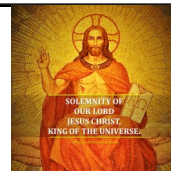


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Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR B
24th & 25th November 2018

Daniel 7:13-14; Ps 92; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

Sunday 25 November <i>Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the Universe</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am First Holy Communion Mass	Reflection on the Gospel <p>Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings. Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory. Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS</i></p> <p>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY Father Jolly and St. Finbar's Community would like to congratulate the children who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time this weekend, may God bless them all.</p> <p>Bishop Vincent's Christmas Appeal being held next Sunday the 1st and 2nd of December. This year Bishop Vincent is inviting our community to generously donate to help Catholic Care's Houses to Homes service care for vulnerable women who are pregnant and young mothers fleeing domestic violence, and dealing with homelessness and poverty. Each year Houses to Homes helps over 100 disadvantaged and abused young mums or mothers-to-be in greater western Sydney to gain safety, shelter, parenting and life skills to build a better, more secure life for themselves and their children, and find independence, improved wellbeing and joy.</p>
Monday 26th November	9.00am Mass 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	
Tuesday 27th November	9.00am Mass 7.30pm Plenary Council Meeting M/R	
Wednesday 28th November	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Christmas Choir Practice 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 29th November	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C	
Friday 30th November <i>St. Andrew</i>	9.00am Mass + Benediction 11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers	
Saturday 1st December	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 2nd December <i>1st Sunday of Advent - Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group	



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

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.

OUR CHURCH BUILDING: *The parish is considering the matter of making our church a bit more comfortable during the hot summer months and also during the cold winter months. However, the cooling and heating of the church during the extremes of weather would come at a cost which would need to be met from within the parish. Is this something that parishioners would like to happen? While there has not yet been any formal decision taken, quotations are in the process of being obtained, and the estimated cost is around \$75,000. Some parishioners have already put forward some fundraising ideas including selling some raffle tickets in a local handmade creation. Let us all get involved in this conversation so that, as a community, we can approach it in a unified way.*

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. 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.

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. Pilgrims will be welcomed in our parish on the second evening. For further information and to register see 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 .

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Paul Watson, 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:

Linda Currey, Juliana Khnouf, 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), Majella and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Stan Currey, Raelene Baskett, Winifred Lawrence, Cecil White, Nicholas Haddock, Stephen Hutchins, Glenna Van den Steen, Shirley Noyes, Harold Mitchell & David Miles.

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ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

Plenary Council Thank you!

Thank you to all those who have been involved in the listening and dialogue process at St Finbar's in preparation for the 2020 Plenary Council - over 60 parishioners took part in 4 weeks of very fruitful and heart-felt small group discussions. The parish would like to particularly thank the following people for making this process possible by facilitating these groups:

- Martin and Lyndal Rogers
- Ann O'Connor and Mila Svehla
- Terry and Helen Keogh

- Annemaree Twyford and Steve Baird
- Vince and Carmel Dobson
- Claire Brown and Andrew Duval
- Steve and Wendy Brown
- Jesse and Briony Mowbray
- Kristina and Lukas Rajnoch

Our parish gathering last weekend was a wonderful affirmation of the faith-filled and dynamic community that we are blessed with at St Finbars. In response to a shared desire for continued dialogue in our parish, there will be further gatherings in 2019 with the details of these to be confirmed in the new year. Fr Jolly.



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 16th 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. Matthew Phillips, Music coordinator.

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 28th November at 7pm in the church. **Interested?** Direct enquiries to Matthew Phillips at mhy.phillips@gmail.com or 0481 841 704. Hope to see you there!

Summer School of Evangelisation 2019 January 6-13 at Bathurst The Summer Schools of Evangelisation run by the Disciples of Jesus Community are truly amazing experiences to be part of. Come join about 200 young people and be open for unique encounter with the Living God. Opportunities for making friends, prayer, Mass, sport, swimming, adoration, reflection, learning and relaxation. Go to the website for more details and to register www.summerschool.org.au More info? Call Alicja (Alicia) 0438 776 945

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ROSTER FOR 1ST AND 2ND DECEMBER 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Grace Incorvil & Keira Vermaak
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Lukas & Kritina Rajnoch
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Terry Keogh	Elizabeth Rowe
2 nd Reading	Maire Griffin	Andrew Teece	Greg Rowe
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Martin Rogers
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 Chris O'Meara	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller John Killeen	Stephen Brown Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher
Children's Liturgy	Ruth		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell & Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance, Vicky Ang & Lucie Da Graca Twyford		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young & Beth Killeen		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh		

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