


The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

28th & 29th July 2018

2 Kg 4:42-44; Ps 144; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

<p>Sunday 29th of July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 2pm Martha's Afternoon Tea P/C</p>	<p><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p>	
		<p>Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times.</p>	
		<p>Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.</p> <p>As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.</p>	
<p>Monday 30th of July</p>	<p>9.00am Mass 7.00pm ME Oriental Dance Group P/C</p>	<p><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS</i></p>	
<p>Tuesday 31st of July <i>St. Ignatius of Loyola</i></p>	<p>9.00am Mass</p>	<p>Reminder: Confirmation preparation will commence next Saturday 28th July and will continue 4th, 11th and 18th August at 4.30pm. Rehearsal session Saturday 26th August at 3.00pm. <i>Please note, attendance of your child and 1 or both parents are required at each session, as is your attendance at Mass. A card is provided for Fr Jolly to sign on attendance each week. Please make sure to have your card signed.</i> Thank you.</p>	
<p>Wednesday 1st of August <i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i></p>	<p>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>		
<p>Thursday 2nd of August</p>	<p>9.00am Mass 9.00am Captivate Rehearsal P/C 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C</p>		
<p>Friday 3rd of August <i>St. Dominic</i></p>	<p>9.00am Mass + Benediction 10.30am First Friday Visits 11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers</p>		
<p>Saturday 4th of August <i>St. John Vianney</i></p>	<p>9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confirmation Preparation P/C 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>		
<p>Sunday 5th of August 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Byrd Concert Rehearsal 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</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.

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PLENARY 2020 INFORMATION AND TRAINING SESSIONS

Plenary 2020 is the name given to a process initiated by the Australian Bishops who are inviting people to engage in listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia ahead of a Plenary Council in 2020. Significantly, a process such as this has not happened in Australia since 1937. Our voices are needed and we are invited to engage with family, friends and colleagues in this time of renewal.

Our Diocese is holding information and training sessions to offer participants a broad understanding of what Plenary 2020 is all about and how we can participate. Furthermore resources and training will be offered to equip participants with the confidence and tools they need to engage others in Plenary 2020.

You are invited to attend one of the following sessions –

Monday, 30 July 2018 - 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm - Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown – St Patrick's Church (51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown)

Sunday, 5 August 2018 - 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm - Institute for Mission (1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown)

The following people will greatly benefit from attending a session:

- Clergy
- Parish staff, council members, ministry co-ordinators
- Parish volunteers
- Ethnic community representatives
- Chaplains

Community group representatives

Catholic Care and Catholic Education staff will also be offered training specific to their ministry areas.

We strongly encourage all to participate in one of the above sessions and to invite others to attend. This is a unique and exciting time. Our voices are important. Let us speak boldly and with passion and listen with an open and humble heart.

Please RSVP to Marisa marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org by Monday 23rd with your preferred session date and time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jane Bloor, Mavis Hickey, Marie Mahoney (Peter Hurley's Sister), Clara Apalias (Father Flor's Mother), Joyce Adamson (Irene Aligno's Mother), John Roebuck, Kathleen Moore, Julia Gunning and Ena Baker.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Ryder Lopez, Robert and Jan Carey (Ann Keating's brother and sister-in-law), Reg Moore, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Josephine Teece, Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Ellen Moffitt, 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:

Bernard Wilson, Arni Grundschoettel, Frances Roberts, Leslie Cullen, Jeffery Plim, Marian Wiecek, Daisy Watterson, John Guerin, Gweneth Pinson, Carmel Harris, John Costello, Robert Murphy, and Freda Weston.

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BYRD CONSORT

With the "Blue Mountains Recorder Collective"

Catherine Weaver, Christine Wheeler, James Renwick & Liz Strasser

Saturday 18th August 2018, 2.30pm St. Finbar's Catholic Church, Levy Street, Glenbrook

Polyphony: Renaissance to Bruckner

Entry \$10 and \$8 concession

All funds raised will be used for the Youth Programmes of St. Finbar's Parish

WITH THANKS: Dear Fr Jolly and Parishioners, thank you for your prayerful and practical support during our grandson Ryder's illness. Recently he had successful surgery and now begins his long road to recovery. Mary & Joe Lopez

ST FINBARS MENS BREAKFAST Date - Saturday 18th August 2018

Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am

Venue - Parish hall

The parish is holding an informal breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their sons, grandsons, neighbours and friends.

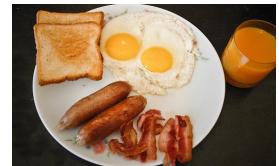
For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 12th August 2018.

Please add your name to the list on the warden's table.

Any questions please contact the organisers,

Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or

John De Mattia 4739 6775



A MESSAGE FROM CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA. A key aspect of the work at Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) is to build the capacity of diocesan teachers to share their Catholic faith with their students. To assist with this goal, in 2018 the CEDP Mission Team has a focus on Jesus 'through the eyes' of Mark's Gospel. As part of this commitment to staff faith formation and professional development, Dr Edward Sri has been secured as the keynote speaker for a two-day scripture conference in July. A world-renowned scripture scholar, Dr Sri is the Professor of Theology and Scripture and the Vice President of Mission at the Augustine Institute. The co-founder of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) twenty years ago, Dr Sri is a passionate advocate for youth to embrace and live their faith. The theme for both days will be "Who do you say I am?" with the focus of Day One being Mark's Gospel. Day Two will expand the theme into all four Gospels. Gary Borg, Director Mission at Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, would like to extend a warm invitation to you to attend one or both days. The details of the event are below:
Date: Thursday, 26 July and Friday, 27 July 2018 - Time: 8.30am - 4.00pm with Registration from 8.00am
Venue: Tivoli Showroom, Rooty Hill RSL, [55 Sherbrooke Street, Rooty Hill](#). If you would like to attend the event, please contact Lynn Taye by phone 02 9840 5703 or email ltaye@parra.catholic.edu.au by Friday 20 July.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY.

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'.

The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call 02-83063499.

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

Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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ROSTER FOR 4TH & 5TH AUGUST 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Jack Ambrosoli, Grace Incorvil & Keira Vermaak
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Terry Keogh	Elizabeth Rowe
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Greg Rowe
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Martin Rogers
IT Operator	Thais Turner	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Music			J. Long & A. Hobbs
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Gott Family
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	Ruth		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance, Vicky Ang & Lucie Da Graca Twyford		
Church Care	Kath & Jim Tierney, Eileen Jones & Gwen Cullinan		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		

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