

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

27th & 28th October 2018

Jer 31:7-9; Ps 125; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

<p>Sunday 28th October</p> <p>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Plenary Group Meeting M/R 11.00am Baptism 2.00pm Phoenix Concert Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p> <p>Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective. Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity). You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision. This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. <i>He</i> knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. <i>We</i> believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death could do. We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Fr Michael Tate</i></p>
<p>Monday 29th October</p>	<p>9.00am Mass 2.00pm School Assembly P/C 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>	
<p>Tuesday 30th October</p>	<p>9.00am Mass 7.30pm All Souls Choir Practice</p>	
<p>Wednesday 31st October</p>	<p>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup P/C 6.00pm Wedding Rehearsal 7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>	
<p>Thursday 1st November <i>All Saints Day</i></p>	<p>9.15am All Saints School Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm Plenary Group Meeting M/R 7.30pm All Souls Mass 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C</p>	
<p>Friday 2nd November <i>All Souls Day</i></p>	<p>9.00am Mass + Benediction 11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers 7.00pm Plenary Group meeting M/R</p>	<p>SUNDAY BAPTISMS: We joyfully announce the Baptisms of Madeleine Cafe and Cameron Trestrail this Sunday and warmly welcome them into our Faith Community.</p>
<p>Saturday 3rd November</p>	<p>9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm First Holy Communion Preparation P/C 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p>CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL – NOVEMBER 10TH & 11TH. On behalf of Bishop Vincent, Catholic Care, the Ephipheta Centre, the Catholic Foundation and our Seminarians, thank you for your generous support in advance. It will go a long way to facilitating the growing number of vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese and will further sustain the ongoing good works from our Seminarians in the wider community including their own formation and preparation for priesthood. The beautiful work the Catholic Care and the Ephipheta centre do is to look after the less privileged in our society, which can be enriched and enhanced by your support. Thus please support our Catholic Foundation appeal. Our parish quota for this appeal is \$8452. God loves you all and once again thanks for your generosity. (<i>Finance Committee</i>)</p>
<p>Sunday 4th November 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Donna's Farewell & Robyn's Welcome P/C 10.30am Plenary Group Meeting M/R 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group</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

FAREWELL & WELCOME SUNDAY THE 4TH OF NOVEMBER AT THE 9.30AM MASS

We farewell Donna McFadzean who had been our School Principal for the last 5 years. She was a great blessing for our school and Parish community, specially the Faith Formation of our children. We wish Donna all the best as she takes on the new role as the Principal for Our Lady of the Way Primary School- Emu Plains.

We welcome Robyn Clarke, who is a well experienced Principal with full of enthusiasm and fresh ideas.

We say thank you to Donna for all she has done and a warm welcome to Robyn and look forward to working with you. The Parish and the school community are organising a send-off and welcome event. Please join the 9.30am Mass on the 4th of November and morning tea to follow in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you.

Father Jolly

THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020. Our parish **Plenary Council 2020** small groups continue to gather this week and throughout October to reflect on the question: What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time? To join a group and share your voice, please contact the parish office. You can find out more and make an individual submission at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au. Please continue to pray for our parish and the Church in Australia as we journey together at this time.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS. This year our special Mass will be celebrated on the Vigil, Thursday 1st November, 2018 at 7.30pm. The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered for all the faithful departed with special remembrance of those whose funeral took place at St. Finbar's during the past year. Also invited to participate in the liturgy are parishioners who have lost a close relative during the past year and whose funeral was conducted outside the parish. A candle ceremony will be part of the celebration so if you would like your loved one remembered by lighting a candle (which your family member will place on the sanctuary during the Mass) please contact the Parish Office on 4739 8928 before 28th October. A small framed photo of your loved one could also be placed on the sanctuary before the commencement of Mass.

2019 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS. Franciscan and Columban 2019 Calendars are now available at the Wardens' table for the modest price of \$6 Franciscan and \$9 Columban. The Franciscan Calendars have the School Term Holidays.

CARERS WEEK EVENT.

On Tuesday 16th October the Parish hall was energised with 83 people, who attended and who were entertained by BLAXLAND UKULELE GROUP and St FINBAR'S FUN SINGERS with a MEDELY of MUSIC AND SONG as part of NATIONAL CARERS WEEK. Morning Tea and Light Lunch was served by dedicated ladies who worked tirelessly to bring so many delicious choices to the table. Around the hall were displayed many beautiful exhibits of craft, lovingly made by CARERS and the wider community. To all these wonderful people, my heartfelt thanks for helping to make this day a great success. *Kathleen Tierney*

TIMEOUT TUESDAY will be held 13th November.- this will be our last gathering for the year

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bev Palmer, Maureen Streater (Vince Dobson's Sister), Shirley Glover, 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), Little Majella and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Archibald Johnson, Charles Breese, Allan McMillan, Irene Baker, David Hancock, Amanda Oxford, Edward De Mattia, Anna Vella, Virginia Criswick, Charlie Psaila, Alice Cleary, Julie Young, Scott Blondahl, Kathleen Grange, Marjorie Gormly, Ian Robinson and Gerard Vandeweyer.

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PARISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DISCUSSION 9TH OCTOBER 2018

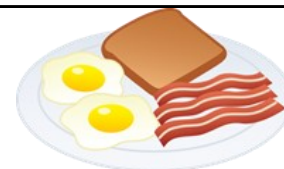
- ✚ Plenary Council: Small groups are going well and thanks to Briony & Lukas for the hard work in organising them.
- ✚ A Parish Social Committee is formed and Martin Rogers to lead it.
- ✚ The Stained glass window work is in progress.
- ✚ Thanks for all those who supported our Young people who are preparing for the World Youth Day.
- ✚ Our Parish has a shortfall in the Diocesan Works Funds (\$9500). The Parish has to find means and ways to pay the difference.
- ✚ Our Debt has come down to \$195000.
- ✚ We have been speaking with an air-conditioning installers in respect of the possibility of installing an air conditioner in the church. Alternative heating/cooling solutions are also for consideration. More study and research work is going on in this regard to find a system that will be suitable to the design of the church.
- ✚ There should be more information circulated to parishioners about devotionals in the Parish.
- ✚ We propose to develop a plan for the future direction of the Parish. Now the Liturgy Committee is well organised Father Jolly suggested for an annual reporting of different committees, record of events of the Parish during the previous 12 months for the information of the wider Parish Community.
- ✚ The Parish Council has not forgotten about the Parish Columbarium and continues its basic investigations about the possibilities and the means to achieve it sometime in the future.
- ✚ Father Jolly suggested to the Parish Council, as we prepare for the Plenary Council, to add 3 more female members to the Council, which was warmly accepted by everyone.

ST FINBARS MENS BREAKFAST

Date - Saturday 10th November 2018

Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am Venue - Parish hall

The parish is holding another Men's breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their sons, grandsons, neighbours and friends. For catering purposes, we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 4th November 2018. Please add your name to the list on the warden's table. Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775



CAN YOU HELP? CATECHISTS (SCRIPTURE TEACHERS & HELPERS) NEEDED

We are currently planning for 2019 and need more people involved with our Catechist ministry as helpers, relief teachers and teachers. If you love children and have the desire to help them know God, then we encourage you to think and pray about joining this important and rewarding ministry. Training, curriculum and activity books are provided. Contact Beth Culliver on 47398577 or the Parish Office.

National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse. The Prime Minister of Australia and the Leader of the Opposition delivered the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse on Monday 22 October at Parliament House, Canberra. A response from the Diocese of Parramatta can be found here: <https://parracatholic.org/national-apology/>

MUSIC MINISTRY MEETING. A musicians' meeting will be held in the presbytery meeting room on Sunday 11th November after the 9:30 am Mass. We will be discussing music for Advent and Christmas. Anyone interested in singing/playing for any of the Christmas Masses is welcome to come to the meeting. For further enquiries, please contact Matthew Phillips on 0481 841 704 or at mhy.phillips@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES. Parishioners may be aware that the parish has a memorial wall along the Prayer Walk where plaques were recently installed to commemorate the passing of loved ones. There is some interest in getting another batch of plaques installed (the cost is about \$185 for manufacture and installation). If you would like to participate in the next installation, please notify the parish office and complete an order form.

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ROSTER FOR 3RD AND 4TH NOVEMBER 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 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Rodney Moffitt	Pearse Cremin
2 nd Reading	Eileen Jones	Mary Creenaune	Ruth Gott
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Margaret Dickson	Steve Newton
I.T Operator	Yvonne Etherington	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 Christ O'Meara	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller John Killeen	Stephen Brown Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher
Children's Liturgy	Danielle		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell & Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance, Vicky Ang & Lucie Da Graca Twyford		
Church Care	Leanne Baranowski-Brown, RE Coordinator & Year 6		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Rodney Moffitt & Michael Lloyd		

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