



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

15th & 16th September 2018

Is 50:5-9; Ps 114; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

<p><b>Sunday</b> 16th of September</p> <p><b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>	<p><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p> <p>Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.' No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver. Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill. We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Fr Michael Tate</i></p>	
<p><b>Monday</b> 17th of September</p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 9.00am Fun Singers 2.00pm School Assembly P/C 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>		
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 18th of September</p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.00am Timeout Tuesday M/R 6.00pm Netball Club AGM P/C</p>		
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 19th of September</p>	<p><b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary.</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>		
<p><b>Thursday</b> 20th of September <i>Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon &amp; Paul Chong Ha-sang &amp; companions</i></p>	<p><b>10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea.</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm Academy Singers Rehearsal 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C</p>		
<p><b>Friday</b> 21st of September <i>St. Matthew, apostle</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.30am Funeral Mass for Patricia Flynn 12.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers P/C</p>		
<p><b>Saturday</b> 22nd of September</p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>		
<p><b>Sunday</b> 23rd of September</p> <p><b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Baptism</b> 3.00pm Academy Singers Concert.</p>	<p><b>FATHERS' DAY APPEAL</b> Many thanks to all those parishioners who gave generously to the recent Fathers' Day appeal. The parish was able to raise \$2,290 for this very worthy cause. May God's blessings be upon you all.</p>	
		<p><b>WORLD YOUTH DAY RAFFLE TICKETS.</b> Please return all the sold and unsold tickets to the Parish Office by this week. 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 .

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## A SPECIAL TREAT.

The organ at St Finbar's will ring its accompaniment to the Academy Singers in their concert on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 3pm. Sydney University organist Amy Johansen and a string trio will perform with the choir to present a selection of works including the delightful Little Organ Mass by Joseph Haydn. Director Dr. Paul Terracini has chosen an all-Latin program that will also include 20<sup>th</sup> Century pieces by composers from Estonia (Arvo Part) and Wales (Karl Jenkins) and the soulful Panis Angelicus by Cesar Frank. The concert will be followed by afternoon tea in the church hall and all are welcome. Tickets at \$25 adults, \$20 concession, \$5 children will be available at the door. Enq. 4754 1780 .



**THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020.** Sign ups continue this weekend for the St Finbar's **Plenary Council 2020** discussion groups. Groups will gather throughout October to listen and dialogue about the Church in Australia – sharing experiences of the past and hopes for the future. The thoughts and ideas of the small groups will be submitted to the **Plenary Council 2020** Executive Team and used to help shape the agenda for the council. Sign up in the church foyer and be part of the process that will shape the future of our Church in Australia.

**TIMEOUT TUESDAY:** Tuesday 18th September - Take a little timeout refresh - Enjoy a great morning and relax with wonderful company - patchwork, crochet and knitting if you wish to do so..... Or just have a 'chinwag'. St Finbars Parish Centre Parish Centre. 10am - 1pm.

Kath 47392651 or [ktierney@bigpond.net](mailto:ktierney@bigpond.net).

**CARERS WEEK EVENT** 16th October - more details on poster in the Narthex.

**FUN SINGERS.** Is on this Monday the 17th of September at 9.00am.

**Volunteers are needed for the Hospitality Group to help with the morning tea after the Sunday 9.30am Mass. We are looking for 3 more people to help and will only be rostered on one Sunday a Month. Anyone who can help are asked to please call Lina on 0414 323 265**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.** The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded by a 20 year old university student named Frederic Ozanam in 1833. It was established by like minded individuals who wished to put their faith into action. There are thousands of St Vincent de Paul members who every day share their time, care for humanity and energy to make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged people all around Australia. The Glenbrook Conference has made a difference for over 60 years.

We will be holding our annual Winter Appeal (yes, we know it is Spring) at all Masses on the weekend of 22/23 September and we will be seeking your generous support to allow us to continue our work in our parish. Any donation, regardless of the amount, would be greatly received and appreciated.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr. Jose, Fr. Eric Burton , Julie O'Carrigan, Marie Mahoney (Peter Hurley's Sister) and Joyce Adamson.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Sally Phoebus, Chris Paine, 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:

Glorene Petty, Margaret Hunt, Marie Lutton, Fred Clinton, Thomas Charles, Baby Amber Jenkins, Pamela Cottee, Rosina Merchant, Victorio Girgenti, John Nolan, Philomena Quinn, Ethel Cornish and Eileen Gillian.

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## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NEWS

### Plenary 2020 Information and Training

Learn about the Australian Catholic Bishops Plenary Council's impact on you. Receive support to share the Plenary invitation with parish, friends and family.

20 September, 7pm-9.30pm, Parramatta Cathedral Hall

29 September, 10am-12.30pm, St Thomas Aquinas Springwood School Hall (168 Hawkesbury Rd)

29 September, 2pm-4.30pm, Emu Plains School Hall (17 Troy Street)

RSVP: [marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org](mailto:marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org) / 8838 3460 with date, time and parish/agency.

### Adult Confirmation for 2018

Will be held on Friday 12 October, 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Any adult over 16 years of age wanting to be confirmed please see your Parish Office for information. Alternatively you can contact The Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or [ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org](mailto:ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org)

### Save the Date – Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive

Date: 11 November 2018. *Waiting for Gabriel* is an information afternoon. You'll hear testimonies and learn about natural options which assist fertility. For more information contact Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) 0400 427 605

### Liturgy Conference 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Tickets are now on sale. For tickets and a full list of workshops go to [parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018](http://parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018). Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

### St Padre Pio Feast Day: 23 September

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina: Reception of his holy Relic and Special Anniversary Feast Day. Everyone is invited to the Feast Day of St. Padre Pio at St. Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park, on Sunday 23 September, as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Stigmata and 50th Anniversary of St Padre Pio's death. The Procession will start at 9.30am, followed by the Feast Day Mass, veneration & blessing by St. Padre Pio's holy relic and other festivities. A Triduum will precede the Feast Day: Thursday & Friday, 20 & 21 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 7pm. Saturday 22 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 5.30pm. Further details on 4737 9735.

### 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](http://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 21<sup>st</sup> 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."

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**. We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'. The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call 02-83063499.

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Baptisms: By Appointment  
Weddings: By Appointment

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

Monday to Friday

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## ROSTER FOR 22ND & 23RD SEPTEMBER 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 & Marco Santoro
Warden	Huia Kingi	Rodney Moffitt	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Gerard Egan	Rodney Moffitt	Avril Llewellyn
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Maire Griffin	Andrew Teece	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Elizabeth Konza	Yvonne Scanlan
I.T Operator	Pat Watson	Andrew Teece	Joseph Marceau
Musician	Te Deum		Holy Light
Presentation of the Gifts	Volunteer Please	Rivas Family	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 Carmel Higgins Todd Stanford
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Tom Torrance, Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson & St. Finbar's Playgroup		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Rodney Moffitt & Michael Lloyd		

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