



# The Balfin

## Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

### 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B

### 3rd & 4th of March 2018

Ex 20:1-17; Ps 18; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

<b>Sunday 4th March</b>  <b>3rd Sunday of Lent. 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
<b>Monday 5th March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 2.00pm School Assembly P/C 7.30pm Sacramental Program Meeting P/C
<b>Tuesday 6th March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R
<b>Wednesday 7th March</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 8th March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.00am Bridge Lessons 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
<b>Friday 9th March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass + Benediction</b> 11.30 Cantabile Church 1.00pm Bowlers 7.15pm Stations of the Cross <b>7.30pm Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 10th March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> 7:30 Bush School Cambodia Concert P/C
<b>Sunday 11th March</b>  <b>4th Sunday of Lent. Year B</b>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Baptism</b>

### Reflection on the Gospel



The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people.

His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system.

What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person.

We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'

*Reflection by Fr Michael Tate*

### **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!

### **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.*

**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

**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

## 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)

## ST. FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB has space for 2 players in our Under 9's team (turning 9 this year).

No experience necessary

You can use your \$100 Active Kids Voucher to bring your fees down to just \$80 per child

Quality coaching

Training will be held at the Lapstone Netball Courts

Games are played at the same time every Saturday at the Lapstone Netball Courts

Plenty of parking available

We also have 1 spot left in our Division 4 Seniors team for anyone who might like to get back into social Netball – no training sessions, just turn up and play on a Saturday afternoon.

Please call Janette Ankers on 0438 672 040 if you are interested.

**OLMC PARRAMATTA OPEN DAY:** Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Day on Sunday March 11. Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be. Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 9683 3300 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

**CHANEL COLLEGE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNION** for students of THE MARIST FATHERS ERA [1958-1970]. For details send your email address to [chanel.geelong@gmail.com](mailto:chanel.geelong@gmail.com) OR your postal details to PO Box 3069 Geelong West 3218

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ena Baker, Grace Buckley, Fr George O'Mara, Robert Sisson, Olive O'Neil (Cath Newton's mum), Robyn Kopp, Joy Serne', Geoff Shalala and Terence McGrath.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Fr. Chris de Souza, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Josephine Teece, Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, 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 ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

James Hurley, Maru Mulvey, Lewis Konza, Ellen Butcher, Hugh McDaid, Joan Morgan, William Chambers, Maree Bowden, Joseph Loader & Irene Williams.

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS



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16 February 2018

Rev Jolly Chacko MS,  
Parish Priest,  
St. Finbar's Catholic Church,  
46 Levy Street,  
Glenbrook, NSW 2773.

Dear Fr. Jolly,

## PERMISSION TO PROCEED WITH WINDOW STAIN GLASS PROJECT

I write to confirm that the Bishop of Parramatta, Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD, has approved the installation of window stain glass work to be completed in accordance with the desire of late Fr. Brian Larkey.

Accordingly you may proceed to complete the work based on the quotation obtained for the work of \$66,495. The Parish is also encouraged to fundraise the balance of \$7,000 to complete the work.

An amount of \$53,631 will be transferred to Parish's working account to facilitate this project out of the proceeds of Fr. Brian Larkey's will.

The Diocese wishes to convey our deepest support to you and your parish community, for taking on this project of fulfilling Fr. Brian Larkey's wish.

Yours in Christ,



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"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future",  
Jeremiah 29:11



*Grace Buckley passed away on Sunday morning the 25th of February, her funeral was held on Thursday the 1st of March. Grace was a Parishioner at St. Finbar's for 55years. May she rest in peace.*

*Ena Baker passed away on Friday, her funeral date has not yet been decided.*

**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION:** Many thanks to all who responded to this appeal last weekend. If you were not able to contribute last weekend, there are still envelopes on the seat the seat for you to use. Just pop the completed envelope in either collection this weekend. Contributions over \$2 are tax deductible.

## CatholicCare Counselling has moved to 13 Buller Street North Parramatta

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains has relocated from 2A Villiers Street, North Parramatta to 13 Buller Street North Parramatta. CatholicCare will continue to offer the following services: - Personal and Family Counselling - Relationship Counselling - Post Separation Support and Counselling - Grief and Loss Counselling for adults and children - Financial Counselling - Problem Gambling Counselling - CHOICES NDIS approved counselling. Appointments can be made by calling 02 8843 2530. Free parking available. For more information contact: Karolyn Ellis, Manager Family and Relationship Counselling Services, [Karolyn.ellis@ccss.org.au](mailto:Karolyn.ellis@ccss.org.au) or 0447 441 862.

**THE PERMANENT DIACONATE.** The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship.

The 2018 dates on Sundays: 11 March, 6 May, 8 July, 9 September, 4 November.

For further information visit [www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate](http://www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate) or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

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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 10 & 11 MARCH 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
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 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Allan Jones	Mary Creenaune	Annissa Nilsson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dawn Wills	Andrew Teece	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Richard Culter
IT Operator	Thais Turner	Ellen Teece	Jim McLoughlin
Music	M. Phillips & M. 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 Pursehouse Annissa Nilsson Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Christyna		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Anne King, Daren & Liz Dukes.		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie & Jessica Doherty		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Beth Culliver		

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