



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

17th & 18th November 2018

Daniel 12:1-13; Ps 15; Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32

<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>18th November</b></p> <p><b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.45am Parish Plenary Gathering P/C <b>11.00am Baptism</b> 3.00pm First Holy Communion Rehearsal <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group</p>	<p><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p>
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>19th November</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 9.00am Fun Singers 2.00pm School Assembly</p>	<p>Although this is not the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the major theme found in the readings is the end of time. The events that will usher in and will take place during this time are described in apocalyptic terms. The struggles of life will culminate in a massive cosmic confrontation between the forces of good and those of evil. This last battle will be universal in scope, just like the first primordial conflict between chaos and God. In some way, all of today's readings state that good will finally prevail over evil. In the last days Michael, the angelic warrior of God, will rise up. In the epistle, Christ is pictured seated triumphantly at the right hand of God with his enemies under his foot, a sign of conquest. Finally, in the gospel, the Son of Man, the mysterious figure from apocalyptic literature, comes in the clouds with great power and glory. All of these images are apocalyptic; each of them is quite hopeful. We read these stories at the close of the liturgical year, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. However, apocalyptic images are timely whenever we find ourselves in the throes of the battle with evil and it appears that we will succumb. These forms will remind us that good will be able to withstand evil. From this we will conclude that we need only trust in God.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>20th November</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>21st November</b> <i>The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary</i></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> <b>22nd November</b> <i>St. Cecilia</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C</p>	
<p><b>Friday</b> <b>23rd November</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass + Benediction</b> 11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers</p>	
<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>24th November</b> <i>Sts Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; companions</i></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> <b>25th November</b> <i>Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of The Universe</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am First Holy Communion Mass</b></p>	<p><b>SUNDAY BAPTISMS:</b></p> <p>We joyfully announce the Baptisms of <b>Lachlan Troon, Patrick Annesley, Lucia Seisun</b> and <b>Mia Robson</b> this Sunday and warmly welcome them into our Faith Community.</p>
<p><b>FUN SINGERS This Monday the 19th of November.</b></p>		<p><b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b></p>
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*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

## CATHOLIC FOUNDATION.

Thank you to all those parishioners who gave generously to this appeal at the Masses last weekend. However, there were only a relatively small number of donations, and so the envelopes are still on the seats for all Masses this weekend. If you were unable to donate last weekend for whatever reason, or you are able to give a little more, please be generous and make a donation this weekend. You may put the envelope on either collection.

## 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.

## THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020.

**THIS SUNDAY**, November 18, 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 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!

## **St. Finbar's Midnight Mass Choir.**

*Please come and join us in the celebration of the Holy Night. We welcome new participants of all ages and ability. Practices are weekly, starting from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the church. **Interested?** Direct enquiries to Matthew Phillips at [mhy.phillips@gmail.com](mailto:mhy.phillips@gmail.com) or 0481 841 704. Hope to see you there!*

## 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.

**Epiphany Pilgrimage – save the dates!** Once again, the parishes of the Blue Mountains Deanery will host the Epiphany Pilgrimage from 2 – 8 January 2019. We can welcome the pilgrims to our beautiful mountains by:

- Journeying with them for a day or more of walking along the route (visit [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org) for track information and to register)
- Joining them for one or more evenings at the parishes of the Deanery for prayer, catechesis, Adoration and dinner.
- Welcoming them in a particular way when they visit our parish from 2 – 3 January
- Joining them for Mass with Bishop Vincent at the Chapel of the Magi in Bell on 8 January

To help out with the celebrations at St Finbar's, contact Matt and Lucie Twyford on 0402669153.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sarah Hurley (Dianne Pizarro's Mum), Bev Palmer, Maureen Streater (Vince Dobson's Sister), Shirley Glover, William (Bill) Waters and Patricia Flynn.

## 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:

Beverley Pembroke, Mary McGee, Kevin Sharp, George Tinning, Lillian Mitchell, Julie Stone, Joseph Redler, Joseph McGoldrick, Keith Trevenar, John Hennessy, Ida Brown, Marie Brooks & Myee Goymour.

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**LEURA MEMORIAL GARDENS FUNERALS**

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**MEN'S BREAKFAST.** "I would like to pass on sincere thanks to Lina Wiecek and her team who helped make last Saturday's Men's breakfast such a success. Special thanks also to Panthers Glenbrook for donating our new Barbeque." *Carl Moll*



## **ST FINBAR'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE – A MAJOR OUTREACH** **Music and Readings for Christmas**



The parish's annual *Music and Readings for Christmas*, one of St Finbar's major outreach celebrations, will take place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. As usual, the combined Warrimoo Chorale and Penrith City Choir will be joined by the Penrith Symphony Brass, soprano and tenor soloists, harp, and the splendid St Finbar's organ played by Amy Johansen. But this year will also see the first appearance at this service of the Penrith City Children's Choir, which will lead the congregation in a special version of "Away in a Manger".

In addition to favourite carols for all to sing, there will also be "Hallelujah" from Handel's immortal Messiah and "O Holy Night".

As always the Christmas Story will be read by members from Lower Mountains churches, with opening and closing prayers by Father Jolly.

The service will commence at 7.30pm although early arrival is recommended. There will be a request for donations (\$15/\$35 Families). For more information ring 4758 6067.

### **Musicians - we need you!**

**Our ministry is dwindling. In recent years we have lost more than half of our musicians to other commitments or life changes. As they have departed the musical load is increasingly being borne by fewer and fewer people and more and more Masses are without music. It has been some time since anyone new has stepped up to this ministry and yet we know that our parish is, and always has been, blessed with musical talents. We would like to invite you now to share your gifts with our community and consider establishing a choir or joining one of the music groups. We especially wish to appeal to vocalists and those who play the keyboard. Each group has a different style and theme, and we welcome you to try out with any one of us. You will be mentored and supported and you will very likely make some great friendships too. Just come to talk to anyone of the groups or contact me on 0481 841 704 or email: [mhy.phillips@gmail.com](mailto:mhy.phillips@gmail.com). Matthew Phillips, Music coordinator.**

### **SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2018**

#### **Christmas Hampers**

This year we will be following the format where families, groups or individuals make up and donate a full hamper or contribute items to be included in a hamper.

Please ensure that all food items are within the expiry date

A suggested items list is available for collection at the Warden's Table.

#### **Christmas Gift Tree**

The Christmas Gift tree will be put up during the week commencing 26 November and if parishioners wish to support this activity then please take a tag from the tree or wardens table, purchase a gift for a child as suggested on the tag and return the wrapped gift with the tag securely attached to the outside.

All hampers/items and gifts will need to be left at the church no later than Friday 14 December 2018.

#### **Volunteers**

We will need helpers at 9.00am on Saturday 15 December to assist with the delivery of the hampers. If you are able to assist us with this task please leave your name and contact details with the wardens.

Thank you, fellow parishioners, for your generosity in helping to make this festive season special for families in need this Christmas.

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Confessions: Sat 4.45-5.15pm  
 Baptisms: By Appointment  
 Weddings: By Appointment

**Office Hours:** 9.30am - 3.00pm  
 Monday to Friday  
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 Phone: 4724 3600

## ROSTER FOR 24TH AND 25TH NOVEMBER 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	Thais Turner	Andrew Teece	Joseph Marceau
Musician	Te Deum		Holy Light
Presentation of the Gifts	Steve & Heather Lee	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 Elizabeth or Greg Rowe Todd Stanford
Children's Liturgy	No Liturgy		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Tom Torrance, Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Church Care	Kath & Jim Tierney, Eileen Jones & Gwen Cullinan		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		

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