

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

18th and 19th August 2018

Proverbs 9:1-6; Ps 33; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6: 51-58

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
Monday 20th of August	9.00am Mass 9.00am Fun Singers. 5.00pm SVDP meeting. M/R
Tuesday 21st of August <i>St Pius X</i>	9.00am Mass 10.00am Time Out Tuesday . M/R 7.30pm Finance Committee meeting. M/R
Wednesday 22nd of August <i>Queenship of</i> <i>Mary</i>	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C
Thursday 23rd of August	9. 00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
Friday 24th of August <i>St</i> <i>Bartholomew</i>	9.00am Mass + Benediction 11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers
Saturday 25th of August	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.00pm School Movie Night. P/C 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 26th of August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 3.00pm Confirmation Rehearsal in Church.

Reflection on the Gospel



This gospel passage continues the 'Bread of Life' discourse that we have been following through the Gospel of John for a few weeks now. It overlaps with the reading from last week with Jesus announcing that his flesh is the 'bread of life'.

Not surprisingly, the Jewish audience is horrified by the idea of eating human flesh. Jesus drives his point home further with his audience by also referring to the drinking of blood. In Jewish tradition, even to touch blood made a person ritually unclean. Any meat that was to be eaten had to be drained of blood, according to kosher rules. The words used by Jesus in this passage are so confronting that they cannot possibly be taken literally. It is a complete overstatement of the image to try to make sure that a literal interpretation is impossible.

When the gospel writer has Jesus speaking about eating his flesh and drinking his blood he is drawing on a very old image of eating and drinking as representing 'absorbing'; or 'comprehending'; or 'understanding' the message of the speaker. In this ancient understanding, to 'eat the flesh' of Jesus is to take into yourself and accept everything that Jesus stands for; everything that Jesus teaches; everything that Jesus believes. It is an act of faith. When we received Christ in the Eucharist, is this the depth of significance and purpose with which we take communion?

Unmistakably, this passage points us to the Christian sacrament of Eucharist. The practice of sharing Eucharist as a memorial of Jesus was already well established in the Christian communities by the time this gospel was written and throughout this extended discourse on the 'Bread of Life' the author provides a direct link between the practice of Eucharist and the teachings of Jesus.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Support our farmers who feed us. A donation jar for farmers is placed in our Narthex. Whatever generous support you can offer, please do so. Thank you.

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

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:

Julie O'Carrigan, 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:

Mark Bates, 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:

John Cloran, Betty Grange, Edward Keough, Laurence Rowe, Handley Sweeney, Margaret Smith, Angela Plevy, Bruno De Mattia, Yvonne Price, Elizabeth Sefton, Les McDermott, Willy Boere, Andrew Wiecek, Ellen Fall, Maria Pay and Richard Nagle.

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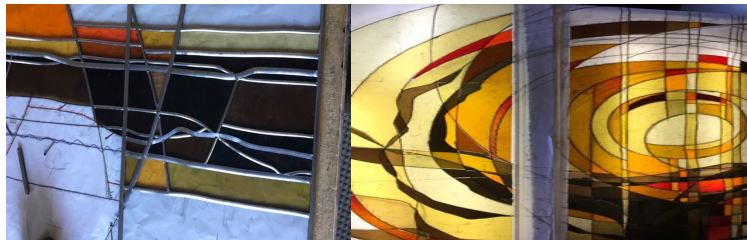
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ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS



The completion of our stain glass window is progressing well.

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.



Fun Singers are reminded to meet on Monday 20th August at the Parish Church

Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday the 2nd of September at 6.00pm at St Finbar's Church. Bishop Vincent Long OFM presiding and all are most welcome.

A big thank you to Brian and Thea Robertson for the donation of our new sign showing which way is which !!!



BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Last year, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling \$205,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution.

This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of September 1-2.

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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ROSTER FOR 25TH & 26TH AUGUST 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Riley Farrell Ethan Cameron		Anna Santoro Marco Santoro
Warden	Huia Kingi	Rodney Moffitt	Garry Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Mary Creenaune	Jess or Briony Mowbray
2 nd Reading	Maureen Talk	Margaret Dickson	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Jacqui Vissor	Kevin Flynn	Patricia Murnane
I.T Operator	Pat Watson	Andrew Teece	Joseph Marceau
Musician	Te Deum		Holy Light
Presentation of the Gifts	Margaret Moore Jan de Bie	Ann and Ray Keating	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Vince Dobson Noreen Taylor Lorraine Brown Allan Jones	Terry Madden Rodney Moffitt Volunteer please Volunteer please	Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth or Greg Rowe Todd Stanford
Children's Liturgy	Pia		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala and Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Tom Torrance, Marie Massif & Kerry and Peter Herborn		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie and Jessica Doherty		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		

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