


The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

1st & 2nd September 2018

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 14; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

<p>Sunday 2nd of September</p> <p>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>6.00pm Confirmation & Supper to follow in the Parish Hall.</p>	<p><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p>	
<p>Monday 3rd of September</p> <p><i>St. Gregory the Great</i></p>	<p>9.00am Mass</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP meeting. M/R</p>	<p>Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from anything or any-person.</p> 	
<p>Tuesday 4th of September</p>	<p>9.00am Mass</p> <p>7.30pm Baptism Prep. Meeting M/R</p>	<p>On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them bodymindspirit, holistically, making <i>them</i> holy.</p>	
<p>Wednesday 5th of September</p>	<p>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>	<p>The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes 'holiness'.</p>	
<p>Thursday 6th of September</p>	<p>NO Mass (Father Jolly is away)</p> <p>1.30pm Bridge P/C</p> <p>7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C</p>	<p>We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?</p>	
<p>Friday 7th of September</p>	<p>9.00am Mass + Benediction</p> <p>10.30 First Friday visits</p> <p>11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers</p>	<p>By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.</p>	
<p>Saturday 8th of September</p> <p><i>The Nativity of the Blessed virgin Mary</i></p>	<p>9.00am Mass</p> <p>10.30am Claire Brown Concert P/C</p> <p>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice</p> <p>4.45pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p>We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Fr Michael Tate</i></p>	
<p>Sunday 9th of September</p> <p>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>8.30am Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>11.00am Baptism</p> <p>2.00pm Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>Confirmation will be celebrated on this 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. Thank you.</p> <p>WORLD YOUTH DAY RAFFLE TICKETS. Please return all the sold and unsold tickets to the Parish Office by the 15th of September. Thank you</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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*Thank you for the generous support.
You have donated for Missions \$2632.00, for Farmers' Drought Appeal \$767.00 and for Kerala Flood Relief the food sale & donations were \$3620.00.*

THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 Next week we will be commencing sign ups for the **Plenary Council 2020** listening and dialogue groups. Small groups will run throughout the month of October and will be an opportunity for you to share your experience of faith and of the Church to help shape the agenda for the council. Please continue to raise awareness by speaking to others and inviting them to contribute to the process – every voice is important! To find out more or make an individual submission visit 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 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:

May Madden, Amy Merci, Valma Jones, Eileen Trevaskis, Hugh Smith, Anna Instance, Elsie Whitton, Gweneth Scott, June Jones, Harold Brown, Dorothy Parslow and Arthur Auckett.

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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.

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.

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 this weekend.

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 will be available next 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 using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 01691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details.

Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2018. Thank you for your generosity.

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, 5 September 2018. Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team. The College is now enrolling for 2020.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.

"**MORE ALIVE, MORE HUMAN**" - join us for a weekend silent retreat guided by Verbum Dei Missionaries at Hartzer Park, Bowral on Sept 28- 30. All ages welcome. For more info contact Louise on 0402374751 or email verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

Considering volunteering? Meet & Greet Palms Volunteers

Relax at the 2773 Glenbrook and find out what life was like for Kristina and Lukas, volunteers who spent two years assisting disability services and advocacy in Timor Leste.

Meet and Greet us- Saturday 22 Sept 2:30pm at 2773 Café - 19 Ross Street, GLENBROOK NSW 2773

Find out more at www.palms.org.au/events or Contact Palms on 02 9560 5333



CATHOLIC CARE SPRINGWOOD OFFICE (next to Blooms Pharmacy).

Is the venue on **Friday September 21st at 3:30pm** for a one hour meeting of people interested in supporting an initiative to deepen our understanding of REFUGEE issues facing Australia. This will be an ecumenical venture. Bishop Vincent is encouraging us all to respond. If interested, you could call Celia Vagg at CatholicCare (4754 1022) or Dennis Farrar (0425 209 8400) for more details."

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Will be an ongoing devotion at Our Lady of the Way Parish 19 Troy Street, Emu Plains, each Friday after the 9.00am Mass concluding with Benediction at 11.30am. The evening Adoration will commence at 5.00pm – 8pm concluding with Benediction. Everyone is welcome!

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ROSTER FOR 8TH & 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Rodney Moffitt	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Andrew Duval
Junior Server	Katia Apps		Rocco Siciliano Emily Dowling Nicola De La Mare
Warden	Ken Schneiders & Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Volunteer Please
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Suzanne McGrath
1 st Reading	Allan Jones	Maura Williams	Richard Cutler
2 nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Andrew Teece	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Joanne Stubbs
I.T Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Ellen Teece	Jim McLoughlin
Musician	M. Phillips & M. Taylor		Naomi's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Margaret Richards Volunteer Please Volunteer Please	Kath Tierney Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	Avril Llewellyn Gerard Egan Garry Pursehouse Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Michelle		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell & Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Anne King, Daren & Liz Dukes		
Church Care	Leanne Baranowski-Brown, RE Coordinator & Year 6		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Beth Culliver		

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