



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

33rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

18th and 19th of November 2017

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 127; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday 19 November 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 3.00pm Holy Communion Rehearsal 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group
Monday 20 November	9.00am Mass 9.00am Fun Singers 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
Tuesday 21 November <i>The Presentation</i> <i>of Blessed Virgin</i> <i>Mary</i>	9.00am Mass 10.00am Carers Morning Tea M/R 7.30pm Finance Committee Meeting M/R
Wednesday 22 November <i>St Cecilia</i>	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge P/C
Thursday 23 November	9.00am Mass 10.00-12.30 Bridge Lessons M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
Friday 24 November <i>Sts Andrew</i> <i>Dung-Lac and</i> <i>companions</i>	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 1.00 pm Bowlers. P/C 6.00pm St. Finbar's School Disco P/C
Saturday 18 November	9.00am Mass 11.30 Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm First Holy Communion Mass
Sunday 26 November <i>Our Lord Jesus</i> <i>Christ, King Of</i> <i>The Universe</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am First Holy Communion Mass 11.30am Baptism

Reflection on the Gospel

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.



Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY:

We are having our annual Christmas Party on Sunday the 3rd of December after the 9.30am Mass. We will have the party in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share. All Welcome.

2018 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS. Franciscan and Columban 2018 Calendars are now available at the Wardens' table for the modest price of \$6 Franciscan and \$9 Columban. The Franciscan Calendars have the School Term Holidays.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE. The Book of Remembrance is on permanent display in the Sanctuary during the month of November. Parishioners can add the names of any family members or loved ones who have passed to eternal life. Please do not enter any names that are already in the book.

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



MENS' BREAKFAST:

The parish was once again host for a very successful Men's Breakfast held last Saturday. About 60 men attended and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast and a short talk. Many thanks to Carl Moll, John de Mattia, Lina Wiecek and her granddaughters Stella, Imani and Scarlett Jurd, Vicky Ang, Tess and all the other helpers for the organising, preparing, serving and cleaning up after the meal.



ST. FINBAR'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT IS ON MONDAY THE 4TH OF DECEMBER AT 6.30PM. Come and join the students and the school families with a night full of Christmas songs and beautiful music.

FUN SINGERS Monday the 20th November. Please bring Red and Blue books, Christmas folders and Military folders also some Military gear .

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION: 19 NOVEMBER.

The Diocese of Parramatta is delighted to announce the establishment of The Catholic Foundation, which will replace and expand on the good work of the Diocesan Works Fund. The Catholic Foundation needs to raise \$2.5 million annually to sustain the works of the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains - including the formation of our seminarians, providing Christian education in public schools, empowering our disabled with job training, supporting our deaf and assisting single mothers facing homelessness.

For more information please visit: <https://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au>

CARING FOR CARERS - CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA.

Carers and others who would like to join us are MOST WELCOME. 21st November, 10am - 12noon. This will be our last gathering for the year. You may wish to share a memorable Christmas event or item as we chat over a cuppa.

Contact Kath on 47392651 or ktierney@Bigpond.net.au.

A change of name next year to - **TIME OUT Tuesday**

A Beautiful All Souls Ceremony was held here on the 2nd of November. Many favourable comments specially the Choir and the beautiful Selection of Hymns. Moving compassionate ceremony. Thanks for Jayne Mason, the Choir and all the people who made it very special for everyone attended. *Pat Barrett*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Marjory Etherington, Terence McGrath, Anne Bell, Jack Mullane (John's Father), Lynette Fernandes (Ahyiesha D'Souza Mum), Cliff McHardy, Stan Currey, Tony Visser and Baby Valentina Twyford.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Lyn Downes, Ellen Moffitt, Jane Bloor, Ena Baker, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, Pam Clyne, Jacqui Visser, Jan Smith, 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: Betty Chapman, Kevin Sharp, George Tinning, Lillian Mitchell, Julie Stone, Joseph Redler, Joseph McGoldrick, Keith Trevenar, John Hennessy, Ida Brown, Marie Brooks, Myee Goymour, Raelene Baskett and Winifred Lawrence

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the human
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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

Next Sunday the 26th of November, the Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King. It is the Last Sunday of the Liturgical year. As we come together to celebrate the blessings of the Lord we pray that we may all experience the real peace that Christ the King brings to our lives. In our Parish, 22 Children will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time and we include all of them and their families in our prayers.

Saturday 5.30pm Mass First Holy Communion

Sunday 9.30am Mass First Holy Communion

BISHOP VINCENT LONG OFM CONV STATEMENT ON MANUS ISLAND

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop Delegate for Migrants and Refugees has issued a statement on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, following the closure of the Manus Island Centre. He states: "The policy of offshore detention has failed and it is time for us to deal with the issue of asylum seekers and refugees according to this nation's proud tradition and the best nature of its citizens. We can do a whole lot better, just as we did welcome "those who've come across the seas" after the wars in Europe and in Southeast Asia. The concern for maritime border security does not have to make us into a mean-spirited people. The policy of offshore detention has cost Australia dearly. But it has cost the detainees and their families even more. I appeal to the government and political leaders to act in accordance with our honourable tradition. It is time to find an alternative and conscionable solution, including accepting New Zealand's offer of resettlement and bringing the remaining detainees on Manus Island to Australia for further processing."

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR ADVENT REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN: 25 NOVEMBER

Preparing our Hearts for Advent Reflection Day for Women at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa 25 November 9.30am – 3.00pm. Cost: \$25. BYO lunch. Take some time out to reflect on the Season of Advent Day includes talk, prayer, Mass and much more! For more info contact Sr Mary Louise (02 8838 3457).

Register by 22 November – info@schoenstatt.org.au or 02 4773 8338.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH MUSIC AND SONG AT ST. FINBARS

Music and Readings for Christmas - St Finbar's traditional Christmas feast anticipated by the entire community will be held this year on **Sunday 17th December at 7.30pm**. Massed Choir, Readings, Harp, Handbells, Soloists and Brass. Join the great organ in singing carols with the choir and congregation, and rejoice in the Hallelujah Chorus with trumpets and timpani. Donation: Families \$35, individuals \$15. Bring the family, friends and neighbours. Proceeds towards the upkeep and maintenance of the organ. Enquiries 4754 1780.

SPECIAL EDITION OF CATHOLIC OUTLOOK. At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back in print for a special, one-off December 2017 Christmas edition. This special edition will be a beautifully bound, 40-page, A4 magazine and will showcase the work of the parishes, ministries and agencies of the Diocese of Parramatta. Look out for copies in your parishes and schools from Monday 4 December.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS TO BE HELD AT SPRINGWOOD ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH A warm invitation is extended to Parishioners & friends to attend an evening of beautiful Christmas Carols which will be performed by St Thomas Aquinas Parish Choir together with Bible Readings to be held at **St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood on MONDAY 18th DECEMBER commencing 7.30 P.M.** Admission is free & supper will be served at the conclusion of the evening.

THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE. Are you looking for a different way to start the new year? The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a 7 day, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany in early January. For more information please check the noticeboard in the Narthex.

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ROSTER FOR 25 & 26 NOVEMBER 2017

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	Gerard Egan	Ann Keating	Martin Rogers
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Terry Keogh	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Duane Parslow	Kevin Flynn	Patricia Munane
IT Operator	Kylie Mills	Andrew Teece	Joseph Marceau
Music	Te Deum		Claire & Youth Choir
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Julie Fehon Vince Dobson Georgina Barisic Lorraine Brown Allan Jones Volunteer Please Volunteer Please	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	Melissa		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Tom Torrance, Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Church Care	Kathy King, Kath & Jim Tierney, Eileen Jones & Gwen Cullinan		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Rodney Moffitt & Michael Lloyd		



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