


The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

2nd & 3rd February 2019

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 70; 1Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

Sunday 3rd February <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group	<h2>Reflection on the Gospel</h2> <p>In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God. Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow. The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA</i></p>
Monday 4th February	No Mass 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	
Tuesday 5th February <i>St. Agatha</i>	No Mass 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practise 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R	
Wednesday 6th February <i>St. Paul Miki and companions</i>	No Mass 9.30am Playgroup P/C 2.30pm St. Finbar's Netball Registration & Meeting M/R 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 7th February	No Mass 10.30am Patricia Psaila Funeral Mass 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C	
Friday 8th February	No Mass 1.00pm Bowlers	
Saturday 9th February	No Morning Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	<p>Father Jolly's message about Pat Psaila's death: "Sorry to hear the sad news, let the family know my condolences . Praying for her eternal rest". Fr Jolly Pat Psaila's Funeral will be held on Thursday the 7th of February at 10.30am</p> <p>Father Jolly sends his regards and love to all St. Finbar's Parishioners</p>
Sunday 10th February <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass	<p><u>SACRAMENTS INFORMATION EVENING</u> On Monday the 4th of March we are holding an Information Night for the parents of children who wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation in 2019. The evening will be held in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Dates and requirements for participation in each of the Sacramental journeys will be discussed and distributed at this meeting. Children need not attend.</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 .

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

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.

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.

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 secrtarysnc@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.

INAUGURAL RED MASS: The Diocese of Parramatta will celebrate an Inaugural Red Mass on Wednesday, 13 February 2019 at 7:30 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. All welcome. The Red Mass has a long tradition dating back to the 13th century. Refreshments will be served following the Red Mass. For more information please contact events@stpatscathedral.com.au or by phone 8839 8411.

"WALKING WITH REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING PROTECTION". Bishop Vincent Long has asked parishes to open up a conversation about those who come to Australia fleeing persecution and in search of safety. To start this conversation an ecumenical group of Churches is running a Community Conversation with guest speakers including a person seeking protection, as well as a professional who works with people seeking asylum and refugees. Listen to a real life experience of seeking safety, share your own story, ask your questions in a safe, respectful space and consider how we can act. It's on Saturday February 23rd at 3:45 Or Sunday 24th February at 1:15pm at the Springwood Presbyterian Church, 160 Macquarie Road. Light refreshments provided. Please RSVP is essential to Catholic Care Springwood Drop-in Centre 4751 4956".

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM: 21 FEBRUARY - 16 MAY.

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is commencing a Bereavement Support Program for men or women whose spouse or partner have died. The program will be run at Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair (5 Todd Row, St Clair) on Thursdays fortnightly from 10am to 12 midday in the Pioneers Room of the Parish, commencing 21 February to 16 May. To secure a place on this program please ring the Parish on 02 9670 8222 or email to stclair@parracatholic.org

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), Prof. Lily Pereg and her sister Pyrhia Sarussi (Jenny Phillip's Uni Lecturer).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Marie Watson (Patrick Watson's sister), 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 Nolan, Stella Ryan and Richard Smith.

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You are invited to join a Lenten group in 2019. SIGN TODAY!

The program we are using this year is called **TRUST** from the Wollongong Diocese.

You can choose from these 3 groups;

- Wednesday at 2.30pm - group leader Constance Colley
- Thursday evening at 7 pm at Parish Meeting Room - group leader Mila Svehla
- Saturday Morning at 9 am at Lapstone - group leader Martin Rogers.

Group leaders will contact you with details regarding venues.

Please add your name and contact details to lists displayed at the table in the Narthex this weekend 2- 3 February

Youth Mass and Senior Youth Group will be back on this Sunday the 3rd of February starting at 6.00pm.

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Position Vacant

- Head of Social Services Operations – CatholicCare Social Services. More details at: www.ccss.org.au

Ordination to the Diaconate: 22 February

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Roque Dias, John Cinya, Thong Nguyen and Roderick Pirotta on Friday 22 February at **7.30pm**. The ordination will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshments to follow.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

Enrolments close 4th February 2019 or until booked out. The Office For Worship is taking enrolments for the Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying, Senior Servers and Acolytes. Our Courses are offered at two locations: Institute for Mission, Blacktown and St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith. Please see your Parish office for an enrolment form or for more information contact ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org or 8838-3456.

Enrolment forms can be found on the warden's table.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands of Jordan and Israel, escorted by Father Peter Blayney, Parish Priest, St Patrick's Guildford, 30 October – 13 November 2019. Organised by Olive Tree Travel (Melbourne). For details of itinerary, cost etc., please contact the Parish Secretary, Guildford, on 9632 2672 or patricksguildford@bigpond.com or Olive Tree Travel on 03 8488 9696.

The Parish of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in the Upper Blue Mountains will be celebrating a special Mass 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.

Public Forum - Listening - 'Have your say' . What is your experience of the Catholic church today?

Date: Sunday 24 February 2019

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:45 pm

Venue: Mavis Wood Hall

Mid Mountains Centre - 3-7 New St, Lawson

This Public Plenary is being conducted by the Catholic Parishes of the Blue Mountains.

The purpose of this gathering is for all in the community to gather to express their thoughts and opinions on the Australian Catholic Church today.

The **process** will involve reflection, small group sharing, whole group plenary and afternoon tea. All welcome. For more information go to plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/

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ROSTER FOR 9TH & 10TH FEBRUARY 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Volunteer Please	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Katia Apps	Joshua & Lucy Toutounji	Rocco Siciliano Emily Dowling Nicola De La Mare
Warden	Ken Schneiders Chris O'Meara	Volunteer Please	Kylie Mills
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Lukas & Kristina Rajnoch
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Ann Keating	Irene Aligno
2 nd Reading	Joe Grange	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Amanda Moore
I.T Operator	Pat Watson Eleanor Thompson	Terry Keogh	Jim McLoughlin
Musician	M. Phillips & M. Taylor.		Naomi's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Margaret Richards	Kath Tierney Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	Avril Llewellyn John Mullane Gerard Egan Juliana Khnouf
Children's Liturgy	Michelle		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Daren and Liz Dukes		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Beth Culliver		
Garden Club	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		

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