

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

11th and 12th August 2018

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ps 33; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Sunday 12th of August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism.
Monday 13th of August	9.00am Mass 10.30am Pastoral Care meeting. M/R
Tuesday 14th of August <i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	9.00am Mass 7.30pm Parish Council meeting.
Wednesday 15th of August <i>The Assumption</i>	<u>No 8.00am Mass.</u> 9.15am Mass. 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Mass.
Thursday 16th of August	10.00am Healing Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
Friday 17th of August	9.00am Mass + Benediction 11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers
Saturday 18th of August	7.30am Men's breakfast. P/C 9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 1.30pm Byrd Concert. Church 4.30pm Confirmation Preparation P/C 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 19th of August 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass. 7.00pm Senior Youth Group. P/C

Reflection on the Gospel



Your mother and my mother, carrying her baby in the womb for nine months, effectively said: 'Take, eat, this is my body.' A mother able to breastfeed continues this communion as she offers her body to give life to her child.

Our Lord Jesus Christ adopts maternal language to express his deepest desire for us! He gives us his risen and glorified Humanity: 'Take, eat, this is my body', and a sort of life-giving mutual indwelling occurs: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' This is as intimate as a baby dwelling in the womb of its mother. As St Paul put it in a different context, 'In Him we live and move and have our being.'

The Saviour of the World, the Conqueror of Death, dwells in my body and I dwell in his glorified body. This gives us 'eternal life' which is not something which begins after death, but is simply a label for Our Lord's Divine human life which we can share right now.

However, because it is the life of the Conqueror of Death it will certainly impel us beyond the grave: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could take a moment to pray to more fervently realise and take advantage of the fact that, at every Mass, we can respond to the invitation to come forward to Holy Communion so as to be enwombed in the maternal Christ.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Reminder: Confirmation preparation will continue 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 Holy Obligation and all are welcome.

TIMEOUT TUESDAY: Why not enjoy a morning in a warm and relaxed atmosphere? Lots of chatting combined with a great morning tea. You may wish to knit, Crochet or do Patchwork or just have a chat. A number of Knee Rugs are finished and ready for distribution. Take some TIMEOUT for yourself. On Tuesday 21st August. St Finbar's Parish Centre. 10am-1pm. For more information contact Kath 47392651 or ktierney@bigpond.net.au

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.

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:

Michael Conliffe (Laurie, Michael and Margaret Rivas cousin) 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), Lyn Downes, 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:

Ute Moll, Anne Marie Griffin, Marion Nardi, Norma Bardwell-Cook, Alban O'Loughlin, Thomas Byrne, Bernardina Bruinsma, James Rowe, John Gersbach, Leslie Slater, Annia Audit and Winfred Coyle.

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Mission Sunday will be held this weekend 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 are available 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



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.

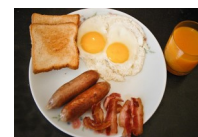
Thank you in advance for your support.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR 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

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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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 18TH & 19TH AUGUST 2018

<u>Liturgical Ministries</u>	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Rodney Moffitt	Dawn Willis
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers Ann and Alex Walker
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 st Reading	Katy Ferris	Maura Williams	Peter Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Trish Hurley
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operator	Henry Hanko	Robyn Flynn	Amie Farrell
Music	Cantabile		Ruth's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders and Family
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher Pat Barrett	Terry & Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Jean Di Nucci	Therese Luczak Annissa Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	Danielle		
Cashier	Joe Grange and Lorraine Brown		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena and Irene & Bert		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa and Wayne Gillard		
Garden Club	Team 3 : Lucas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary and Daniel Lynch		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Lee Jackson & Louise Heber		

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