

# The Barbra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

2nd Sunday of Lent Year B

24th & 25th February 2018

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 5-18; Ps 115; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

<b>Sunday</b> <b>25 February</b>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b>
<b>2nd Sunday</b> <b>of Lent.</b> <b>Year B</b>	<b>11.00am Baptism</b> 2.00pm Byrd Choir Practice P/C
<b>Monday</b> <b>26 February</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>12:00pm Opening School Mass</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.00pm ME Oriental Dance Group P/C
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>27 February</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>28 February</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup 7.00pm Lenten Group M/R 7.00pm Bridge P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>1st March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.00am Bridge lessons M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>2nd March</b> <i>Autumn</i> <i>Ember Day</i>	<b>9.00am Mass + Benediction</b> 10.30 First Friday Visits 11.30 Cantabile Church 1.00pm Bowlers 7.15pm Stations of the Cross <b>7.30pm Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>3rd March</b>	7.30am Men's Breakfast <b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>4th March</b> <b>3rd Sunday of</b> <b>Lent.</b> <b>Year B</b>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.30am Catholic School Week 2:00pm Byrd Concert Practice <b>6:00pm Youth Mass</b> 7:00pm Senior Youth Group

## Reflection on the Gospel



We all have dreams for the future, dreams about success and well-being. We all want a better world for our children and grandchildren. Our religious tradition sets before us aspirations that call for personal transformation. However, sometimes when we follow the inspiration of our most devout aspirations, obstacles are thrown in our path preventing us from following our dreams. Still, God does not call us out of our dreams into a vacuum. If we are asked to relinquish a possible future, it is only to be offered God's future. Our aspirations may be noble, but the possibilities that God offers will outstrip them in excellence. Abraham was promised an heir; he relinquished his hold on his heir, and he was granted heirs beyond counting. Jesus came as a Rabbi; he allowed himself to be handed over to death, and he was revealed as the beloved Son of God.

Those preparing for Baptism might be asked to relinquish the dreams that they previously held in order to embrace the future God has in store for them. We who are already joined to Christ will be asked to recommit ourselves to this transformative experience. Do we have faith, or do we need a glimpse of Christ's transfiguration in order to believe in his resurrection? Do we have to see and touch Jesus, or are we able to believe because we have heard his message? God's future in Christ is open to us, but we must accept it in faith, even when we do not fully understand what it means.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION (ex DWF).** This parish will be conducting the Catholic Foundation Appeal on this weekend. There will be a special collection at all Masses. Please use the envelopes provided to make your tax deductible donations.

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.

**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.

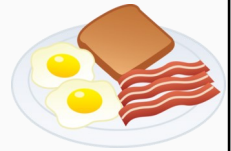
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## ST FINBARS MENS BREAKFAST.

**Date - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

## GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

We regret to advise that the annual presentation of Music of J. S. Bach and Sacred Readings for Good Friday will not be held this year due to a clash of events.

Judy Burrett / Organ and Concert Committee

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: 8 MARCH.** The theme for International Women's Day, 8 March, is "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives". International Women's Day 2018 is an opportunity to empower women in all settings, rural and urban, and celebrate the people who are working relentlessly to claim women's rights and realise their full potential. For more information visit: [goo.gl/VEuLxq](http://goo.gl/VEuLxq)

**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:**

Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Josephine Teece, Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Lyn Downes, Ellen Moffitt, Jane Bloor, Ena Baker, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, 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:** Irene Wiecek, Vincent Basile, John Venn, Zdenka Polak, William Wilson, Petrus Zwegers, Michael Yabsley, William Cummins, Brett Hopson, Eunice Shaw, Margaret Feld, Gloria Miles & Banda Nassif.

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*...saddest  
journey of  
the human  
heart"*

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## MINUTES FOR THE PARISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE - TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2018

### School Report:

- A New brochure for St. Finbar's Primary School has been taken to the local preschools to promote.
- Organising School Tour Dates for 2018 been placed on the SkoolBag App and on the Church notice boards.
- Attended the Bishop's School Conference. Having the school for all Catholics and non-Catholics.
- Printing posters for the 7 values of the Catholic Faith, being part of Evangelising Mission.
- New Educator's guide to Catholic Identity.
- Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March celebrating Catholic School Week with Mass, School Tours and BBQ.

### Parish Report:

- Holy Communion went well.
- The Bishop is coming to the Confirmation this year.
- Sacramental program starting again soon.
- New Christian formation for Adults will start in June
- Invite all the children who did the Sacramental program and were Baptised in the last 2 years to come for a special blessing Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.
- Bereavement group: Exploring the feasibility of commencing an informal support group with the help of professional grief counsellors.
- Organised a new Social Committee for the Parish to conduct social and community events.
- Liturgy Committee assisting in preparing all the Lent & Easter Liturgy.
- This is the Year of the Youth for Australia. Meet with the leaders to plan the year.
- There will be a number of Liturgical Formation Workshops coming to the Parish in the near future to help the people who are involved in different ministries and the new members who want to get involved.
- Correspondence received from the Parishioners was tabled and discussed.

Next Meeting will be on the 10th of April 2018.

### ANNUAL CONCERT FOR BUSH SCHOOL CAMBODIA.

St Finbar's Hall, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm.

We promise a night of lively musical entertainment, with a tasty supper and some great raffle prizes.

Cost: \$20 pp, \$40 per family (concessions available).

Bookings recommended: Online: <http://tinyurl.com/ybqqh4tm> or Phone: Doug on 0403 303 943 See flyer in Narthex

**FINBAR'S YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH FUNDRAISER:** How long has it been since your car received a well deserved wash? We know it has been too long so bring your car to the Finbar's Youth Group Car Wash on the 11th of March at the 9.30am Mass. Park your car on the bottom oval before mass and return to a spotless car after, what more could you ask for? Our youth will be helping wash your cars and all money raised will go to supporting our youth here in the parish. \$10 per car and spots are limited so get in early. We look forward to seeing you and your cars on the day!

### WALK THE LENTEN JOURNEY ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE

The Xt3 Lent Calendar App 2018 is available for download on Apple and Android devices (search for Xt3 Lent) and can be viewed from the website: [www.xt3.com/lent](http://www.xt3.com/lent)

The Lent calendar will run from Ash Wednesday to Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day will unlock a new video, meditation or podcast, to help you prayerfully journey through Lent. The theme for the Xt3 Lent Calendar 2018 is "Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus."

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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 3 & 4 MARCH 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	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Beth Culliver	Rodney Moffitt	Pearse Cremin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Margaret Dickson	Ruth Gott
Intercession	Reg Moore	Volunteer Please	Martin Rogers
IT Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Music			A. Hobbs & J. Long
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen 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	Melissa		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Ken Townsend		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance, Vicky Ang & Lucie Da Graca Twyford		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		
Garden Club	Lucas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		

**Annemaree Baird**  
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