



The Barbra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

23rd & 24th February 2019

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 102; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 27-38

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| Sunday 24th February <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i> | 7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism | <div data-bbox="965 331 1380 376" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>Reflection on the Gospel</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="805 398 1540 1489" data-label="Text"> <p>Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.</p> <p>Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.</p> <p>Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA</i></p> </div> <div data-bbox="1268 398 1540 622" data-label="Image"> </div> |
| Monday 25th February | 9.15am Opening School Mass | |
| Tuesday 26th February | 9.00am Mass 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice | |
| Wednesday 27th February | 8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C | |
| Thursday 28th February | 9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 4.30pm Concert & Organ Committee Meeting M/R 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C | |
| Friday 1st March | 9.00am Mass + Benediction 10.00am First Friday Visits 1.00pm Bowlers 7.00pm World Day of Prayer 2019 | |
| Saturday 2nd March | 9.00am Mass 10.00am Wedding Rehearsal 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass | <div data-bbox="805 1534 1125 1568" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>SUNDAY BAPTISMS:</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="805 1568 1380 1713" data-label="Text"> <p>The Parish joyfully announces the Baptisms of Rose Nicola Conroy and Henry Archer Phillip Gralton this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1412 1534 1540 1691" data-label="Image"> </div> |
| Sunday 3rd March <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i> | 7.30am Mass 9.30am Catholic School Week Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C | <div data-bbox="805 1736 1444 1769" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>SACRAMENTS INFORMATION EVENING</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="805 1769 1540 2049" data-label="Text"> <p>On Monday the 4th of March we are holding an Information Night for the parents of children who wish to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation 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> </div> |

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

A special thanks to the St. Finbar's Bridge club for installing the New Defibrillator in the Parish Hall.

OLD BLESSED PALMS. Any palms that you have from previous Palm Sundays can be left in the basket in the Narthex until this Sunday the 24th of February. The palms will be burnt and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday the 6th of March. Thank you.

THE EPIPHANY PILGRIM 2019 JOURNEY PHOTOS



BRIDGE LESSONS.

Bridge is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. In its basic format, it is played by four players in two competing partnerships, with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. Millions of people play bridge worldwide in clubs, tournaments, online and with friends at home, making it one of the world's most popular card games, particularly among seniors. A series of lessons will be held in March/April in the Hall. For further information please contact Kerrie on 4753 6048 or 0458 536044.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR VISITING RESIDENTS OF AGED CARE FACILITY

Are you interested in visiting an elderly person in a nursing home who has no or very few visitors? This service is organised through CatholicCare. You would visit on average once every two weeks with CatholicCare providing training and other support. After talking with you about your interests, we will match you with a resident in a nursing home within approximately 10km of your home. The visit is entirely within the nursing home – you do not take the person on outings or shopping etc. For more information, contact Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joyce Farnham (Ray and Sue Farnham's mother), Lucy Groves, Patricia Psaila, Elsie Frontain (Jeannine Ashbee's Mother in Canada), Joan Kelly and Chris Toohey (Mick Toohey's brother).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Marie Watson (Patrick Watson's sister), Sally Phoebe, 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, Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson) and Moira Mercer (Eileen Jones' sister).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Annie & Peter McConigley, Sarah Watson, Irene Wiecek, Vincent Basile, John Venn, Zdenka Polak, William Wilson, Petrus Zwegers, Michael Yabsley, William Cummins, Brett Hopson, Eunice Shaw and Grace Buckley.

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ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

FEBRUARY CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL - **The Bishop's Lenten Appeal - is scheduled for this Saturday 23 and Sunday 24** **February.**

The theme for the Appeal is 'Bring Hope This Lent'. Funds raised will support The Ephpheta Centre – a ministry which gives hope, compassion, connectivity and care to the deaf and hard of hearing. The Appeal will also support chaplaincy and pastoral care for the vulnerable and isolated - in homes, hospitals, prison and aged-care facilities - including people who are deaf or hard of hearing, migrants, asylum seekers and refugees. A special collection will be taken up at this weekend's Masses.



ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST

Date - Saturday 9th March 2019 *Time* - 7:30 am – 9:00 am - *Venue* - Parish hall

The parish is holding an informal breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their neighbours and friends. For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 4th March 2019.

Please add your name the list on the warden's table. Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775.

Catholic Schools Week 3-9th March

Each year *Catholic Schools Week* provides our school, and all Catholic school communities, with an opportunity to celebrate 'who we are' and 'what we do'. It is about celebrating the strength and distinctiveness Catholic Schools have to offer.

After 9.30am Mass on **Sunday 3rd March**, we invite our students, families, parishioners and community members to come and see our classrooms and facilities, as we showcase the wonderful learning that takes place each and every day at St Finbar's Primary School. Morning tea will be served outside the school canteen area.

COLES STIKEEZ COLLECTIBLES.

If you or your family and friends are shopping at Coles whilst their current promotion is running, we would be grateful for any donations of the Stikeez collectibles. We use these for maths activities at different times and they will go nicely with our collection of Coles Minis. Please send them in a bag to the school office. Thank you in advance.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. St Finbar's will host the World Day of Prayer at 7.30 pm on Friday 1st of March. The service will be followed by a light supper. All are welcome to this ecumenical event which has been held in cooperation with other Christian churches in the Lower Blue Mountains for many years. The World Day of Prayer is held in more than 170 countries all over the world. The service this year comes from Slovenia. Learn about an interesting country and pray for a better world. For further information contact Peter Herborn 4739 1894 or Todd Stanford 4739 5719.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING. You are invited at 6.00 pm On Thursday March 14 2019, nine days before the next NSW election, join 2000 leaders and citizens at Sydney Town Hall to stand together for the common good. Together we will be seeking clear, concrete commitments on affordable housing, household energy and rental reform from both state and federal politicians. Parramatta Diocese Social Justice Office, Vinnies NSW Sydney Alliance and the Everybody's Home Campaign are jointly hosting the Assembly. Register now to be part of making a difference for the Common Good. Register at <https://register.eventarc.com/41575/march-2019-assembly>

CANTABILE CHOIR. After a relaxing January break, choir rehearsals for Cantabile have resumed at the new time of 7pm on Tuesdays. We are currently looking for singers of any age and ability to join us for an hour of practice one evening each week and a Vigil Mass every month. Interested? Enquire at mhy.phillips@gmail.com or 4739 5782. Matthew Phillips

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Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

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ROSTER FOR 2ND & 3RD MARCH 2019

| Liturgical Ministries | 5.30pm | 7.30 am | 9.30 am |
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| 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 |
| 1 st Reading | Beth Culliver | John De Mattia | Pearse Cremin |
| 2 nd 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 | Kylie Mills John Verhoeven Volunteer Please Volunteer Please | Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller John Killeen | Gary Pursehouse Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher |
| Children's Liturgy | Elizabeth | | |
| Cashier | Joe Grange & Lorraine Brown | | |
| Hospitality | Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance & Vicky Ang | | |
| Church Care | Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson & St. Finbar's Playgroup | | |
| Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass | Carmel Higgins | | |
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