



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

26TH & 27TH JANUARY 2019

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; Ps 18; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

<p>Sunday 27th January 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p><i>Happy Australia Day</i></p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p> <p>In both the reading from Nehemiah and the Gospel passage, we see the dynamic power of the word of God. Paul's teaching originated as oral proclamation, and like the texts read by Ezra the priest and the one interpreted by Jesus himself, it was first proclaimed aloud. Only later were these proclamations written and handed down from one community to another, from one generation to the next. The word of God elicits various responses. In the first reading, the people cried out in response: 'Amen, amen! So be it! We hear and we will obey!' From the verses contained in today's gospel, we do not know how those who heard Jesus' interpretation reacted to it. We do know that both audiences listened intently to the sacred words of Scripture. Can we do less? Are we eager to obey? Do we view the law as a treasure, as life-giving? Have we learned to live with each other as members of one body, each member being important and contributing to the total health of the entire body? Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!'</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA</i></p>
<p>Monday 28th January <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i></p>	<p>No Mass</p>	
<p>Tuesday 29th January</p>	<p>No Mass</p>	
<p>Wednesday 30th January</p>	<p>No Mass 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>	
<p>Thursday 31st January <i>St. John Bosco</i></p>	<p>No Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dance group P/C</p>	
<p>Friday 1st February</p>	<p>No Mass 1.00pm Bowlers</p>	
<p>Saturday 2nd February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i></p>	<p>No Morning Mass 8.00am St. Finbar's Netball Registration P/C 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>	
<p>Sunday 3rd February 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>	

Patricia (Pat) Psaila passed away on Wednesday morning. Her funeral Mass will be held on Thursday the 7th of February at 10.30am. May She Rest in Peace.

REFLECTIVE MINISTRY: This is a course offered through the Parramatta Diocese Institute for Mission. The course is designed to enrich the lives of those who are serving in one of the various lay ministries of the parish. It is in two parts, the first offered in the early part of the year, and the second part offered from July. You can do one or both parts. Please go to <http://www.ifm.org.au/reflectiveministry> for more information, and to register for the course.

Lent - Please sign for Lenten groups next weekend. More details on the Notice board in the Narthex.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

Parishioners will notice that the parish has now joined other parishes in the Parramatta Diocese in having updated its website. The newly designed website contains all the information from the old website that it was feasible to bring across. However you will need to get used to the new layout. The new website was designed by IT people employed by the Diocese, and is compliant with current laws and protocols. We thank the Diocesan IT team for all the work they undertook to enable the new website to become a reality.

ST FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB - 2019 REGISTRATION. Registrations are now open for all players for the 2019 Winter Season. Please go to our Website stfinbarsnc.nsw.netball.com.au and follow the links. We have teams across all age groups from Under 8's through to Seniors with a Senior Team for Players With a Disability. If you require more information please call Janette Ankers (Club President) on 0438 672 040 or 4739 4745 or email secrtaarysfncc@gmail.com. We are proudly celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St Finbar's Netball Club in 2019 and welcome new and returning players, coaches, managers, umpires and supporters.

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

Sacraments

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

Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

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ROSTER FOR 2ND & 3RD FEBRUARY 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Volunteer Please	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Grace Incorvil & Keira Vermaak
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance & Sue McGrath
1 st Reading	John Kileen	Terry Keogh	Jesse Mowbray
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Briony Mowbray
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	Kylie Mills John Verhoeven Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Collen Fuller John Killeen	Garry Pursehouse Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher
Children's Liturgy	—————		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Lorraine Brown		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance and Vicky Ang		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, St. Finbar's Playgroup		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patricia Psaila, Fr Daniel O'Leary, Elizabeth Ramsay (Mike & Margaret Rivas Cousin), Joan Kelly, Deacon James Phelan, Chris Toohey (Mick Toohey's brother), Monica Pigott, Ron Aussel and Bev Palmer.

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:

Geoff Shalala, Augustine Newn, Rosanna O Loughlin, Michael O'Connor, Dr. Michael McGirr, Jeremy Crawley, Paul Hammerton, Henriette Harrington, Monica Cashman, Peter Burrett, Fredrick Casey, John Halligan, Lillie Ferrie, Amanda McCulloch, Olive O'Neill and Jenny Henderson.