

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

4th and 5th August 2018

Ex16:2-4,12-15; Ps 77; Eph 4:17,20-24; Jn 6:24-35

<b>Sunday</b> <b>5th of August</b> 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>6th of August</b> Transfiguration of Our Lord	<b>9.00am Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>7th of August</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>7.30pm Baptism Preparation meeting . M/R</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>8th of August</b> St Mary of the Cross Mackillop	<b>No 8am Mass.</b> <b>9.15am Mass with School ,</b> <b>all welcome.</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>9th of August</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 12.30pm SRE meeting. M/R 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>10th of August</b> St Lawrence	<b>9.00am Mass + Benediction</b> 11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers
<b>Saturday</b> <b>11th of August</b> St Clare	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confirmation Preparation P/C <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>12th of August</b> 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Baptism.</b> 1.30pm Byrd Concert Rehearsal. Church

## Reflection on the Gospel

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours.



Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.

*Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS*

**Fr Jolly is appointed by Bishop Vincent Long as the new Dean of the Blue Mountains Deanery.**  
**Congratulations Fr. Jolly**

**Reminder:** Confirmation preparation will continue 4th, 11th and 18th August at 4.30pm.  
Rehearsal session Saturday 26th August at 3.00pm.

**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

**The Feast of The Assumption: Wednesday 15th August. Masses will be at 9.15am with St Finbar's Primary and 7.30pm. This is a day of Obligation and all are welcome.**

We would like to thank Margaret Richards and Heather Lee for organising the Martha's afternoon tea for Church Cleaning, Gardening Club and Hospitality Ministry. These are the people who serve the Parish silently behind the scenes, 56 people attended and a few others could not attend due to previous commitments. The reflection on the preparation for the Plenary Council, sharing of lives and getting to know each other etc. were all part of building a community. Once again thanks to everyone for all the hard work. We will have a gathering of other ministries soon, please wait for the notices...

**REFLECTONS ON THE PLENARY COUNCIL PREPARATIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST FROM 10.30 TO 11.15. EVERYONE IS INVITED.**

## **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 –

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.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

John Young, (Shirley Konza's brother), 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:**

Eric Jeckeln, Reginald Hambilton, Michael Cahill, William Mathew, Mark Roebuck and Maree Whitton.

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## Mission Sunday will be held 11 and 12 August 2018.

In 2018 Catholic Mission will be profiling the **Church's work with communities in Myanmar** – rebuilding this agile nation by empowering teachers and healing through the gift of education - positively impacting children, parents and whole communities. Years of conflict have decimated the country's infrastructure and caused harm to generations of its people, sadly now ranking Myanmar lower than Cambodia and many sub-Saharan African countries in the Human Development Index. This conflict has also had a significant impact on the nation's education system. With public investment in Myanmar among the lowest in the world, the Church is aiming to train teachers, develop infrastructure, and establish a nationwide alternative school system. Envelopes will be available next weekend for your donation to this most worthwhile cause.

### 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*



St Finbars Primary is collecting the Coles Little Shop collectables to use with our students for Maths activities.

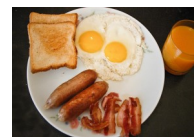
If you or your family are not collecting them or you have spares, we would love for you to send them in to school. They can also be handed in at the Parish office.

Thank you in advance for your support.

## ST FINBARS MENS BREAKFAST Date - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

## PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 15 September in the Hall at 6.30pm (for a 7pm start).

The cost will be \$20 per person and there will be room for 8 people on each table. BYO drinks and nibbles. We have set up a table in the Narthex where you can write the names of the people on your table.

We also have a Guessing Competition set up on the table. The cost is \$1 per guess or 3 guesses for \$2.

DONATIONS WANTED – we are looking for donations of non-perishable food & household items (tea, coffee, biscuits, cereals, dishwashing liquid, cleaning products etc.) which will be used for prizes. Please place these items in the washing baskets near the table in the Narthex.

**Event:** Annual Ecumenical Dinner **Speaker:** Rev Gerard Kelly **Date:** Thursday 6th September 2018  
**Time:** 7-10pm **Where:** Penrith Gaels Club  
**Cost:** \$42 per person **Tickets:** Contact Todd on 4739 5719 or Gideon 4739 5273  
**Details:** See poster in foyer. All welcome. Organised by Glenbrook-Blaxland Interchurch Group.

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## Sacraments

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

**Office Hours:** 9.30am - 3.00pm

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## ROSTER FOR 11TH & 12TH AUGUST 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Rodney Moffitt	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Andrew Duval
Junior Server	Katia Apps		Rocco Siciliano, Emily Dowling, & Nicola De la Mare
Warden	Ken Schneider's Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Kylie Miles
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Susanne McGrath
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	John Kileen	Ann Keating	Irene Aligno
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Joe Grange	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Carmel Higgins
I.T Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Ellen Teece	Jim McLoughlin
Musician	Matthew & Michael		Jenny and Anne
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shat- ford	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Margaret Richards	Jim Tierney Kath Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	Gerard Egan Garry Pursehouse Volunteer please Volunteer please
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell, Robyn Flynn.		
Children's Liturgy	Melissa		
Hospitality	Anne King, Darren & Liz Dukes		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young and Beth Killeen		
9.30am Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		

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