



# The Barra

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

**20/21 February 2016**

**2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C**

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 26; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT** celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

<b>Sunday</b> <b>21 February</b>	<b>7.30am, 9.30am Masses.</b> 1.30pm Bridge. P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass.</b> 7.30pm Edge Youth Group. P/C
<b>Monday</b> <b>22 February</b> <i>The Chair of St Peter</i>	<b>10.30am Latin Mass.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>23 February</b>	<b>9.00 Mass.</b> 11.30am Cantabile practice. Church 7.30pm Parish Finance meeting. M/R 7.30pm Adult Education. P/C
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>24 February</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by the Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>25 February</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 9.30am Bridge M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir Practice. Church 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C 7.30pm Pastoral Council meeting. M/R
<b>Friday</b> <b>26 February</b>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction.</b> 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
<b>Saturday</b> <b>27 February</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 3.30pm RCIA. W/S <b>4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions.</b> <b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>28 February</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> 11.00am Baptisms.

## **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

Does any parishioner have a **washing machine** and/or **vacuum cleaner in working order** they no longer require or are planning to upgrade? We have a parishioner who in need of both and unfortunately funds are in short supply. Please contact Fr Jolly or the Parish Office for further information on Wednesday to Friday 8.30am—4.00pm 4739 8928.



## St Finbar's Family Fun Day and BBQ Following 9.30am Mass Sunday 28th Feb 2016

Come meet new families from the School and Parish! There will be games and fun for the whole family, Free Sausage Sizzle will be provided on the day. Feel free to bring a picnic basket. Games and Sporting activities will be provided.

**World Day of Prayer – CUBA Jesus said to them “Receive children. Receive me.” Time:** 7pm  
**Date:** Friday, 4th March 2016. **Location:** St. Finbar's Church. An initiative of the Glenbrook-Blaxland Inter church Group

**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.*

### 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:** Jim Cook, 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:** Don Moffitt, William Pohlmann, Wendy Harley, Simon Egan, Virginia Windred, Sarah Watson, Irene Wiecek, Vincent Basile, John Venn, Zdenka Polak, William Wilson and Petrus Zwegers.

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# St. Finbar's Parish News

With limited support services for children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos, Duangmala feared that her eight-year-old son, Hum Noy, would never reach his full potential because he has Down Syndrome. However, he now has the chance to learn and thrive at a school for children with intellectual disabilities, supported by Caritas Australia.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos learn, grow and reach their full potential. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/](http://www.caritas.org.au/)



**DIOCESAN WORKS FUND (DWF):** The Diocesan Works Fund is taken up in all parishes three times each year, and our next date is the weekend of 27/28 February. All donations received are used to fund the many activities that the Diocese is responsible for. These currently include CatholicCare Social Services, the Holy Spirit Seminary where priests are trained, Prison and University Chaplains and the Institute for Mission to mention just a few. Our parish quota is \$7,680. Gifts over \$2 are tax deductible. Please be as generous as possible.

We are a small group of people who meet for **'CENTERING PRAYER'** every Tuesday evening from 7.30 until 9.00 pm. We meet at the Stone Cottage number 30 King Street, Glenbrook (Opposite St. Finbar's School playground) During our time together we talk, read a few passages from selected books and pray a Psalm before spending 20 minutes in silence with the Lord. We have room for an extra 4-6 people and wonder if some of our Parishioners might like to join us. If you wish to enliven your Faith and practice praying more mindfully, COME AND JOIN US. Please ring the Parish Office on 4739 8928 on Wed, Thurs or Fri any week and leave your name and contact details – WE WILL CALL YOU BACK or call Fran Fisher 4739 1443.

*Notice from Sister Anne Mayberry R.S.C.* Any further donations for the families in the country areas of NSW maybe left in the Working Sacristy (Parents crying room) at any time. They will be collected and distributed. Wishing you God's blessings.



WORLD YOUTH DAY is only about 5 months away. Please purchase some tickets to help our youth to go to Krakow. If you still have some sold tickets at home please return as soon as possible. Thank you

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**Next week's Roster at St Finbar's  
27 & 28 February 2016**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Billy Instance Riley & Amie Farrell		Anna Santoro Mitchell Mathew
Warden	Reg Moore	Rodney Moffitt	Garry Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Beth Culliver	Mary Creenaune	Liz O'Callaghan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Maureen Tulk	Ann Keating	Vic O'Callaghan
Intercession	Reg Moore	Kevin Flynn	Frank Fitzpatrick
I.T Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Andrew Teece	George Grodzicki
Musician	No Music		Claire & children's choir
Presentation of the Gifts	Margaret Moore Jan de Bie	Ray & Ann Keating	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Julie Fehon Vince Dobson Georgina Barisic Lorraine Brown Alan Jones Peter McMahon Volunteer please	Terry Madden Doris Field Rodney Moffitt Volunteer please	Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Avril Llewellyn Todd Stanford Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Cashier	Betty and Joe Grange		
Hospitality	Bev Palmer, Tom Torrance & Gwen Parker		
Church Care	Kathy King, Kath & Jim Tierney, Eileen Jones & Gwen Cullinan		
Garden Club	Paul Gatt, Gary Anthony & Annissa Nilsson		

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***Did you know? Part A***

With St Finbar's Parish in its infancy many tasks centered on setting up systems for Masses, liturgies and parishioner networks as well as an intense effort to fundraise and provide physical resources for the expansion of the primary school. Netball stalwart and local Netball heroine, Carmel Higgins, has kindly contributed the following account about St Finbar's Netball Club.

'In 1968, a number of people realised that there was a lack of organized sport for girls in the Blue Mountains. As a result of this, a meeting was held at Faulconbridge Public School to discuss the possible introduction of Women's Basketball. Sr. Angela, then Principal of St Finbars school asked Mrs. Bev Gapps if she would attend the meeting on behalf of St Finbar's Primary School. Subsequent to Bev's attendance, St Finbar's Basketball Club was born. This was later changed to 'Netball' when the NSW administration changed its title from NSW Basketball to NSW Netball. In 1969 the first games were held and we had one team. In the following year, we doubled that number to two teams!

Our Club Presidents have been Barbara Reagan 1969/70, Iris Davis 1971, Bev Gapps 1972/74, Jan Mulholland 1975/77, Carmel Higgins 1978, Bev Palmer 1979/81, Carmel Higgins 1982, Bev Palmer 1983, Robyn Flynn 1984, Maureen Seamons 1985/86, Sharyn Gale 1987, Mary O'Sullivan 1988/89, Robyn Flynn 1990/91, Gary Clune 1992/95, Elizabeth Konza 1996/98, Trish O'Hehir 1999/2001, Denise Hughes 2002/04, Frances McCauley 2005/06, John Weaver 2007 and Julie Fehon 2007/2009. Our club has had many people involved in the Executive of the Association. People such as, Carmel Higgins, Bev Gapps, Maria Smith, Robyn Flynn, Elizabeth Konza, Joan Capsanis, Peter Nardi, Maureen Seamons and Bev Palmer, among others.

These people have helped to form the club over the years. But, there were many more people involved. In earlier days when we had to collect match fees, Olive O'Neill, was at the grounds with her trusty money bag and names list and visited all the teams to ensure that everyone paid their dues. The Club has also been nurtured by many other people, such as Beryl Callaghan, Shirley Konza, Pat Bell, Maddy Oxley, Maria Smith, Monica Barren, Peter Nardi, Kath Schneider, Trish Murnane, John and Pam Moore and many, many more people who acted as coaches, managers, umpires and filled numerous executive positions.



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