

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
Fifty Years as a Parish in the Lower Blue Mountains

13/14 February 2016

1st Sunday of Lent, Year C

Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 90; Paul 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

Welcome home Fr. Jolly, we hope you have enjoyed your time with your family and the conference was a success. All weekday Masses and Ceremonies will return to normal timetable this week.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing **we** can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us.

Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Sunday 14 February	7.30am, 9.30am Masses. 11am Baptisms
Monday 15 February	10.30am Latin Mass. 9.00am Fun Singers
Tuesday 16 February	9.15am Welcoming School Mass 10.00am Caring for Carers. P/C 11.30am Cantabile practice. Church
Wednesday 17 February	8.00am Mass followed by the Rosary 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C
Thursday 18 February	10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea. (to be confirmed) 9.30am Bridge M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir Practice. Church 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
Friday 19 February	9.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction. 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 20 February	9.00am Mass 3.30pm RCIA. W/S 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 21 February	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass. 7.30pm Edge Youth Group. P/C

Sacraments

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

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WELCOME to all visitors to our church today. We extend 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 and Information pack.

St. Finbar's Parish News

IT NEWS: IT Operator Workshop. On Saturday 20th February at 10.30 an IT operator workshop will be conducted in the church. All new IT operators, current operators and any parishioner who would like to join this ministry are invited to attend. Enquiries Jayne 4739 6673.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Has commenced and is open to children who love to sing (in tune?) and are in grades 3 to 6, boys and girls. Children come to the Church straight after school for a play and something to eat/drink till 3.30pm when the music proper lesson begins. Parents pick up their child at 4.30pm. This choir sings **once a month** on the **4th Sunday** at the **9.30am Mass**. Claire and I look forward to new families and familiar faces experiencing the joy that comes from being in a choir that sings God's praises. Enquiries: Mary 4754 4955.

ST FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB : SFNC is looking for up to 2 girls to join their Under 13's team - the girls can be born in 2003 or 2004. They will be joining a lovely group of girls who have played together for the last few years.

The season starts on 2 April and finishes at the end of August. Games are generally not played during the school holidays or on long weekends. Training will be determined once the team has been finalised and the availability of all players is known.

If you have a daughter who is interested in playing please contact Janette Ankers on 4739 4745 or 0438 672 040 ASAP.

1ST AND 2ND COLLECTIONS:

- ✿ **1st collection** goes to the Diocese and pays for the priests of the parish and helps fund our retired and sick priests.
- ✿ **2nd collection (planned giving envelopes, credit cards, direct debit and cash) stays in the parish and pays for the running costs of our parish.**

CONCERT ON SATURDAY MARCH 12 2016: There will be a concert on Saturday March 12 at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall as a fundraiser for the Bush School, Cambodia. It would be very much appreciated if the parish's hospitality groups, as well as other interested parishioners, could donate some sandwiches, slices or other finger food for the occasion. The committee hopes that, as well, this function will also provide an enjoyable social evening for St Finbars parishioners.

Kind Regards, Doug Frewer

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Warwick Grange (Gerard Egan's cousin), Dela Baron (Erika McNay's mother), Patrick Walsh, Lachlan Throughgood, Bernard Manning (Pat) (Bishop Kevin Manning's brother) and Fr Brian Larkey

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Fr Mac, Joan Lohrey, Marcia Pereira, Matthew Jacka, Jim Daley, Catherine Kirk Cameron), Fr Max Barrett CSSR (Jim's brother), Colin Haywood, Roslyn Agar, Colleen Nolan, John Camilleri, Margaret Burley, Ray Smith (husband of Jan), Steven McCormack, Maddison Farrugia, Ken & Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy, Peter van de Weyer, Ben Gibson and Emma Gleeson.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Banda Nassif, Louise Marquardt, Alice McGoldrick, Sarah Frazer, Ian Graham, Terry Groves, Robin Miles, Robert Dominish and Gregory McGee.

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First Sunday
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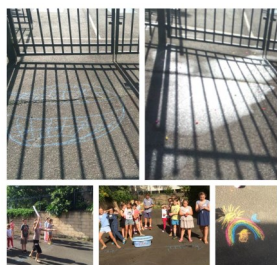
JANUARY CREDIT CARD PROCESSING: Credit card givers please accept my apologies for any hardship that may have been caused by the very late processing of your cards last month (it actually happened in early February). I will delay the real February processing until late in the month to allow you some recovery time before returning the normal schedule of the second Wednesday of the month in March. *Peter McMahon*

CARING FOR CARERS will resume TUESDAY 16th, 2016 10am - 12 noon St Finbar's Parish Centre. 'Let's get Crafty'. Why not learn something new in 2016? This is open to ALL who would like to enjoy a morning relaxing doing something for YOU even if it is just having a cuppa & chat. Perhaps you have a craft you may like to share with others. More information contact Kath 47392651

FUN SINGERS: please bring your Christmas folder along with your red and blue books. Marie

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE would like to thank all who contributed to our Christmas Appeal, Christmas gifting tree and hampers. On the 2nd November 2015 we celebrated our 60th Anniversary as a Conference in Glenbrook. God has called 20 of our members home and we have provided one Diocesan and four regional presidents to the Society. Thank you most sincerely for your continued support of our work.

Congratulations to Paul and Adrienne Hemsley, previously from King Street, on their 60th wedding anniversary.



WELCOME TO LENT FROM THE YOUTH GROUP: It was great to see so many returning faces and some new ones last Sunday! The Edge group undertook some Jedi training. We talked about using our Jedi powers (our God given gifts and talents) for good—especially in this year of Mercy. They moved their team across a 5m gap without touching the ground, destroyed the Death Star, used their light sabres to move objects and used their Jedi senses in a series of team challenges.

The Lounge welcomed a bunch of new members using M&Ms to get to know each other and had fun with some extreme handball. They are all looking forward to the next night on the 21st Feb!



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**Next week's Roster at St Finbar's
20 & 21 February 2016**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Rodney Moffitt	Peter McMahon
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	George Bryan	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Isaiah & Xavier Soriano		Sinead Gordon Andy Rogers Alex Walker
Warden	Richard Mason	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Maura Williams	Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Peter Hurley
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Matthew Aldous
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & family
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett John Killeen Jacqui Visser Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher Volunteer please	Terry & Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Volunteer please	Therese Luczak Jean Di Nucci Annissa Nilsson Irene Aligno Anaru Veitch Huia Veitch Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Margaret		
Cashier	Geoff Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Vicki Rendes & Maggie Trevena		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Garry & Laurel Anthony & Fran Isaksen		
IT Operator	Robyn Flynn	Ellen Teece	Jayne Mason

PARISH POTTED HISTORY 28-

Did you know?

Part E - Father Daniel Fay Parish Priest 1965-1990 – our first 25 years as a Parish

During the late 60s and 70s the world was increasing its pace of change. The Vietnam War, The Beatles and other rock/pop mania, hippies, drug issues, women's rights, indigenous rights, the space race, moon landing date – 20th July 1969, U.S. cultural and political influence, the mini-skirt, the caftan, the Saints, Balmain and Souths in the rugby league comp., urbanisation, you-name-it, all were happening, and all happening in the context of the 'winds of change' in the church after the Second Vatican Council. With all that in our world St Finbar's just kept on with its priorities, which in the late 60s was to provide for a complete primary education. Fundraising continued. Michael Rivas, who came to the parish in 1974, was a banker at the Rural Bank in Penrith for six years from 1965 to 1971. He remembers the church had their bank accounts at that branch. Fondly he remembers the parish priest at the time bringing in the weekly collection to be counted every Monday. Also trying to get the Parish Priest to take out a Bankcard, was rejected as were any borrowing offers. He always said "let's get the money saved first before we spend it".

During 1967 and '68 Fr Fay lobbied with a number of teaching orders to be able to provide more religious sisters for the school. Each religious order was sympathetic but unable to help. In 1968 the classes had grown to include the girls for Year 6 and one boy, the other boys heading off to St Dominic's. As the number of classes increased the number of lay teachers increased. In January 1969 Fr Fay decided to proceed with providing 3 more classrooms for the school.



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