



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

25th & 26th August 2018

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ps33; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

<p><b>Sunday</b> 26th of August</p> <p><b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</b></p> <p>3.00pm Confirmation Rehearsal in Church.</p>	<p><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p> <div> <p>The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose? The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.</p> <p>If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS</i></p> </div> <div> </div>
<p><b>Monday</b> 27th of August</p> <p><i>St. Monica</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b></p> <p>2.00pm School Assembly P/C</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP meeting. M/R</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 28th of August</p> <p><i>St Augustine</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 29th of August</p> <p><i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i></p>	<p><b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary.</b></p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>	
<p><b>Thursday</b> 30th of August</p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b></p> <p>1.30pm Bridge P/C</p> <p>7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C</p>	
<p><b>Friday</b> 31st of August</p>	<p>8.30am Father's Day Liturgy P/C</p> <p><b>9.00am Mass</b></p> <p>11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers</p>	
<p><b>Saturday</b> 1st of September</p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b></p> <p>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice</p> <p><b>4.45pm Confessions</b></p> <p><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Sunday</b> 2nd of September</p> <p><b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>6.00pm Confirmation &amp; Supper to follow in the Parish Hall.</b></p>	<p><b><u>KERALA, INDIA FLOODS FUNDRAISER</u></b></p> <p><b>When:</b> After the Saturday 5.30pm Mass and the Sunday 9.30am Mass at St. Finbar's Church</p> <p><i>Authentic Indian Food made by members of the Kerala Indian Community in Australia</i></p> <p><b>What: Indian food lovingly made - \$10 per serving (Ready to take home for your dinner or lunch!)</b></p> <p><i>All proceeds go towards helping those affected in these devastating floods.</i></p> <p><i>All other offers of financial donations gratefully accepted.</i></p> <p>Thank you for any financial aid this weekend. There are many demands.</p> <p><i>Yes, it is ironic - Australians are currently giving drought aid in our own land!</i></p> <p>Your prayers are also deeply valued.</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

**THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020** is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. All people are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda by sharing their experience of faith and of the Church. At St Finbar's we will be doing this by gathering in small groups throughout the month of October to listen and dialogue with one another. You will be invited to sign up for these groups from September 8 – September 23 at the back of the Church. In the meantime, we are all asked to raise awareness about the Plenary Council – speak to fellow parishioners, family and friends; tell those who are still actively involved in the Church as well as those who might be distant from the faith – every voice is important! If you missed last Sunday's information session, you can find out more or make an individual submission at [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au).

## \*\*\*UPCOMING\*\*\* **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. Information and Training Sessions have already been held. There is a growing interest in Plenary 2020, and so we are now repeating these earlier sessions. All parishioners are invited as the sessions assist with both a parish level response as well as helping individuals share the Plenary invitation with friends and family. Our next upcoming Information and Training Sessions are as follows -

**Thursday, 20 September - 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm - Parramatta Cathedral Hall (1 Marist Place, Parramatta)**

**Saturday, 29 September - 10.00 am to 12.30 pm - St Thomas Aquinas Springwood School Hall (168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood)**

**Saturday, 29 September - 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm - Emu Plains School Hall (17 Troy Street, Emu Plains)**

**\*\*Light refreshments will be provided at all sessions\*\***

The following people will greatly benefit from attending a session:

- All parishioners & Clergy
- Parish staff, council members, ministry co-ordinators & Parish volunteers
- Ethnic community representatives
- Chaplain & Community group representatives

We strongly encourage you 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.vanderhout@parracatholic.org](mailto:marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org) with date and time and parish or agency as soon as possible.

## **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), Joyce Adamson (Irene Aligno's Mother).

## **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:**

Karl Moll, Elizabeth Sefton, Les McDermott, Willy Boere, Andrew Wiecek, Ellen Fall, Maria Pay, Richard Nagle, Hermanus Voorn, James Griffin, Shiela Anderson, Walter Quealy, Noel Gibson, Mary McKenzie & Michael Price.

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

**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, please bring a plate to share  
for supper afterwards. Thanks**

"Last Saturday we held another successful men's breakfast.  
Special thanks to the men who assisted with set up and cooking.  
Also thank you to the kitchen team, Lina, Carmel, Lorraine Sue and Vicki.  
Note the Next Breakfast will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018.  
Carl Moll "

## **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.

A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes are available this week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

If you wish you can make online contributions at [csfparra.org.au](http://csfparra.org.au) using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to [csf@parracatholic.org](mailto:csf@parracatholic.org) with your details so receipts can be sent, which we usually do in January.

## **Diocese of Parramatta News**

### **We're hiring!**

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is seeking a Nurse to attend World Youth Day 2019 in Panama. The role will be responsible for encouraging and coordinating healthy practices and the preliminary identification and assessment of medical, health and wellbeing needs of pilgrims. More information at: <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant>

**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 **\$10** 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.

## **A SPECIAL YEAR OF YOUTH EVENT IN THE MOUNTAINS**

We're inviting all young adults working and living in and around the Blue Mountains for an afternoon to connect. This Year of Youth, we're striving to create more opportunities for young people to experience the joy of the faith. Join us on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at St Canice Church, Katoomba. Follow Catholic Youth Parramatta for more information or contact Qwayne Guevara, Local Engagement Leader at [qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org](mailto:qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org).

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## ROSTER FOR 1ST & 2ND SEPTEMBER 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	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		Grace Incorvil & Keira Vermaak
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Beth Culliver	Rodney Moffitt	Pearse Cremin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Mary Creenaune	Ruth Gott
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Margaret Dickson	Steve Newton
I.T Operator	Thais Turner	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Musician			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	Christyna		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance, Vicky Ang & Lucie Da Graca Twyford		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Erika McNay, Margaret & Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh		

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