



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

22nd & 23rd September 2018

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 53; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>23rd of September</b></p> <p><b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>11.00am Baptism</b></p> <p><b>3.00pm Academy Singers Concert.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p>Last week's gospel, in which Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?' marked a turning point in the gospel of Mark. Having established in the minds of the disciples that he is indeed the Messiah, Jesus now begins to explore with them what that really means and also what it means to be a follower – a disciple – of the Messiah who must be put to death. Having finally come to some level of understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, the disciples have latched on to a very limited understanding of Jesus' Messiahship. They have assumed that being Messiah meant that Jesus was going to lead a triumphant victory over all the woes of the Jews – it was a common understanding and expectation of what the Messiah would do. With this in mind, the disciples begin to argue amongst themselves about who will hold positions of respect and power in the aftermath of Jesus' great triumph. Despite what Jesus had just said about being put to death and rising again, the disciples simply couldn't grasp what he was saying and fell back onto a familiar picture of the Messiah.</p> <p>To really shake up the disciples and try to make them pay attention to what he was saying to them, Jesus put his arms around a small child and told the disciples they had to welcome little children in his name. Like so many gospel images there is more going on here than meets the eye. Children were regarded as complete nobodies in the culture of the time. They had no status and absolutely no authority. Jesus is saying to the disciples, don't argue about who will be the greatest; this child – this nobody – is greater than anyone who lords it over others. If you treat a nobody like this with respect, you treat me with respect.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">  </div> </div>	
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>24th of September</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b></p>		
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>25th of September</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b></p> <p><b>10.30am William (Bill) Waters Funeral Mass</b></p> <p><b>2.00pm School Liturgy Practice</b></p>		
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>26th of September</b></p>	<p><b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary.</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Playgroup P/C</b></p> <p><b>7.00pm Bridge P/C</b></p>		
<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>27th of September</b> <i>St. Vincent de Paul</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b></p> <p><b>1.30pm Bridge P/C</b></p> <p><b>7.30pm Group Facilitator Training M/R</b></p> <p><b>7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C</b></p>		
<p><b>Friday</b> <b>28th of September</b> <i>St. Finbar's Feast Day</i></p>	<p><b>9.15 St. Finbar's Feast Mass</b></p> <p><b>11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice</b></p> <p><b>1.00pm Bowlers</b></p>		
<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>29th of September</b> <i>Sts Michael, Gabriele, Raphael archangels</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b></p> <p><b>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice</b></p> <p><b>4.45pm Confessions</b></p> <p><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>		
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>30th of September</b></p> <p><b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</b></p>	<p><b><u>ST. FINBAR'S FEAST DAY</u> will be celebrated on Friday the 28th of September 2018 at 9.15am combined with the St. Finbar's School community. You are all encouraged to come and celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint. Thank you. <b>Father Jolly.</b></b></p>	
		<p><b><u>SUNDAY BAPTISMS:</u></b></p> <p>We joyfully announce the Baptism of <b>Samuel Morehead</b> this Sunday and warmly welcome him into our Faith Community.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	

**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 this Sunday the 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.** This is the final weekend of sign ups for the **Plenary Council 2020** discussion groups. Groups will gather throughout October to listen and dialogue about the Church in Australia – reflecting on the question: What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time? 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. Don't miss out on being part of the process and contributing your voice to help shape the future of our Church in Australia.

**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 you will only be rostered on one Sunday a Month. Anyone who can help is asked to please call Lina on 0414 323 265**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.** We are called, as Vincentians, to feed, clothe, house and assist our brothers and sisters who are forced onto the margins of society. *"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, protect the rights of those who are helpless. Speak out and pronounce a sentence of justice, defend the cause of the wretched and the poor."* (Proverbs 31:8-9). Today we are seeking your financial support so the Glenbrook Conference can continue making a difference in the lives of the disadvantaged in our parish. In assisting people who are denied equality and dignity we make a prophetic statement about the dignity and equality of all people in God's sight. All donations will be greatly received and appreciated. May God bless you for your generosity.

## **VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO**

We are seeking volunteers for January 2019 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Zambia & Solomon Island. Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au)

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

William (Bill) Waters, Patricia Flynn, 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:**

Sylvia Bourke, Maria Boehm, Marie Hill, Christopher McNamara, Mary Heaver, Grace Chambers, Roch Cunningham, Mary O'Connor, Kathleen Rowe, Patricia Nagle, Thelma Dwyer, Thomas Beattie, Paul Morgan, Francis Luland, Anthony Cunningham and Rodney Mulvey.

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## ST FINBAR OUR PATRON SAINT

The Patron Saint of our Parish is St Finbar (Finbarr) whose feast is celebrated on 25 September. Finbar's birth is given as 570AD and Muskerry, Cork, Ireland given as the birthplace. The country at this time was undergoing great expansion, especially of Christian churches and monasteries. Finbar founded the See of Cork and as a result was made a Bishop.

Finbar worked hard among the people to spread the faith. It is thought that St Finbar began his monastic life on a little island in the lake of Gougane Barra. As well as a monastery, Finbar established a "great school of learning" which continues even to this day.

St Finbar died in 630AD and he is buried within the enclosure of the monastery he established.

***THE BARRA REFERS TO THE SHORTENED NAME FOR OUR PATRON, ST. FINBAR, AND HAS LINKS WITH THE BEAUTIFUL SHRINE TO OUR SAINT IN GOUGANE BARRA, CORK, IRELAND.***



**TRIVIA NIGHT.** The recent Trivia Night was a great success. This is due to the huge effort put in by Janette Ankers, Lynda Rogers, Martin Rogers and all who helped behind the scenes. It was also successful because you all came and turned it into a wonderful parish social occasion. The event raised \$1865 for the Parish. Congratulations to all involved

## THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE: THE JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

Are you looking for a different way to start the 2019 new year? Maybe to meet some new people, get fit and conclude the Christmas season on a spiritual high? The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit, 7-day, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany. The pilgrimage begins at Emu Plains on 2 January 2019 and finishes at Bell on 8 January 2019.

For further information and to register see [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org) or for general information and current news see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>.  
journey in faith . encounter the Christ-Child . live for Him .

## TO KEEP OUR CELEBRATIONS JOYFUL– MUSICIANS NEEDED.

Many hands make light work, so to ease the pressure on those who are currently helping out, we would like to add your name to our rosters of music for our Eucharistic Celebration. If you are able to play any musical instrument or lead a choir once a month, please contact the Parish Office on 47398928. Thanks. **Father Jolly**

## PARISH YOUTH NEWS:

Youth or Dare won this year's annual trivia night showing all the Parish that wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age! We also invited the Confirmation children to a one-off celebration of fun and games at the Lounge Youth Night. Next Youth Mass is 07-10-18, see you all then! - Youth Team

## 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.

**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.

### 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.

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Weddings: By Appointment

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

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## ROSTER FOR 29TH & 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Rodney Moffitt	Ruth Gott
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Ruth Gott
Junior Server	Volunteer Please		Volunteer Please
Warden	Ken Schneiders & Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Ralph Maples	Maura Williams	Pearse Cremin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Yvonne Scanlan
Intercession	Duane Parslow	John De Mattia	Volunteer Please
I.T Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Robyn Flynn	Pat Watson
Musician	Te Deum		Cantabile
Presentation of the Gifts	<i>Parishioners are</i>	<i>Invited to offer to bring</i>	<i>up the gifts.</i>
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Jean Di Nucci	Therese Luczak Annis Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott.		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Martin & Lyndel Rogers		
Church Care	Kath & Jim Tierney, Eileen Jones & Gwen Cullinan		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Noreen Taylor		

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