


# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

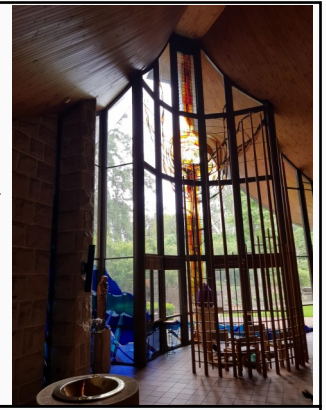
29TH & 30TH DECEMBER 2018

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 83; John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

<p><b>Sunday</b> 30th December <i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</p>	<p><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p> <p><i>We wish all our Parishioners and visitors a Happy New Year and ask God to bless you and your families in 2019</i></p>
<p><b>Monday</b> 31st December</p>	<p>9.00am Mass</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 1st January <i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i></p>	<p>9.00am Mass</p>	<p>The specifics of customs and roles played within the family may be culture-bound, but the values out of which they emerge are not. Though Sirach sketches a picture of ancient family customs, it is easy to look beneath them and find values that are enduring and that speak to us today. There we discover mutuality, respect and service between wives and husbands, between parents and children and between the young and the old.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 2nd January <i>Sts Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</i></p>	<p><b>No Mass in the morning</b> 6.00pm Epiphany Pilgrims Adoration and Reflection Hour followed by Supper</p>	<p>The model placed before us is the Holy Family. There we find mutuality in the relationships; compassion, kindness, and humility; gentleness and patience; obedience to parents along with respect for the uniqueness of children. In this portrait of the Holy Family, people do not claim privilege. Jesus, who was the Son of God, submitted himself to his human mother and father. Mary and Joseph, who exercised authority over Jesus, also stood in wonder of him.</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> 3rd January</p>	<p>7.00am Mass Epiphany Pilgrims 1.30pm Bridge P/C</p>	<p>While this feast considers the family unit, it also celebrates the Church as the Family of God. Thus the values of mutuality, respect and service become characteristics of the Church or the ecclesial family. What binds the family of God together are virtues that are as relational as are the ties that bind the members of the natural family together. Within the family of God, the virtues outlined by Paul are to be lived in a mature manner. We are all called in one body to live in a collaboration of love, of mutuality, and of service. We are joined in a bond of perfection.</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> 4th January</p>	<p>9.00am Mass + Benediction 10.30am First Friday Visits 11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers</p>	<p><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> 5th January</p>	<p>9.00am Mass 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>	
<p><b>Sunday</b> 6th January <i>The EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</p>	<p><b>NEW ROSTERS FOR 2019.</b> We are in <b>urgent</b> need for Wardens, Sacristans, Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion for 2019 Masses specially the 7.30am Mass. If you like to help, please contact the Parish Office on 47398928 or email <a href="mailto:ecretary@stfinbars.org.au">ecretary@stfinbars.org.au</a>. Thank you.</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 .*

# The New Stained Glass Window



*Congratulations to Beryl Callaghan for winning the Christmas Raffle this year.*

*No Mass here on Wednesday the 2nd of January in the morning. If you would like to join Father Jolly at the Epiphany Pilgrims Mass at Our Lady of the Way parish Emu Plains at 9.15am.*

## **EPIPHANY PILGRIMS - JOIN THEM THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT!**

Be part of the celebrations when the Epiphany Pilgrims arrive at St Finbars this **Wednesday, Jan 2.**

Join them at **6pm** for an hour of song, reflection and Adoration followed by dinner (RSVP for the dinner at [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org)). One of our own parishioners, Steve Baird, will be speaking in the evening session, exploring the theme: Stepping Out in Faith and our Finnies youth will be leading the music. Join the pilgrims for **7am Mass on Thursday, Jan 3** before they set off for the next leg toward St Thomas Aquinas, Springwood.

You are also welcome to join them for a day of walking and / or come to the evening sessions and morning Masses at every parish in the mountains as the pilgrims walk the 7 day, 110km journey toward their final destination at The Chapel of the Magi, Bell. For more information and the full itinerary, visit [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org).

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Chris Toohey (Mick Toohey's brother), Monica Pigott, 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:**

Harriet Walsh, Patrick Walsh, Dorothy Palise, Robyn Kopp, Alfred Groves and Valma Adamson

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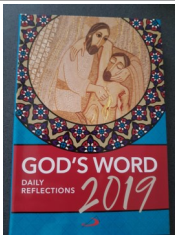
*"To have, to love, and then to part is the... ..saddest journey of the human heart"*

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2019 God's Word Daily reflection \$17

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## THE YEAR IN PHOTOS:



## MASS TIMES AT LOCAL PARISHES

### EMU PLAINS

WEDNESDAY @ 9.15AM  
THURSDAY @ 8.15AM  
FRIDAY @ 7.15AM

### SPRINGWOOD

MONDAY @ 9.30AM  
TUESDAY @ 9.30AM  
WEDNESDAY @ 9.30AM  
THURSDAY @ 9.30AM  
FRIDAY @ 9.30AM  
SATURDAY @ 9.30AM

### PENRITH

MONDAY @ 9.30AM  
TUESDAY @ 6.45 AM & 9.30AM  
WEDNESDAY @ 9.30AM & 7PM  
THURSDAY @ 9.30AM  
FRIDAY @ 6.45AM & 12.10PM  
SATURDAY @ 9.00AM

*The Parish of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in the Upper Blue Mountains* will be celebrating two special Masses: Sunday, **20 January Santo Niño Holy Mass and celebration** according to the Filipino tradition (English language). The Mass will take place at St Canice's church in Katoomba at 12.00 pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome. And Sunday, **10 of February Holy Mass in Spanish**. The Mass will take place at St Canice's church in Katoomba at 12.00 pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

**Maltese Community Council of NSW Australia Day Celebration on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019**  
4.00pm to 6.00pm

Holroyd Function Centre, 17 Miller Street Merrylands NSW. Parking available on site.  
Light refreshments will be served afterwards. All welcome to join the Maltese community to celebrate Australia Day.

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 Monday to Friday  
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## ROSTER FOR 5TH & 6TH JANUARY 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Grace Incorvil & Keira Vermaak
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Beth Culliver	Rodney Moffitt	Pearse Cremin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Mary Creenaune	Ruth Gott
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Margaret Dickson	Steve Newton
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	School Holiday		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Lorraine Brown		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance, Vicky Ang & Lucie Da Graca Twyford		
Church Care	Kath & Jim Tierney, Eileen Jones & Gwen Cullinan		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Not available during January		

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