

The Barfi

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

1st Sunday of Lent Year B

17th & 18th February 2018

Gen 9:8-15; Ps 24; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Sunday 18 February First Sunday of Lent. Year B	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group
Monday 19 February	9.00am Mass 9.00am Fun Singers 7.00pm Belly Dance Class P/C
Tuesday 20 February	9.00am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday M/R
Wednesday 21 February	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup 6.00pm Lenten Group M/R 7.00pm Bridge P/C
Thursday 22 February <i>The Chair of</i> <i>St. Peter</i>	9.00am Mass 10.00am Bridge lessons M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Ladyrith Dancers P/C
Friday 23 February	9.00am Mass + Benediction 11.30am Cantabile Church 1.00pm Bowlers 7.15pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Mass
Saturday 24 February	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 25 February Second Sunday of Lent. Year B	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism

Reflection on the Gospel

The First Reading, from Genesis, and the Gospel this week need to be looked at together. In the Genesis reading, God has just wiped clean the earth and is ready to re-establish the relationship with humanity through Noah and his family. In the short gospel passage, Jesus enters the wilderness as a time of preparation and renewal, ready to embark on his mission of re-establishing the relationship between God and humanity. In both readings there is a sense of a fresh start – a clean slate – for humankind. It is a clear indication of God's commitment to humanity, even when we have totally distanced ourselves from God and forgotten about keeping up our part of the relationship, God is willing to make a clean start of it all again. Both readings offer a reminder of God's constant desire for us to be in right relationship with God and with the world. The presence of Jesus in the world was as clear a signal as the rainbow in the sky that God was willing to give us another go – give us a chance to again see God with new eyes and new understanding.



In the gospel passage, we have a picture of Jesus preparing himself for his public ministry. He takes himself out into the wilderness, away from all that he has known until this time, to reflect on his life so far and this next vital stage that he is about to enter. In the wilderness, Jesus is tempted. He has to face his own doubts and demons before he sets off on the road of his public ministry. When he leaves the desert wilderness and enters back into Galilee he immediately begins to preach and, in the first words accredited to him in this gospel, Jesus announces that the kingdom of God is at hand and it's time to repent and believe. It's a call to open your eyes and get with the program!

Reflection by Greg Sunter

TIMEOUT TUESDAY: Third Tuesday of the Month. St Finbar's Parish Centre. 10am - 1pm. DO YOU WANT A BREAK? Adult conversation and interactions? If You wish to observe or be involved in new skills such as Crocheting, Knitting and Patchwork etc Or just want a 'chinwag' this is the group for YOU especially CARERS. We are fortunate to have been donated two Sewing Machines, Materials and various other items and there are willing hands to learn these new skills. A delicious morning tea will be provided. So why not come and enjoy a great morning relaxing with wonderful company. On TUESDAY 20th February. For more information contact Kath 47392651 or ktierney @bigpond.net.au

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

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION (ex DWF). This parish will be conducting its next Catholic Foundation Appeal on the weekend of 24th and 25th February. There will be a special collection at all Masses on those days. Please use the envelopes provided to make your tax deductible donations. There will also be some envelopes available this weekend at the Wardens' table for anyone who may not be here on 24th or 25th. The Catholic Foundation supports many charities in our Diocese including providing for our increasing number of Seminarians, supporting our great team of Catechists who provide Christian education in our public schools, and helping those who are homeless, or who suffer from family breakdowns or from mental health problems. This is a way we can love our neighbour and at the same time provide a helping hand to those in need. Bishop Vincent wants to stress his deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support to this very worthy cause.

FUN SINGERS: Monday the 19th February at 9.00am

NEW MONDAY DANCE GROUP: "Women of all ages, shapes and sizes are invited to join in the fun, fitness and friendship of Modest Belly Dance exercise classes running on Mon nights 7-8pm at St Finbar's hall starting 19/2 and running in school term only. Just turn up whenever you can and cost is \$10 pp. " Call Amira on 0429304569 or just turn up.

Congratulation to Gabrielle (our playgroup co-ordinator) & Daniel Lynch on the safe arrival of their new baby girl, born on the 13th of February.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK 2018 from 5-9 March: Catholic School Week strengthens connections between all those who have a stake in our schools -students, staff, families, priests, parishioners and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions. During Catholic School Week, schools will be reaching out to their communities and showcasing connectedness. It is important to celebrate and strengthen the close connections between school and parish, and it is for this reason that parishioners from St. Finbar's are encouraged to connect with St. Finbar's Primary School and visit us for the open classrooms at 11.00am after Sunday Mass on the 4th of March. A BBQ Lunch will be provided afterwards.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2018 INFORMATION EVENING: On Monday 5th of March we are holding an Information Night for the parents of children who wish to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation. The evening will be held in the Parish Centre from 7.30pm. Dates and requirements for participation in each of the Sacramental journeys will be discussed and distributed at this meeting. *Children need not attend.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Robert Sisson, Olive O'Neil (Cath Newton's mum), Robyn Kopp, Joy Serne', Geoff Shalala, Terence McGrath, Anne Bell, Jack Mullane (John's Father), Lynette Fernandes (Ahyiesha D'Souza Mum).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Mary & Robert Keith, 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: Louise Marquardt, Alice McGoldrick, Ian Graham, Terry Groves, Robin Miles, Robert Dominish, Gregory McGee, William Pohlmann, Wendy Harley, Simon Egan, Virginia Windred, Mel Nethery and Sarah Watson.

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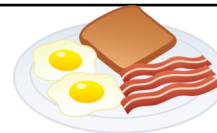
LEURA MEMORIAL GARDENS FUNERALS

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

ST FINBARS MENS BREAKFAST. Date - Saturday 3rd March 2018.

Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am - Venue - Parish hall

The parish is holding our next men's breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. It is an informal gathering with no agenda. Just a hearty breakfast and great conversation. We invite all male parishioners (any age) and any of their neighbours and friends. For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 25th February 2018. Please add your name the list on the warden's table. Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775



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.

WALKING NETBALL – This is a new initiative we are hoping to promote. If there is anyone who might have played in the past and would like to be part of WALKING NETBALL, or would like to know more about it, you can contact Carmel Higgins on 47391239. For 2018 it will only be of 4 week duration as it is a pilot programme. CARMEL HIGGINS.

ST. DOMINIC'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY 2018 - Sunday the 4th of March. You are invited to join us at the College Open Day from 10am to 2:30pm. Morning Session starts at 10.00am followed by a tour of the college at 10.30am. Afternoon Session starts at 12.30pm followed by a tour of the college at 1.00pm. For more information please check their website www.stdominics.nsw.edu.au

McCARTHY CATHOLIC COLLEGE, 75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains -Enrolling now for 2019

Open Evening: Tuesday 6 March 2018

Time: 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Meet the Principal, staff and student leaders, Tours of the College facilities, Trade Training Centre information, Enrolment packages available. Presentations at 4.15pm, 5.00pm and 5.45pm.

Enquiries: 4735 3211. Like us on Facebook: McCarthyCC. Website: www.mccarthyemuplains.catholic.edu.au

MONTGROVE COLLEGE - INFORMATION NIGHT for 2019 Enrolments - Monday 26 March 2018

140 Bringelly Road, Orchard Hill NSW 2748. Time: 7.00 pm

You are invited to come along for an explanation of the PARED system of education. The Principal, Miss Lourdes Mejia will be in attendance. Please RSVP by Friday 23 March 2018 on 4736 5977 or

raelene.pirota@montgrove.nsw.edu.au

ST. FINBAR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL TOUR DATES FOR 2018

Sunday, 4 March, 2018 at 11:00am / Thursday, 8 March at 2:00pm

Wednesday, 4 April at 9:30am

Wednesday, 2 May at 9:30am

Thursday, 7 June at 2:00pm

If you are interested in attending one of the above tour dates, please give us a call on 4724 3600 or send us an email at stfinbars@parra.catholic.edu.au to book in. We welcome all enquiries and are accepting enrolments for all students K-6. Please check the notice board for more dates.

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED. This Support group is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those going through a separation or divorce. We will be speaking about "Identifying Challenging Emotions and strategies for dealing with them." **Next Gathering:** 27th February **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta **Time:** 7pm – 9pm. Cost: \$5.00. **Registration Essential:** Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au Flyer on Parish Notice Board.

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Sacraments

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

Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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ROSTER FOR 24 & 25 FEBRUARY 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	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Mary Creenaune	Briony Mowbray
2 nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Ann Keating	Jesse Mowbray
Intercession	Jacqui Visser	Kevin Flynn	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operator	Thais Turner	Andrew Teece	Joseph Marceau
Music	Te Deum		Holy Light
Presentation of the Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Ann & Ray Keating	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Vince Dobson Noreen Taylor Lorraine Brown Allan Jones	Terry Madden Rodney Moffitt Volunteer Please Volunteer Please	Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Avril Llewellyn Todd Stanford Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Ruth		
Cashier	Ann Keating & Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Tom Torrance, Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young & Beth Killeen		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		

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