

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—YEAR C

15TH & 16TH DECEMBER 2018

Zeph 3:14-18; Isa 12: 2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

<b>Sunday</b> <b>16th December</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Advent - Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge 4.00pm Christmas Concert Rehearsal 7.30pm Music & Reading for Christmas Concert	<h3>Reflection on the Gospel</h3> <div> <p>Is it any wonder that there was a growing sense among the people that John might be the Christ? His teaching in the first part of this week's gospel might just as easily have come from the mouth of Jesus. It demonstrates for us just how much John was preparing the way for Jesus: even his teaching was in line with what Jesus would later say. In this instance, the people gathered around John (presumably having been baptised by him) are asking how they should live out their new-found conversion of heart. John's response to the three groups is about the need for generosity and justice. It is about not taking more than your share when someone else does not have sufficient. To the crowd of people, he instructs them to give away a second tunic to someone who doesn't have one at all and to share their food with those who are hungry. To the tax collectors, he cautioned them to collect no more than what they were supposed to. Tax collectors made their profit by overcharging taxpayers. Together with the fact that they worked for the Roman occupiers, this made tax collectors one of the most despised groups in society. John's caution to them is to be just in their dealings. He also cautions the soldiers against intimidation and extorting money from the people to supplement their pay. The themes of justice and hospitality that will echo throughout the gospel of Luke are clearly evident in this episode with John. When the people start to talk about him being the Christ, John is quick to point them to the one who is still to come; the one who will share with them more fully the love of God and the fire of the Holy Spirit.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p> </div> <div> </div>
<b>Monday</b> <b>17th December</b>	<b>9.15am Year 6 Graduation Mass</b> 9.00am Fun Singers 11.00am Year 6 Graduation Day 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>18th December</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>7.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>19th December</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary.</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm Christmas Choir Practice	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>20th December</b>	<b>10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C	
<b>Friday</b> <b>21st December</b>	<b>9.00am Mass + Benediction</b> 10.00am Individual Confession 11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>22nd December</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:</b> Vigil Mass at 7.00pm. Readings for the Vigil Midnight Mass. Readings for the night. Tuesday morning (Christmas Day) 8.30am only. Readings of the Day.
<b>Sunday</b> <b>23rd December</b> <i>4th Sunday of Advent - Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b>	<b>NEW ROSTERS FOR 2019.</b> We are in urgent need for Wardens, Sacristans, Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion for 2019 Masses. If you like to help, please contact the Parish Office on 47398928 or email <a href="mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au">secretary@stfinbars.org.au</a> . Thank you.

**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

**FUN SINGERS:** This Monday the 17th of December

## **DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NEWS**

### **Christmas 2018 Mass Times**

Christmas Mass and Reconciliation times across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains can be found by visiting: [www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org)

### **Feast of the Holy Family: 29 December**

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite family and youth (age 18-35) to join us for a Celebration Vigil for the Feast of the Holy Family. Saturday 29 December 2018 at 3:00pm. Join us also for pizza at 5:30pm. 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong. RSVP to Sr Paula by 27 December via [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) or 0449 656 406.

**Heather Lee**, Coordinator Church Care Ministry would like to thank all members for their hard work throughout 2018. May you all have a safe, happy and holy Christmas Season and a healthy and prosperous new year. If anyone is interested in joining our group please contact Heather Lee 4739 4906.

The group asks if Parishioners would offer their assistances to help carry out the last clean of the year prior to the Christmas Mass. If you are able to help out please meet at the church at 10.15am on Friday, 21st December. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL.** Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, CatholicCare and Houses to Homes thank you for your whole hearted generosity in supporting this appeal. In Glenbrook we raised \$3,440 which will provide more homeless young mothers with the shelter, support, independent living and parenting skills that they so desperately need. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all families this Christmas, and especially for young mothers and children in Houses to Home's care.

**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:**

Ron Aussel, 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:**

Elizabeth Ramsay, 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:**

Thomas Gapps, Marjorie Doyle, Margaret Gibson, Venita Bronlow, Phyllis Helm, Brian Jenkins, Monica Keating, Geoffrey Shalala and Angela Hector.

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## SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday the 18th of December at 7.30pm. All are welcome.



## **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".

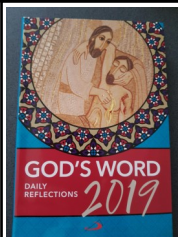
As always the Christmas Story will be read by members from Lower Mountains churches, with opening and closing prayers by Father Jolly.

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.

## **ST. FINBAR'S PLAYGROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY**



## **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019– PANAMA COMMISSIONING MASS**



## 2019 God's Word Daily reflection \$17

It has the daily readings and reflection plus a selection of Prayers. Available now at the Piety Stall along with other beautiful Christmas gifts for sale. For inquiries please contact Noreen on 47398882.

**CHILDREN'S SPECIAL ROLE** The parish Liturgy Committee invites all children to attend the 7pm Christmas Mass (Christmas Eve) and to come dressed up as an angel or a shepherd.

## **NOTICE**

**There will be no SUNDAY, 6 JANUARY 2019 edition of The Catholic Weekly.  
The first edition for January 2019 will be the Sunday 13, January 2019.**

"A warm invitation is extended to Parishioners & Friends to attend a beautiful evening of Christmas Carols which will be performed by St Thomas Aquinas Springwood Parish Choir together with Bible Readings to be held at **St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 16 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood on MONDAY 17th DECEMBER commencing at 7.30 p.m.** Admission is FREE & Supper will be served at the conclusion of the evening"

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## ROSTER FOR 22ND & 23RD DECEMBER 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	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	Beth Culliver	Margaret Dickson	Jess or Briony Mowbray
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Maureen Tulk	Mary Creenaune	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Jacqui Visser	Kevin Flynn	Patricia Murnane
I.T Operator	Pat Watson	Andrew Teece	Joseph Marceau
Musician	Te Deum		Holy Light
Presentation of the Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Ann & Ray Keating	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	School Holiday		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Tom Torrance, Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Erika McNay, Margaret & Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		

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