



The Barbra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

First Sunday of Lent

9th & 10th March 2019

Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Ps 90; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13. Eucharistic prayer number 2. Preface 3

		<i>Reflection on the Gospel</i>
Sunday 10th March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Musicians Meeting M/R 11.00am Baptism	<p>The wilderness, or desert, is used repeatedly throughout the Bible as a place of special encounter with God and preparation for a new direction or a new ministry. The 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness immediately followed his baptism in the Jordan where his status as the beloved of God was confirmed. He is led by the Spirit to go out into the wilderness for a period of fasting, prayer and preparation before entering into his public ministry. In fact, the event that immediately follows this passage is the episode in Nazareth where Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah and declares the intent of his ministry. It is presented as if, having spent his time in preparation and overcoming the temptations before him, Jesus strode out of the wilderness and laid out what he had decided. The episode of the temptations is a clear indicator of the humanity of Jesus – he experienced doubt, uncertainty and fear just as we do. If the gospel intended to emphasise the divinity of Jesus, none of these temptations would have been an issue. We are told that Jesus was indeed tempted, not just pestered by the devil. The opportunities laid before Jesus were actually tempting to him. They challenged his resolve. They made Jesus question the sort of Messiah that he was to be: the all-conquering, powerful Messiah that the people expected; or the servant to the poor who will be tortured and put to death. Jesus is tempted to use his power to make his task easier or to display his authority to others. Had he chosen to do this, surely it would have been easier to get people's attention – and that was the temptation: to take the easier path or stick to the more subtle, more personal, more difficult path.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>REFLECTION by Greg Sunter</i></p>
Monday 11th March	9.00am Mass 10.30 Pastoral Care Meeting M/R	
Tuesday 12th March	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	
Wednesday 13th March	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 14th March	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm Lenten Group M/R 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	
Friday 15th March	9.00am Mass + Benediction 1.00pm Bowlers 7.15pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass	
Saturday 16th March	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 17th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am SRE Commissioning Mass 1.30pm Bridge 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C	<p>Enclosed Bishop Vincent Letter to the Parishioners.</p> <p>SUNDAY BAPTISMS: The Parish joyfully announces the Baptisms of Kennedy Jade Mullampy and Lawrence Allan Burgmann this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.</p> <p>TIMEOUT TUESDAY, 19th March. Take a little TIMEOUT - refresh Enjoy a great morning and relax with wonderful company - patchwork, crochet and knitting if you wish to do so..... Or just have a 'chinwag'. St Finbars Parish Centre Parish Centre. 10am- 1pm. Morning Tea provided. Contact: Kath 47392651; Maire 47394094. More information - FLYER in Narthex</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

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

Thank you to all the parishioners who donated to this appeal.
However we only raised \$2640, and this is well below our quota of about \$8000.
If any parishioners are able to help the parish bridge this gap, please contact Fr. Jolly.
God's blessings to all.

ST FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB

SFNC has room in the following teams:

Under 8's (born 2011/12/13) - 1 player

Under 9's (born 2010) - room for up to 4 players

Under 10's (born 2009) - room for 2 players

Under 13's (born 2006/07) - room for 2 players

You do not need to have played before to join any of these teams.

For more information please contact Janette Ankers on 0438 672 040 or email secretarysfnc@gmail.com

OLMC Parramatta Open Day Sunday 10 March

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Day on Sunday March 10.

In 2019, the College is celebrating 130 years of Mercy Education.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 9683 3300 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

LENT 2019 WITH BRUCE DOWNES THE CATHOLIC GUY.

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed! Come on a 40 day journey with me and I know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together. Receive a video each Sunday and an inspirational email each day during Lent. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: www.TheCatholicGuy.com/Lent. Call 1300 734 880 for more info

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A big thank you to all who attended the World Day of Prayer. Your generous donations raised \$350 for the 2019 project "Trauma Healing for Women". We learnt about women on the margins of Slovenian society, heard some great music and had a convivial ecumenical supper afterwards. Join us next year for the service from Zimbabwe. Peter Herborn and Todd Stanford.

Charismatic Healing Mass starts at 2pm. followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry, Celebrant Fr. Tony Alex MGL, Sunday 17 March 2019, at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Eva Lynch, Joyce Farnham (Ray and Sue Farnham's mother), Lucy Groves, Patricia Psaila, Joan Kelly, Arthur Rosario (June Bouche's Father) and Preethi Reddy (Glenbrook murdered dentist).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Ryder Lopez, Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Sally Phoebus, Chris Paine, Mark Bates, 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:

Joseph Loader, Irene Williams, Harry Ragen, James Cottier, Vicki Noble, Catherine Smith, Robert Bunda, Anthony Clyne, John Everett, Tadeusz Opiel, Ruben Stanford, Dorothea Egan, May Hurry, Michael Cloran and John Burrett.

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to love,
and then to
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*...saddest
journey of
the human
heart"*

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Diocese of Parramatta Notices.

2019 Bishop Manning Lecture: 21 March

"The Catholic Community in the 21st Century" - Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we going? Who's going with us? Listen to priest, academic, author and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn, Father Anthony Percy speak on this topic of critical importance to the future of our Church. 21 March 2019 from 6pm at the Kirribilli Club, Lavender Bay. Cost is free and registrations via ccercatholic.org.au/register

Dr Laurie Woods

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in the Diocese of Parramatta has engaged Dr Laurie Woods to present on the Gospel of St Luke. Venue: IFM Marion St Blacktown. Time: 10am - 2pm. Dates: Fridays March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12. All are welcome. BYO lunch. Please register with Maree on 02 8838 3486

EASTER ROSTERS - 2019

It is this time of the year again when we are looking for volunteers to help with the Easter Rosters. We will need Readers, volunteers for Washing of the feet, Ministers of Holy Communion, Senior Servers, Sacristans and Junior Servers. If you can help please put your name on the list on the board in the Narthex. Thank you for all your help and support.

22 to 24 March - Mind, Body & Soul Retreat

For Mature Catholic Women who feel on the Fringe of the Church.

Facilitator: Andrea Dean

Where: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

Time: 5 pm 22nd March to 2 pm 24th March

Cost: \$230 includes two nights private, ensuite accommodation and all meals.

For more information or to book:

manager@schoenstatt.org.au or phone Ann-Maree: 4773 8338

29 to 30 March - 24 Hrs for the Lord, 2019

24Hrs of Adoration beginning and ending with Holy Mass at Mt Schoenstatt.

Where: Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

Time: Begins with Holy Mass at 6 pm on Friday 29th March, finishing with Holy Mass at 5 pm on Saturday 30th March. Each hour will have reflection and music presented by different groups and individuals. Every half hour the Shrine will be silent for prayer and reflection. Come for 1 hour or 24, no obligation for a particular time period.

Enquires for groups or

individuals: manager@schoenstatt.org.au or phone Ann-Maree: 4773 8338 during business hours.

ST. FINBAR'S YOUTH PREPARING FOR LENT



Say Yes to Refugees: Rally on Palm Sunday 'Bring Them Here'. 2pm Sunday 14 April, Belmore Park near Central Station – Speeches and then a walk to Victoria Park, near Sydney University. Join others for the 2019 Palm Sunday rally to say yes to refugees and demand that Manus and Nauru are closed and refugees are brought here to stay! **Speakers include:** Dr Munjed Al Muderis, Iraqi refugee and renowned surgeon, Judith Wright, Deputy Secretary, Australian Services Union NSW/ACT, Fr Clement Taulam from Manus Island, Reverend Ray Williamson, previously General Secretary of the NSW Ecumenical Council, Dr Vince Scappatura

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Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

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ROSTER FOR 16TH & 17TH MARCH 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers Ann & Alex Walker
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 st Reading	Katy Ferris	Ann Keating	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Annis Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
I.T Operator	Henry Hanco	Ellen Teece	Patrick Watson
Musician	Cantabile		
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & Family
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh Jean Di Nucci Volunteer Please	Therese Luczak Annis Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	Danielle		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene and Bert Aligno		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Lee Jackson & Louise Heber		

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