



The Balfin

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

3rd & 4th February 2018

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 146; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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| 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 |
| Monday 5 February <i>St. Agatha</i> | NO MORNING MASS 2.00pm St. Finbar's Netball Registration P/C |
| Tuesday 6 February <i>St. Paul Miki and companions</i> | NO MORNING MASS 5.00pm St. Finbar's Netball Registration P/C 7.30pm Baptism Preparation M/R |
| Wednesday 7 February | NO MORNING MASS 9.30am Playgroup 10.00am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 11.30 Cantabile Church 7.00pm Bridge P/C |
| Thursday 8 February | NO MORNING MASS 10.00am Bridge lessons M/R 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Ladyrith Dancers P/C |
| Friday 9 February | NO MORNING MASS 1.30pm Bowlers P/C |
| Saturday 10 February <i>St. Scholastica</i> | NO MORNING MASS 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practise 3.00pm Parents prayer group P/C 3.30pm Musicians Meeting at church 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 11 February <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B</i> | 7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism 11.00am IT Developers Meeting M/R |

St. Finbar's Parish would like to thank Father Robert Anderson for all the Masses he has celebrated in Father Jolly's absence.

Father Jolly will be back on the Saturday the 10th of February with the Vigil Mass.

Weekday Masses will commence from Monday the 12th of February

Reflection on the Gospel

This week's gospel follows directly on from last week's reading and, as is typical with Mark's gospel, the events occur on the very same day. The urgency of the gospel is obvious in this week's reading; Jesus had a very busy 24 hours! Having launched his public ministry in the synagogue earlier that day, Jesus accompanies his new disciples to meet some of their family and have a meal. However, on arriving at the home of Simon and Andrew, they find Simon's mother-in-law is sick. Unlike the public displays of his healing power that preceded and will follow this episode, Jesus does not say anything but simply takes the woman by the hand and helps her up. Her response of beginning to wait on Jesus and his disciples is a faith response and a recognition of who Jesus is. A theme that runs through this gospel is that the disciples never fully understand who Jesus is. Here, a woman who has just met him recognises him as the Messiah and begins to serve him.



Still on the same day, we see the expansion of Jesus' healing ministry. On this one day he has cast an unclean spirit out of a possessed man in the synagogue, healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever and then healed the crowds of people who came to the door. The next morning he announces that they will take the ministry to the whole region of Galilee. In a very simple way, the gospel of Mark has described the growth of Jesus' ministry from very humble isolated examples to a deliberate reaching out to the people of an entire region.

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

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

MUSICIAN MEETING. There will be a Music Ministry Meeting held in the Church on Saturday the 10th of February at 3.30pm. Matthew Phillips

PROJECT COMPASSION - FOR A JUST FUTURE

Project Compassion Lenten Envelopes and Boxes are available in our Parish this weekend please take one home today.



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.

LENTEN RETREAT to be held on Saturday 10th February at St Andrew's Uniting Hall, 9.30 - 3pm. Topic: Meeting the Human Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. Main speaker will be Laurie Woods from ACU. BYO lunch. Donation of \$10. Registrations to Gideon 47395273.

PRE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES FOR COUPLES INTENDING TO MARRY IN 2018

The Life, Marriage and Family Office are again offering Pre Marriage preparation courses for couples intending to marry in 2018. Please check the notice board for a copy of their brochure entitled "Pre Marriage Preparation". Couples are invited to book online to attend either a weekend course or individual couple preparation. The website for online booking is www.parracatholic.org/pmp. For more information please check the website info@parra.catholic.org.au or ring on 0288383460.

NEW PARISH INITIATIVE FOR 2018 St Padre Pio Parish will be hosting Alpha, beginning on Tuesday 6th February 2018, 7:00pm at Bethany Catholic Primary School. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring life, meaning and faith. It is open to Parishioners and non-church goers alike.

All are welcome, Come and See.

For enquiries and to RSVP, contact Brad & Natalie Wilkinson pppalphamail.com Who will you invite?

An electric keyboard stored in the hall storage room has suddenly gone missing. It was used for band practice every Monday night in the meeting room by the youth band. If you have seen it or know where it is, please contact 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:

Josephine Teece, 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:

Stella Ryan & Richard Smith.

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ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

CARMEL HIGGINS The parish congratulates parishioner Carmel Higgins on her Australia Day award as the Citizen of the Year for the Blue Mountains. Carmel has been passionate about getting young girls (and some older, less mobile women) involved and properly trained in the sport of Netball over nearly fifty years, especially with the St Finbar's Netball Club with whom she is a Life Member. She also umpired matches and mentors players, and has served in nearly every position with the Blue Mountains Netball Association. Well deserved Carmel.

MEN'S BREAKFAST. St Finbar's Parish will be hosting a Men's Breakfast on Saturday 3rd of March in the Parish Hall from 7.30am to 9.00am. All men are invited to attend. For more details please check the notice board.

ST FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB. SFNC are now taking registrations for the 2018 Winter Season. Fees are:
Junior Player (turning 17 or under in 2018) - \$180 **Senior Player** (turning 18 or older in 2018) - \$210
PWD (Player With a Disability) - \$155

You can register online at stfinbarsnc@nsw.netball.com.au. If you are having trouble registering online or need a new uniform please come to the Parish Hall at either of the following times:

Monday, 5 February 3pm – 5pm or Tuesday 6 February 6pm – 8pm

If you have any enquiries, please contact: Registrar – Jody Cremona 0416 115 975, Uniforms – Lyndal Rogers 0423 575 521, President – Niki Stewart 0405 321 544, Secretary – Janette Ankers 0438 672 040

LOCKING THE HALL DOOR The lock on the hall door near the top of the ramp is a very peculiar lock. It can only be locked from outside with a key, but if anyone uses the door it immediately causes the door to be unlocked. Thus it cannot be locked and then closed as this causes it to unlock. Likewise, once it is locked, no one can exit via that door without causing it to unlock. Would all users of the hall please make sure it is properly locked before departing so our insurance remains valid.

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.

9-11 FEBRUARY, 2018 - RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Theme: "IT IS WHEN I AM WEAK THAT I AM STRONG" (2 COR. 12: 10)

Enjoy a time of prayer and reflection as we approach the season of Lent. Experience the love of God and our Blessed Mother at the Schoenstatt Shrine in this Fr. Kentenich Year. (15.9.2017 – 15.9.2018)

Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

When: 7pm 9 February – 4pm 11 February 2018

Cost: \$150 Shared rooms - Deposit \$50, Saturday only \$40 (includes lunch)

Bookings: info@schoenstatt.org.au or Phone: 4773 8338 by 5 February

BARNARDOS WESTERN REGION AUXILIARY LADIES FASHIONS—FASHION PARADE & SALE WITH LUNCH **DRESSES, SKIRTS, SLACKS, BLOUSES ETC – SIZES 8-24**

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

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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 10 & 11 FEBRUARY 2018

| Liturgical Ministries | 5.30 pm | 7.30 am | 9.30 am |
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| Sacristan | John Verhoeven | Rodney Moffitt | Deb Lawrence |
| Senior Server | Peter McMahon | Carl Moll | Andrew Duval |
| Junior Server | Lara Selby | | Volunteers Please |
| Warden | Ken Schneiders & Chris O'Meara | Rodney Moffitt | Volunteer Please |
| Welcomer | Margaret Moore | | Suzanne McGrath |
| 1 st Reading | John Kileen | Ann Keating | Patricia Murnane |
| 2 nd Reading | Joe Grange | Elizabeth Konza | Avril Llewellyn |
| Intercession | Reg Moore | John Isaksen | Erin Kelly |
| IT Operator | Kylie Mills | Ellen Teece | Jim McLoughlin |
| Music | Matthew Phillips & Michael Taylor | | Naomi's Group |
| Presentation of the Gifts | Allan & Eileen Jones | David & Dianne Shatford | Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen |
| Minister of Communion | Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Margaret Richards | Kath Tierney Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating | John Mullane Juliana Khnouf Mari McDonald Gerard Egan Garry Purchasehouse Annisa Nilsson Volunteer Please |
| Children's Liturgy | Michelle | | |
| Cashier | Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay | | |
| Hospitality | Anne King, Daren & Liz Dukes and Grace Buckley | | |
| Church Care | Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, St. Finbar's Playgroup | | |
| Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass | Beth Culliver | | |

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