



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

23rd & 24th June 2018

Is 49:1-6; Ps 138; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,80

Sunday 24 of June <i>The</i> <i>Nativity of</i> <i>St. John the</i> <i>Baptist</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Insight into volunteering P/C 11.00am Baptism	<p align="center"><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p>	
Monday 25 of June	9.00am Mass 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.00pm ME Oriental Dance Group P/C	<div data-bbox="1083 398 1544 577"> </div> <p>When Elizabeth gave birth to a son, the whole village was quite certain that the child would be called Zechariah after his father. But Elizabeth resisted and Zechariah had no hesitation in writing, 'His name is John' – <i>is</i> John. Present tense. This caused great consternation in the village. This could only mean that more shocking breaks with tradition were to come. And in the last verse of today's Gospel, we learn that this now young man is not preparing for priestly service at the Temple!</p> <p>He is out in the wilderness! He has adopted the lifestyle of the most marginal, living outside settled existence where tradition suffocates.</p> <p>Pope Francis constantly urges us to be challenged by those existing on the margins. This encompasses not only those who are suffering exclusion, injustice or who are simply without the necessities of life. He is also concerned with those on the peripheries of world power. Perhaps this is best symbolised in the choosing of a Cardinal from Tonga which has only 15,000 Catholics! We could pause for a moment to pray that we are sufficiently open to receive God's messengers, who may erupt from the margins, from 'the wilderness' of the peripheries, even from Argentina!</p> <p align="right"><i>Reflection by Fr Michael Tate</i></p>	
Tuesday 26 of June	9.00am Mass		
Wednesday 27 of June	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup P/C 2.00pm School Assembly P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C		
Thursday 28 of June <i>St. Irenaeus</i>	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Labyrinth Dancers P/C		
Friday 29 of June <i>Sts Peter and Paul</i>	9.00am Mass + Benediction 11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers P/C 6.00pm School Bingo P/C		
Saturday 30 of June	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 3.30pm Senior Server's meeting M/R 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	<p>END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</p> <p>The end of the financial year is rapidly approaching. We ask all parishioners who might have fallen a little behind in their envelope or credit card donations to try to get up to date by this weekend. New sets of envelopes are available in the Narthex - please take yours. You may also put your name on a list (on the Wardens' table) to request a receipt for tax deductible donations for the 2017/2018 financial year.</p>	
Sunday 1st of July 13th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C	<p>PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION.</p> <p>The Peter's Pence Collection is traditionally taken up throughout Catholic Parishes around the world either on 29 June, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, or on the Sunday closest to this Solemnity. This collection helps provide the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you for your generosity.</p>	

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. Our Parish lies within the Traditional Country of the Darug people— The Aboriginal Custodians of our area .

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

We joyfully announce the baptism of Darcy, Campbell and Eliza Skinner this Sunday and warmly welcome them into our faith community.

'Photo reprints that were ordered from the Bishop's visit are available for collection at the Warden's table.'

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP/ DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA LITURGICAL FORMATION COURSES 2018

Father Jolly and the Liturgy Committee invite your participation in the Diocesan Liturgical Formation Courses during the second half of 2018. St Finbar's Parish needs more parishioners to be involved in these ministries. Your consideration, involvement and commitment are appreciated, as are that of the nine people who attended some or all of the courses during February – May 2018.

In the second half of the year these courses are being offered at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, on Thursdays, between 16th August and 27th September at 7.00pm.

Compulsory Introductory Session

Thursday 16th August

Ministers of the Word (2 Sessions)

Thursday 23rd & 30th August

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (2 Sessions)

Thursday 13th & 20th September

Communion to the Sick and Dying (must attend above)

Thursday 27th September

If you would like to become an Acolyte, you must attend all of these sessions. The Office For Worship will contact you in 2019 to complete the Acolyte Training Sessions and formal Institution.

Enrolment Forms are available from the Warden's Table. Please complete and return to the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES. Parishioners may be aware that the parish has a memorial wall along the Prayer Walk where plaques may be installed to commemorate the passing of loved ones. There is some interest in getting another batch of plaques installed (the cost is about \$185 for manufacture and installation). If you would like to participate in the next installation, please notify the parish office before 30th June and complete an order form.

INSIGHT INTO VOLUNTEERING OVERSEAS. Thinking to travel overseas in a meaningful way? Or wondering what it's like to enter into someone else's culture? We lived in East Timor for two years, volunteering at a grass roots Youth Disability Organisation. It was a profound experience for us individually and as a young Catholic married couple - to experience God's hands in it all. We invite you to join us as we share our experience - you will see breath-taking photos/videos, hear some touching stories and gain an insight into the hopes, joys and struggles of life in Timor. **When: Sunday 24th June – at 10:30am (after Mass) - Where: Parish Hall** Gold coin donation towards supporting youth in Timor (optional). Lukas & Kristina - St Finbar Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gisela Drobiszewski, Franciszka Warda, Dennis Barron, John Roebuck, Kathleen Moore (Carmen Sands Mother), Julia Gunning and Ena Baker.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Ryder Lopez, Joyce Adamson, Reg Moore, Fr. Chris de Souza, Fr. Max Barrett CSSR, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Josephine Teece, Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Ellen Moffitt, Jane Bloor, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, Jacqui Visser, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, 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:

Betty Pain, Mario Carboni, Edward Cornish, Therese Dupressoir, Roger Chambers, Patricia Goldhawk, Arthur Plevey, Mazelle Montgomery, Mary Robb, Valma Davenport, Christopher Robinson, Grace Farrell, Bernard Wilson, Michael Kelly and Dr. Charles Kerry.

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journey of
the human
heart"*

**LEURA MEMORIAL
GARDENS FUNERALS**

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL DECISIONS AND DISCUSSIONS.

1. The possibility of including one Youth Representative to the Parish Council.
2. The Parish Adult Formation discussion and sessions are going on well on Friday evenings.
3. The Parish Social Committee is in its formation stage.
4. The Bereavement group is on its initial stage.
5. The Copyright issues with the music and Hymns are discussed and the needed activities are already undertaken.
6. The Parish Council discussed about the huge insurance cost of the Parish Heritage Organ. Fr. Jolly and Peter are in the process of discussing it with the insurance company and looking at the possibility of reducing it.
7. There was a suggestion received from one of the Parishioners that we include something in the Barra about recognising the Original Owners of the Land.
8. Discussed about the possibility of continuing the letter box drop for Christmas and Easter timetables as it is a beautiful way of making people feel invited, Martin Rogers and John De Mattia to help.
9. There was a suggestion from the Bowlers group to have a Defibrillator placed in the Parish Center for emergencies and the Parish Council entrusted Vince Dobson to look into that matter.
10. The Parish Council is happy about the suggestion made by Tricia Murnane to make the Feast of St. Finbar a special day for the Parish groups to get together for reflection and celebration.
11. We had some discussion about the incoming Plenary Council 2020 and the possibility of starting our personal and community preparations.
12. The Parish Council is happy that we have already paid \$300000 off the mortgage and only \$200000 more to pay.
13. The Stained Glass Window work is in progress and hope it will be finished by the end of September.
14. The Pastoral visit of the Bishop was a big success and he was very happy to see so many young families and the school community involved in the Parish. Thanks to everyone for making it a real positive, spirit filled community celebration.

NEW ENVELOPES.

New envelopes should be used from today. They are available in the Narthex. If anyone would like to start using envelopes, please contact Peter in the parish office. The counters would very much appreciate everybody entering the amount in the appropriate box on the front of each envelope. This will ensure you get the correct amount showing on your receipt and will save the counters an enormous amount of time.

IT MINISTRY. We are in urgent need of an Operator for the 0730 Sunday Mass. The Operator is the person who operates the computer to project the Mass Slides. You would be rostered only one Sunday per month. The job is easy, interesting and fulfilling. You do not need to be a computer expert. Full training will be provided and a mentor will be assigned to you until you are completely comfortable. If you can help with this Mass or prefer any other Mass time, please contact Patrick Watson, 47394986 or email watsonpj@spectrum.com.au. Or contact Juliana at the Parish office.

NEW ROSTERS AUGUST 2018 TO JANUARY 2019. Our current rosters for all liturgies finish on the 31st of July 2018. I will start processing the next roster in the next few weeks. If anyone would like to volunteer to join our many ministries, please contact me at the Parish Office 47398928 or email: secretary@stfinbars.org.au Also, if you wish to change your commitment in the current roster please contact me before the end of June. Thank you, Juliana Khnouf

STEPPING BEYOND SUPPORT GROUP: This group supports men and women who are experiencing a divorce or separation. **Next gathering:** Tuesday 26th June **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. Please call Rita on 8843 2575 for further details or to register.

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Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

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ROSTER FOR 30 JUNE & 1 JULY 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Jack Ambrosoli, Grace Incorvil & Keira Vermaak
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allen Jones	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Mary Creenaune	Martin Rogers
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Greg Rowe
Intercession	Volunteer Please	Annie Teece	Kristina Rajnoch
IT Operator	Thais Turner	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Music			J. Long & A. Hobbs
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Natasha Mills Kylie Mills John Verhoeven Sandra or Chris O'Meara	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller John Killeen	Stephen Brown Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher
Children's Liturgy	Pia		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance, Vicky Ang & Lucie Da Graca Twyford		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie & Jessica Doherty		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		

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