


The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

3rd & 4th November 2018

Deut 6:2-6; Ps 17; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

<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>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p> <p>Jesus does not command us to love 'God' in the abstract. Teaching Jew to Jew he says: 'You shall love the Lord your God' – the Lord who had rescued the Jewish people from slavery. So, commanding a love which responds to an initiative of Divine Love. Why wouldn't one respond 'heart, mind, strength, soul' in gratitude for the gift of life itself, for some particular person or incident, for the beauty and grandeur of nature, for rescue from some situation which seemed to engulf us? And if the Lord God loved you in such a way, why wouldn't you love yourself? Then you can properly 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. There is nothing sentimental in his teaching from Leviticus 19:18 and the preceding verses. Jesus was pointing to the system of social justice which looked after the poor and which did not exploit workers. It is up to us as global citizens of the 21st century to recognise as 'neighbours' those beyond our borders and to love them in the practical 'Levitical' way. Fulfilling the Dual Command, we guard against the extremes of religious piety or social activism and become Christian humanists loving God and neighbour. We might pause a moment to pray in responsive gratitude to the Lord God, and to commit ourselves to loving our neighbour, hoping to hear the words of Jesus Christ: 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God.'</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Fr Michael Tate</i></p>
<p>Monday 5th November</p>	<p>9.00am Mass</p>	
<p>Tuesday 6th November</p>	<p>9.00am Mass 9.00am Bridge 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting</p>	<p>CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL – NOVEMBER 10TH & 11TH. On behalf of Bishop Vincent, Catholic Care, the Ephypheta 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 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 Ephypheta centre do is look after the less privileged in the 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>Wednesday 7th November</p>	<p>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>	
<p>Thursday 8th November</p>	<p>8.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 6.00pm Phoenix Concert rehearsal 7.00pm Plenary Group Meeting M/R 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C</p>	<p><i>Congratulations to Samantha Fisher and Jacob Morris who will get married this Saturday the 10th of November, we wish them both a happy and wonderful life together.</i></p> 
<p>Friday 9th November <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i></p>	<p>9.00am Mass + Benediction 11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers 7.00pm Plenary Group meeting M/R 7.00pm Phoenix Choir Concert</p>	
<p>Saturday 10th November <i>St. Leo the Great</i></p>	<p>7.30am Men's Breakfast 9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 3.00pm Jacob & Samantha's Wedding 4.30pm First Holy Communion Preparation P/C 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>	
<p>Sunday 11th November 32nd 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 Afternoon tea for the Church Liturgy Ministries.</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

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE. The Book of Remembrance is on permanent display on the Sanctuary during the month of November. Parishioners can add the names of any family members or loved ones who have passed to eternal life. Please do not enter any names that are already in the book.

TIME OUT TUESDAY: Our last gathering will be on Tuesday the 13th November (2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH) 10am - 1pm. St Finbar's Parish Centre. This has been a very productive year with number of Patchwork and crocheted knee rugs made by willing and clever hands. These will be distributed to those in our Parish and wider community, letting them know they are thought of and NOT forgotten. More information contact Kath 47392651 or ktierney@bigpond.net.au

THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020.

This coming week is the final week of gatherings for the **Plenary Council 2020** listening and dialogue groups. Thank you to those who have been part of this important process and to all those who have been praying during this time. All parishioners are invited to come together on **Sunday November 18 from 10.45 – 12.15pm** to listen to representatives of each small group sharing about their time together.

MUSIC MINISTRY MEETING. A musicians' meeting will be held in the presbytery meeting room on 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.

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

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 or for general information and current news see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>.
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REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN. (Preparing our hearts for Advent). Saturday 24 November 2018. Mt Schoenstatt/ 230 Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. 9.30am– 3.00pm. Cost \$25/BYO lunch - tea and coffee provided. Register by 20 November 2018, Sr. Mary Louise Walsh. info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone 47738338.

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:

Elizabeth Ramsay, 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:

Julia Barakat, Andrew Pallett, Patricia Hazelton, Rose Hannigan, Genevieve Donnelly, Elizabeth Rynne, Clive McInnes, Ludo Bos, rose Hughes, Monica Roebuck, Michele Tagg and Terence McGrath.

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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 provided. Contact Beth Culliver on 47398577 or the Parish Office.

CONCERT COMMEMORATING THE CENTENARY OF ARMISTICE. On Friday evening 9th November at 7pm, the Phoenix Choir will perform the sublime FAURE REQUIEM in St. Finbar's church as the world remembers the end of the first Great War. Traditional hymns such as Abide With Me and Eternal Father will support the program. The Choir will also premiere a new work by Rowen Fox, "All this is Ended" commissioned with a grant from the Department of Veterans' Affairs and other works which give a message of remembrance and peace. A dedication address will be made by Susan Templeman MP. Don't miss this moving event on Friday 9th November at 7pm at St. Finbar's. Entry \$10 per person

Bush School Cambodia Event. A fundraising event for the school will be held at the Springwood Sports Club Sat 10th November commencing 6.30pm. This is an "Open Mic Night" in which local performers will have a chance to test their skills at the microphone and before a live audience. Singers, musicians, poets and live entertainers are all welcome to register their interest in presenting a short act. Suggested door entry is \$20, or by donation. For enquiries, or to register, ring Jo on 0406 002 603, or Doug on 0403 303 943.

YOUTH NEWS. Last Sunday at the lounge we talked about the importance of communication and forgiveness in relationships. We started our night with some great team building games. Our next Youth Mass will be on Sunday the 4th of November. After Mass there will be an opportunity for confessions for the youth which will be followed by a games night.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NEWS

St Anthony Relic Procession and Novena: 6 November

All are welcome to a candle light procession with the first class relic of St Anthony of Padua, 'the Miracle Worker' every first Tuesday at 7pm, followed by "bread blessing" and social gathering. St Anthony of Padua Church, 7-33 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie.

Our Lady of the Nativity Parish, Lawson: 11 November

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv will preside at our 90th Anniversary Mass at 8.30am on Sunday, 11 November followed by Morning Tea. There will be a Photographic, Memorabilia, History display.

Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive: 11 November

Waiting for Gabriel is an information afternoon for couples hoping to conceive. 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 0400 427 605. Sunday 11 November at the IFM 1.30pm-4.00pm.

Memorial Mass for those bereaved by suicide: 20 November

CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta invite those bereaved by suicide to a Mass to honour loved ones who have taken their lives. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Chris de Souza VG PP. St Oliver Plunkett Church, 35 Wigram Street, Harris Park. RSVP 16 November Ph: 02 8843 2530 or rita.chater@ccss.org.au

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ROSTER FOR 10TH AND 11TH NOVEMBER 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		Emily Dowling & Nicola De La Mare
Warden	Ken Schneiders & Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Kylie Mills
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Suzanne McGrath
1st Reading	Allan Jones	Maura Williams	Richard Cutler
2nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Andrew Teece	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Joanne Stubbs
I.T Operator	Thais Turner	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 Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Margaret Richards	Kath Tierney Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	Avril Llewellyn Juliana Khnouf Gerard Egan Garry Pursehouse
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Lorraine Brown		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynn Atkinson, Daren and Liz Dukes		
Church Care	Julie Fehon, Tania Walker, Janette Ankers, Lynda Favell & Kylie Lane		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Beth Culliver		

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