



25th December 2017—The Nativity of the Lord

*Fr Jolly and the Parish Staff wish
all our parish community members and visitors
a Happy and Holy Christmas.
May Christ's peace be with you and your families
throughout this time and for 2018
and a Warm Welcome
to all who have come to St Finbar's Church today.
You are Welcome!*

CHRISTMAS CAROLS: Will be on Sunday night at 11.30pm before the Midnight Mass.

A FUNERAL MASS WILL BE HELD FOR GEOFF SHALALA ON WEDNESDAY THE 27TH OF DECEMBER AT 11.00AM. YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND. PLEASE KEEP BERNADETTE AND THE FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS CHRISTMAS. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WON'T BE AN 8.00AM MASS ON WEDNESDAY MORNING.

*WELCOME to all visitors to our church on this special day.
We extend our warm greetings to you. If you are new to St
Finbar's and wish to join our Parish we welcome you too.
Please make yourself known to our friendly Wardens after
Mass so we can give you our
"St Finbar's Parish Welcome and Information pack."*

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

DURING JANUARY AND EARLY FEBRUARY, Fr Jolly will be in India for his annual holidays so we welcome Fr Robert Anderson for our weekend Masses. Please note that all **weekday Masses are cancelled during Fr Jolly's absence** with exception of 1st of January Mass which will be at **8.00am** and 26th January Australia Day Mass which will be celebrated at 9.00am.

WEEK DAY MASSES will return to normal times from **Monday 12 February 2018**.

MUSIC AT MASS DURING JANUARY: There won't be any music at Masses during January, with the exception of Sunday 7th January (The Epiphany) and Australia Day Friday 26th January 2018.

THE PIETY STALL will be closed until the 31st January 2018. Any enquires please call Noreen on 4739 8882.

BULLETIN DURING JANUARY: We will have a Bulletin each week during January.

CHRISTMAS ROSTER: Is on the Notice Board.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Geoff Shalala, Father Brian Rooney, Stephen Hutchins, Marjory Etherington, Terence McGrath, Anne Bell, Iris Davies, 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, Mary Cockburn (Catherine Beattie's Mother) and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Madeleine Oxley, Alice Nolan, Violet Clements, Kathleen Macbeth, Colleen Pedersen, Allen Klein, Lucy Barrett, Alice Quinn, John Simon, Colin Sell, Arthur Adamson, Richard Cranbrook, Phil O'Danaghoe, Kathleen Thomas and Lucy Barrett

MASS TIMES AT LOCAL PARISHES

EMU PLAINS

MONDAY @ 9.00AM
NO TUESDAY MASS
WEDNESDAY @ 9.00AM
THURSDAY @ 9.00AM
FRIDAY @ 9.00AM
SATURDAY @ 9.00AM

SPRINGWOOD

MONDAY @ 9.30AM
TUESDAY @ 9.30AM
WEDNESDAY @ 9.30AM
NO THURSDAY MASS
FRIDAY @ 9.30AM
NO MASS SATURDAY MORNING

PENRITH

MONDAY @ 9.30AM
TUESDAY @ 6.45 AM & 9.30AM
WEDNESDAY @ 9.30AM
THURSDAY @ 9.30AM
FRIDAY @ 6.45AM & 12.00 NOON
SATURDAY @ 9.00AM

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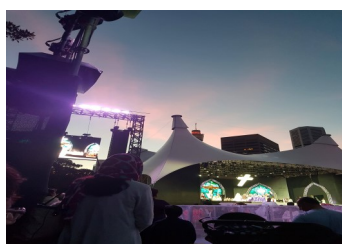
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At this Christmas and New Year period we wish to thank all those who have made 2017 such a wonderful year

Sacristans, Senior Servers and Junior Servers, St. Vincent de Paul, Wardens, Welcomers, Readers, Family Groups, Fun Singers, Writers and Readers of the Prayers of Intercession, Gifts, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, all Hospitality groups including the Anointing Morning Tea, Funerals, Sunday 9.30am groups, Children's Liturgy, Youth Group, The Liturgy Committee, Pastoral Care Team, Parish Pastoral Committee, Parish Finance Committee, Cashiers, Church Care, Baptism Preparation Team, Lenten Program Team, Musicians, All Choirs including Children's Choir, IT Programmers and Operators, RCIA team, SRE (catechists), Sacramental Program Team, Organ & Concert Committee, Garden Club, Glenbrook Bridge Club, Blue Labyrinth Dancers, and all our many parishioners who have helped in so many different ways.

FR JOLLY, PETER, JULIANA, JEAN AND ROSLYN

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL. Some of the highlights



ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

After five years of work, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has submitted its final report to government and will now come to an end. The Diocese of Parramatta will continue working with police and other relevant authorities to ensure the Catholic Church remains as safe as possible for children and other vulnerable people. In its submissions, the Royal Commission has released its reports on Case Study 44 relating to the Diocese of Parramatta (this report has not yet been made public) and Case Study 50 relating to Catholic Church in Australia. The Diocese of Parramatta now begins the process of reviewing this material. The Diocese of Parramatta once again offers its unreserved and deepest apologies to those many people who have suffered because of the child sexual abuse that has occurred in the context of Church ministry. In particular, the Diocese of Parramatta apologises to survivors of abuse and their families for the hurt and suffering this abuse has caused throughout their lives. The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures. For more information please visit www.safeguarding.org.au.

BLUE MOUNTAINS WELCOME FOR THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMS!

Are you in the mountains from January 2 to January 8, 2018? If so, we'd love you to embrace the spirit of the Christmas season by welcoming the Epiphany pilgrims as they complete their 110km pilgrimage from Emu Plains to Bell. You can be involved by: Joining the pilgrims for one or more day walks (register at www.epiphanypilgrimage.org) Welcoming the pilgrims at St Finbars Parish on January 2 (and all the parishes along the way) by joining them for: praise + worship, catechesis and Adoration @ 6pm dinner @ 7.30pm (RSVP for dinner required for catering purposes: www.epiphanypilgrimage.org). If you are able to assist with catering please contact epiphanypilgrimage@gmail.com) morning Mass at 7.30am (note that the Commissioning and Final Mass times differ – see www.epiphanypilgrimage.org for the full itinerary). Writing a prayer intention for the group to pray each evening (visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org or use the orange box at the entry to the church)



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ROSTER FOR 30 & 31 DECEMBER 2017

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30am	9.30am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Rodney Moffitt	Dawn Willis
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Ruth Gott
Junior Server	Volunteer Please		Volunteer Please
Warden	Reg Moore	Rodney Moffitt	Volunteer Please
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Margaret Dickson	Steve Newton
2 nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Rodney Moffitt	Patricia Munane
Intercession	Jacqui Visser	Kevin Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
IT Operator	Kylie Mills	Andrew Teece	Joseph Marceau
Music			Matthew Phillips (Cantabile)
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett John Killeen Jacqui Visser Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher Volunteer Please	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Jean Di Nucci	Therese Luczak Annis Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins Volunteer Please Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell & Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	No Hospitality on the 31st of December		
Church Care	Julie Fehon, Tania Walker, Janette Ankers, Lynda Favell & Kylie Lane		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	No Piety Stall		