

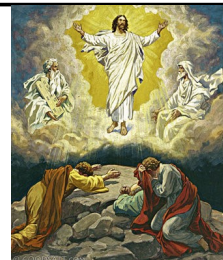


The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
Second Sunday of Lent
 16th & 17th March 2019

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 26; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36. Eucharistic Prayer number 2. Preface 3

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	Reflection on the Gospel	
Monday 18th March <i>St. Patrick</i>	9.00am Mass 9.00am Fun Singers 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	<p>The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God. The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah.</p> <p>Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us. God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence.</p> <p>God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA</i></p>	
Tuesday 19th March <i>St. Joseph</i>	9.00am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting	<p><i>Fun Singers is on Monday the 18th of March 2019 at 9am.</i></p>	
Wednesday 20th March	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C	POPE FRANCIS WORDS:	
Thursday 21st March	10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea. 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm Lenten Group M/R 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	<i>Do you want to fast this Lent?</i>	
Friday 22nd March	9.00am Mass + Benediction 1.00pm Bowlers 7.15pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast from hurting words and say kind words. • Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. • Fast from anger and be filled with patience. • Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. • Fast from worries and trust in God. • Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. • Fast from pressures and be prayerful. • Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy. • Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. • Fast from grudges and be reconciled. • Fast from words and be silent so you can listen. 	
Saturday 23rd March	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 2.00pm Ruth's Farewell afternoon tea P/C 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass		
Sunday 24th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism		



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

Ruth Farewell: 'Come and join us to farewell Ruth Gott and her family before they relocate to Orange next month. Afternoon tea will be held for their family on Saturday 23 March at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome and particularly friends from St Finbar's and St Columba's schools.'

LISTENING EVENING. ISSUES OF THE CHURCH

Wednesday the 27th of March, 2019 at 7pm hospitality for 7.30pm start, at Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains. RSVP to emuplains@parracatholic.org or phone 47351041.

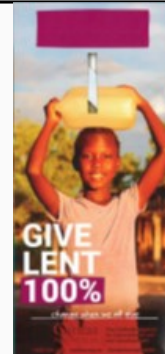
PROJECT COMPASSION 2019 PRAYER

Creator God,

You are our constant hope! In the season of Lent, you call us to prayer, fasting and love of those most marginalised.

As a community of faith and courage, let our gifts to Project Compassion be symbols of hope and solidarity with our one human family.

Accompany us as we journey with Jesus to bring "good news" to all creation and ready our hearts to work for the common good of all your people. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen



SRE COMMISSIONING MASS. This weekend, at our 9.30am Mass, several parishioners from our Parish will be commissioned as SRE (Catechist) Teachers. These parishioners go into six State schools in our Parish and share their faith with over 230 Catholic children who attend those schools. We are in great need of more SRE (Catechist) teachers. Please give this some thought, and if you like to join our team contact Beth Culliver 47398577 or Juliana Khnouf on 4738928. *Thank you.*

ST FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB

SFNC has room in the following teams:

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

Under 10's (born 2009) - room for 1 player

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Ryder Lopez, Maria Macri, 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:

Elmer (Bill) Taylor, Emily McColl, Lance Baker, Scott Robertson, Carmel Koziol, Clare Druhan, Thelma Sparks, Thomas Boylan and Julia Gunning.

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MEN'S BREAKFAST: Thank you to all who assisted and attended another successful Men's breakfast last Saturday. A great get together where we meet fellow parishioners and other members of our local community. Please diarise this year's upcoming dates. **Saturdays 1st June, 24th August and 16th of November 2019.** *Carl Moll*

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.

MONTGROVE COLLEGE Experience the uniqueness of a PARED education at our Open Day. We are now accepting Applications for 2020 enrolments. Wednesday 20th March 2019. 10.00am-12.00pm student guided tours 10.45am Principal's Presentation or Information Evening Monday 25th March 2019 7.00pm Principals Presentation. 140 Bringelly Road, Orchard Hills NSW 2748, raelene.pirota@montgrove.nsw.edu.au
Montgrove Infants – Boys and Girls | K to Year 1 Boys transfer to Wollemi College in Year 2
Montgrove College – Girls | Year 2 to Year 12

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 ccrcatholic.org.au/register

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

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.

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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Phone: 4724 3600

ROSTER FOR 23RD & 24TH MARCH 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Volunteer Please	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Riley Farrell & Ethan Cameron		Anna & Marco Santoro
Warden	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Mary Creenaune	Avril Llewellyn
2 nd Reading	Maire Griffin	Andrew Teece	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Elizabeth Konza	Yvonne Scanlan
I.T Operator	Robyn Flynn	Andrew Teece	Joseph Marceau
Musician	Te Deum		Holy Light
Presentation of the Gifts	Heather & Steve Lee	Rivas Family	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Vince Dobson Noreen Taylor Lorraine Brown Allan Jones	Terry Madden Ann Keating Jean Di Nucci Volunteer Please	Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Todd Stanford
Children's Liturgy	Colin		
Cashier	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Hospitality	Tom Torrance, Kerry & Peter Herborn, Marie Nassif		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie & Jessica Doherty		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		
Garden Club	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		

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