene & Bert Adamson		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Kim Instance & Jessica Doherty		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Piety Stall Closed in January		



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