

The Balfra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

27th & 28th January 2018

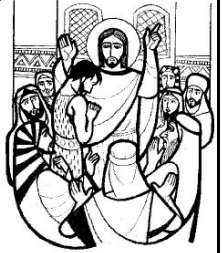
Deut 18:15-20; Ps 94; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Sunday 28 January <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass
Monday 29 January	NO MORNING MASS
Tuesday 30 January	NO MORNING MASS
Wednesday 31 January <i>St. John Bosco</i>	NO MORNING MASS 9.30am Playgroup 11.30 Cantabile Church 7.00pm Bridge P/C
Thursday 1 February	NO MORNING MASS 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Ladyrith Dancers P/C
Friday 2 February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	NO MORNING MASS 1.30 Bowlers P/C
Saturday 3 February	NO MORNING MASS 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practise 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 4 February <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group

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

Reflection on the Gospel

Although this week's gospel is a relatively short passage, there's a lot going on within it. Firstly, we are presented with Jesus going to the synagogue in Capernaum and teaching there. This immediately indicates that Jesus must have been quite well educated – he was obviously able to read from the Torah in Hebrew and then teach about it with an impressive level of authority. In fact at the end of the passage, the people seem more impressed with his teaching than with the act of casting out the unclean spirit! Secondly, in the interaction with the unclean spirit, it knows Jesus and identifies him as the 'Holy One of God'. Jesus sharply tells the spirit to 'Be quiet!' Jesus almost appears to want to silence the spirit before it says any more about who he really is. This is a feature of the gospel of Mark in which the identity of Jesus as the Messiah is kept under wraps but breaks out in unlikely places – known as the Messianic secret.



Whenever an exorcism miracle occurs in the gospels the emphasis is on the reaction to the miracle much more than the action itself. Here, the casting out of the unclean spirit appears to confirm for the people the authority that they sensed in the teaching of Jesus. Liberating the possessed man from the unclean spirit is an illustration of the way in which the people themselves were liberated by Jesus' teaching. It is the message, the teaching, of Jesus that frees people. It is in this way that his understanding of Messiah is revealed. Jesus wants people to come to that knowledge through understanding his message, rather than being impressed by miraculous actions.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

OLD BLESSED PALMS. Any palms that you have from previous Palm Sundays can be left in the basket in the Narthex until Sunday 11th February. The palms will be burnt and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday 14th February. Thank you

THE NEW ROSTERS from February 2018 to July 2018 have been sent out last 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! THIS IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY!!

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

You can choose from these 3 groups;

- Wednesday at lunch time 1pm - group leader Constance Colley
- Wednesday evening at 7 pm at Parish Meeting Room - group leader Ann O'Connor
- 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** 27- 28 January.

INFORMATION NIGHT - FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL - PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE.

Fr. Peter De Souza from Hornsby Cathedral, would like to invite you for an info night for a 14-day pilgrimage that he is leading. The group departs on 28th of May, 2018, featuring Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive early-bird offer of \$5,690. This tour also includes a 3 Night Cruise. For complete details regarding the pilgrimage, interested Pilgrims are invited to join the Info-night with Fr. Peter and the tour representative on **17th February 2018 at 7pm** at the **Hornsby Cathedral Parish, 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara NSW 2077**. For enquiries & bookings call 0385 622 246 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.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

CAN YOU PLAY MUSIC? Would you be able to be of assistance in a 40 minute Scripture Lesson (Fridays) to play songs for the children to sing. (Song lyrics are provided). Please call Peter Stapleton on 47398332.

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 ANNIVERSIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Rosanna Oloughlin, Michael O'Connor, Dr. Michael McGirr, Jeremy Crawley, Paul Hammerton, Henriette Harrington, Monica Cashman, Peter Burrett, Fredrick Casey, John Halligan, Lillie Ferrie, Amanda McCulloch and Thomas Nolan.

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ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

DO NOT LOCK GATE: We have been notified that we are never to lock the gate to the Parish Centre (just near the toilet) as to do so would be in breach of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000*. This basically means that the official exit pathway from the Parish Centre must always remain unimpeded in case of an emergency evacuation from the Centre. The gate can always be clipped shut (VIP for Playgroup adventuresome types!), but it cannot be locked. Would Sacristans and all groups who use the Parish Centre please take note.

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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

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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.

FRIDAY EVENINGS IN LENT.

Are you looking to do something extra this year in preparation for Easter? Come and join us for the Stations of the Cross followed by Mass, every Friday evening during Lent at 7.15pm at St Finbar's. Everyone is most welcome. This will be held in addition to the usual Friday 9am Mass followed by adoration and Benediction.

The Interchurch Group would like to thank all those who attended and supported the Glenbrook Carols in the Park. The sum collected for the Christmas Bowl appeal was \$459. Best wishes to all for 2018.

FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS 2018 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGES

Join Fr Gabriel Ezenwa on 7 - 20 June 2018 for a 14 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Watch the Gospels come alive on this most authentic faith journey live on location in the Holy Land of Israel. Take the chronological road of Jesus' life from Bethlehem to Nazareth and Galilee to Jerusalem. Daily Mass. Optional Extension to Petra. If interested, call Harvest Journey today for bookings or for more info 1800 819 156. The price is \$6590

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Baptisms: By Appointment
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Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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ROSTER FOR 3 & 4 FEBRUARY 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Volunteers Please
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Rodney Moffitt	Volunteer Please
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Terry Keogh	Elizabeth Rowe
2 nd Reading	Maire Griffin	Andrew Teece	Greg Rowe
Intercession	Volunteer Please	Annie Teece	Steve Newton
IT Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Music	No music		J. Long & A. Hobbs
Presentation of the Gifts	Noree Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Gott Family
Minister of Communion	Natasha Mills Kylie Mills John Verhoeven Sandra or Chris O'Meara	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller John Killeen	Stephen Brown Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher Volunteer Please Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Elizabeth		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Ken Townsend		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance, Vicky Ang & Lucie Da Graca Twyford		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen & St. Finbars playgroup		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh		



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