


The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

10th & 11th November 2018

1 Kg 17:10-16; Ps 145; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

<p>Sunday 11th November</p> <p>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>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p> <p>The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models. Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him. It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity. God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS</i></p>
<p>Monday 12th November <i>St. Josaphat</i></p>	<p>9.00am Mass 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>	
<p>Tuesday 13th November</p>	<p>9.00am Mass 9.30am Flower arrangement workshop P/C 10.00am Timeout Tuesday M/R 12.45pm School Mission Liturgy P/C</p>	
<p>Wednesday 14th November</p>	<p>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.00am CCD Business Meeting M/R 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>	
<p>Thursday 15th November</p>	<p>10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm Plenary Group Meeting M/R 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C</p>	
<p>Friday 16th November</p>	<p>9.00am Mass + Benediction 11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers 7.00pm Plenary Group meeting M/R 6.00pm Scholl Disco P/C</p>	<p>Remembrance Day: This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War. Australia observes one minute silence at 11am, in memory of those who died in all wars and armed conflicts in appreciation of their sacrifice.</p>
<p>Saturday 17th November <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i></p>	<p>9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p>SUNDAY BAPTISMS: We joyfully announce the Baptisms of Lucas Kelly, Mia Kelly, Hazel Ferguson and Ethan De Vincentis this Sunday and warmly welcome them into our Faith Community.</p> 
<p>Sunday 18th November</p> <p>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45 Parish Plenary Gathering P/C 11.00am Baptism 3.00pm First Holy Communion Rehearsal in church, 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group</p>	<p>Next Sunday we celebrate the Second World Day of the Poor.</p> <p>'Recently some lovely roses were planted near the memorial wall at the rear of the church. They are in flower and make a nice display. You are very welcome to take a moment to see them and the current work that is taking place for reinvigorating the prayer walk and gardens. Enjoy.' Please say a prayer for our departed brothers and sisters.</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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CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL –THIS WEEKEND. The Catholic Foundation appeal will take place this weekend, 10th & 11th of November. Our parish quota is \$8452, so you are asked to give generously. You may give by cash, by cheque or by credit card. Please place all donations in the special Catholic Foundation envelopes that are on the church seats. There will be three collections at Masses this weekend, the first and third being the normal collections and the second will be specifically for the Catholic Foundation.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible, but to claim this deduction you need to write your name and address on the Catholic Foundation envelope. If giving by credit card, please write your card number and it's expiry date very clearly on the envelope, along with your name. Remember you are heeding the message of Pope Francis by helping those less fortunate than yourselves. Once again thanks for your generosity. (*Finance Committee*)



The Farewell and Welcome last Sunday was a great success. St. Finbar's Parish and the St. Finbar's School Community got together last Sunday the 4th of November to Farewell Mrs. Donna McFadzean and Welcome Mrs. Robyn Clarke. A special thank you for all the helpers who helped on the day. God bless you all.

ADVENT PRAYER GROUPS.

Our prayer groups, which follow the liturgical season of the Church, are a wonderful way to deepen your spiritual life and to connect on a deeper level as a parish community. This year we have had Lenten groups and Connect groups (for Ordinary Time). If you would like to form a group (ideally 3-7 people) during the season of **Advent** or if you would like to join a group, please register your interest on the form in the church foyer over the next two weeks. We will be using the beautiful booklet prepared by the Diocese of Wollongong.

2019 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS.

Franciscan and Columban 2018 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.

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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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, 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, Elise Doyle, 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:

Betty Chapman, Fr. Kevin Lee, Kevin O'Neill, Gregory Kelly, Therese Voorn, Patrick Broughan, Lorraine Tolhurst, Patrick Field, Alma Melville, Kenneth Hepburn, Ludgardia Way, Renee Belton-Webber, Eileen O'Keefe, Amy Mood, Brenda Amaral, John Howling, Kathleen Roberts, Marjorie Fitzgibbons, Ann Walker and Sheila Hammerton.

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LEURA MEMORIAL GARDENS FUNERALS

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SPRING FLOWER BOUQUET WORKSHOP. Tuesday 13th November 9:30-12:30, at the St Finbar's Parish Hall - \$25 a bouquet. Come and join us and learn how to assemble your own beautiful bouquet of spring flowers to take home! You could even make a second bunch for a friend or someone you know would love them. Program includes a short pause for a light morning tea/lunch. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Tea and coffee supplied. This event is a fundraiser for our Parish World Youth Day participants. RSVP to Juliana in the Parish office on 02 4739 8928 to reserve your place and bouquet order.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE. The Book of Remembrance is on permanent display in 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 Meeting Room. 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.

All parishioners are invited to come together to listen to the Holy Spirit speaking in and through the collective voice of the parishioners of St Finbar's. We will gather on Sunday November 18 from 10.45 – 12.15pm to share and celebrate the journey of listening and dialogue that has taken place throughout October in preparation for the **Plenary Council 2020**. All are welcome!

THANK YOU FROM SVDP

The Glenbrook Conference would like to extend our appreciation to all parishioners for your generous support of our recent Winter Appeal. Donations totalled \$509.40. If you would like to make a more regular donation to our work please place your donation in the SVDP Poor Box at the warden's table.

St. Mary's Charismatic Healing Mass Please note that Mass will actually start at 2pm. Followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry, Celebrant Fr. Adam Crouch MGL, Sunday 18 November 2018, 2:00pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome!

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NEWS

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. 6:45pm for 7pm start.

RSVP 16 November Ph: 02 8843 2530 or rita.chater@ccss.org.au

Ordination to the Priesthood: 30 November 7:30pm

Diocese of Parramatta deacons Jessie Balorio, Jack Green, Chris del Rosario and Galbert Albino will be ordained to the priesthood by Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. All are welcome, however, due to the anticipated size of the celebration, an outside broadcast with seating will be provided in the Cathedral cloister for those wishing to attend. Parking options may be available in the carpark next to Western Sydney (Parramatta) Stadium, O'Connell Street and streets surrounding the Cathedral.

CATALYST RENEWAL REFLECTION.

You are invited to join in the next *Catalyst for Renewal* reflection in the Blue Mountains - Santa Maria Hall, Lawson, next to the Catholic Church. On Saturday the 17th of November at 9:30am. [Alternative entry by Kitchener St, Lawson]. Presenter is Good Samaritan Sister, **Yvonne Parker**, topic 'Spirituality of Ageing'. Entry by donation.

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ROSTER FOR 17TH AND 18TH NOVEMBER 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Rodney Moffitt	Dawn Willis
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji & Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers & Ann & Alex Walker
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 st Reading	Ralph Maples	Ann Keating	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Annissa Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
I.T Operator	Henry Hanko	Robyn Flynn & Terry Keogh	Amie Farrell
Musician	Holy Light		Ruth's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & Family
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Jean Di Nucci	Therese Luczak Annissa Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	Pia		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena & Irene & Bert Aligno		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson & St. Finbar's Playgroup		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Lee Jackson & Louise Heber		
Garden Club	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		

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