



The Belfry

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

20th & 21st January 2018

Jonah 3:1-5,10; Ps 24; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Sunday 21 January 3rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year B	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge
Monday 22 January	NO MORNING MASS
Tuesday 23 January	NO MORNING MASS
Wednesday 24 January <i>St. Francis de Sales</i>	NO MORNING MASS 7.00pm Bridge P/C
Thursday 25 January <i>The Conversion of St. Paul</i>	NO MORNING MASS 10.30 SRE Meeting M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C
Friday 26 January Australia Day	9.00am Australia Day Mass
Saturday 27 January	NO MORNING MASS 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 28 January 4th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass

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

Reflection on the Gospel

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be his 'entourage'? A few fishermen, some friends of friends and even a tax collector – one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith – the scribes and Pharisees – it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people – those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law. The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed – much like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS will be at 9.00am on Friday morning. The Car park is booked for Running Wild group this year and won't be accessible for car parking on the day. Sorry for the inconvenience.

THE NEW ROSTERS from February 2018 to July 2018 have been sent out this week to those who have emails. If you haven't received yours for your ministry, please contact the Parish Office, and one will be emailed or sent to you. Thank you. Juliana

***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

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN A LENTEN GROUP IN 2018. SIGN TODAY!

The program we are using this year is the SURRENDER from Wollongong Diocese.

You can choose from these 3 groups;

- Wednesday evening at 7 pm at the Parish Meeting Room - group leader Ann O'Connor
- Wednesday at lunch time 1pm - group leader Constance Colley
- Saturday Morning at 9 am at Lapstone - group leader Martin Rogers.

Group leaders will contact you with details regarding venues.

Please add your name and contact details to lists displayed at the table in the Narthex **this weekend** the 21- 22 January.

"WALK WITH ME", this Lent, through a guided silent retreat given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries: Sunday 11th February 9.30am - 3pm. It will be held at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville and cost \$30. Please BYO lunch as no food will be provided. For more information contact Kylie 0403453620 or verbumdeisdynce@gmail.com

CATHOLIC MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP THIS ASH WEDNESDAY: Join Catholic USA psychologist, Dr Gregory Bottaro at his workshop where he will teach you new skills to help support the people in your communities. Gain more peace in your life by trusting God, letting go and becoming more present with his Mindfulness strategy. When: Wednesday, February 14. Where: Notre Dame University, Broadway Campus. Cost: \$100. **Register:** www.rom.org.au

GLENBROOK FOLK DANCERS. Why not try something new in 2018? Why not come dancing? Every week, you can find a group of people trying hard not to "wrong-foot" it through dances stretching from Ireland to Israel, from Cornwall to Croatia and from Tuvalu to Turkey. It's great exercise for both mind and body, plus we have a lot of laughs along the way. You'll find us in St Finbars hall 7:30-9:00pm Thursdays during school terms (starting Feb 1st). First class is free; after that it's \$7 per week. PS Everyone in the class is over 55-but we welcome all ages. Inquiries: Jeanette Mollenhauer 4735 5043

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:

Philip Mason, John Castor, Phillip Coburn, Patrick Egan, Lachlan Turnbull, Margaret Lane, Andrew Patterson & John Brown.

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A "SELLOUT" SUMMER SALE **DISCOUNTED** 30%-50%

Where: St. Finbar's Church Hall –Glenbrook

When: Friday 16th February at 11:00am. Garments ready for inspection from 10am

Cost: \$7.50 for lunch - plus parade and sale

(lucky door prize & trading table)

Inquiries : Julie 47395969 or Jill 47394945

Proceeds to aid Barnardos Australia the Children Charity

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.

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

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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 27 & 28 JANUARY 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Riley Farrell		Anna Santoro & Mitchell Mathew
Warden	Reg Moore	Rodney Moffitt	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Suzanne McGrath
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Margaret Dickson	Steve Newton
2 nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Rodney Moffitt	Patricia Munane
Intercession	Jacqui Visser	Kevin Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
IT Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Ralph Maples	Joseph Marceau
Music	No music		No Music
Presentation of the Gifts	Noree Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Vince Dobson Julie Fehon Allan Jones Lorraine Brown	Terry Madden Doris Field Rodney Moffitt Volunteer Please	Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth or Greg Rowe Avril Llewellyn
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell & Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Tom Torrance, Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Erika McNay, Margaret & Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Piety Stall Closed in January		



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