



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

Third Sunday of Lent

23rd & 24th March 2019

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; Ps 102; 1Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Lk 13:1-9. Eucharistic Prayer number 2. Preface 2

		Reflection on the Gospel
Sunday 24th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism	<p>There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. Some said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything <i>they</i> did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of poor construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder. Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation. To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised. Does it all seem too difficult? Jesus helps us with a metaphor:</p> <p>You are like a fig tree which may not be bearing much fruit just now, but, I am a terrific gardener: I will water you, dig around you, make sure you are well nourished so that you will bear the fruits I desire.</p> <p>Our Lord does that by watering us with the waters of baptism; pruning us, especially during Lent; nourishing us with the bread of life in Holy Communion.</p> <p>We might pause at various times during Lent to allow Our Lord to garden us so that he may create a heavenly botanical garden, a new Eden, of the whole of humanity.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Fr Michael Tate</i></p>
Monday 25th March <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	11.30am Funeral Mass for Paul Trevaskis <i>No weekday Masses until Fr Jolly returns</i>	
Tuesday 26th March	7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm St. Finbar's Netball Meeting P/C	
Wednesday 27th March	9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 28th March	1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm Lenten Group M/R 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	
Friday 29th March	1.00pm Bowlers	
Saturday 30th March	11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions (if priest available) 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 31st March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass	<p>EASTER ROSTERS - 2019</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SUNDAY BAPTISMS:</p> <p>The Parish joyfully announces the Baptisms of Isaac Gary Scott, Levi Peter-Duke Scott and Audrey Grace Iaria this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.</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

PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Plenary Council Discussions

The Plenary Council group gatherings at the Parish level were very meaningful and enriching. Suggestion to continue small group discussions on Parish level leading to a Parish Assembly. Process and strategies to be worked out. Lukas and Briony to lead it.

School's Report.

- A great start to the new school year, with 6 new teachers starting this year.
- 186 students enrolled at St. Finbar's this year including 2 Kindergarten classes.
- Catholic Schools Week Mass and BBQ were a great success.
- The school facilities are being upgraded.
- Introducing Sabbath Week in the school (Week 7 of the term).

Father Jolly's Report

- The Liturgy Committee are more involved with Easter celebration preparation this year
- More young Parishioners are taking more interest in the church activities.
- A send off and thank you party for Ruth was held.
- The Parish Sacramental programme is to start in May.
- There has been an increase in the number of inquiries for Baptisms.
- The Parish has a few weddings booked for this year.
- The Parish is short on musicians for the weekend Masses, and volunteers are sought.
- A new Concert Contract is being used with an increase of the bond and hire fees.
- We have updated the New Parishioners' Pack
- The Parents' room has been decluttered & cleaned & made safe for children and infants. Please keep it so.

Finance Committee's Report

- The Parish mortgage has been reduced to \$175,000 as we continue to cut unnecessary expenses.
- The Parish is considering installing air-conditioning in the church as this summer has been very hot and it is often very cold in winter. We received 4 quotations for the job. Bishop Vincent has been asked for his blessing to install one. The Parish has saved about \$55,000 for this purpose and the rest, close to \$20,000, needs to be raised. The Parish will start soon raising the needed money.

Youth's Report

- New leadership team with 8 young leaders.
- Organise talking to year 6 at the Primary schools in the area to encourage them to join the Youth Group.
- St. Finbar's Youth Group is the only established Youth Group in the Mountains.
- Get more involved with the Confirmation programme and encourage participants to join the Youth Group.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Paul Trevaskis, David Burke, 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:

Ruby Luland, Lyndall McManus, Debra Saporito, Patrick Mungovan, Colin Gott, Gareth Hogan and Jean Blencowe.

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to love,
and then to
part is the..."*



*...saddest
journey of
the human
heart"*

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FR JOLLY'S MOTHER The latest information from Fr Jolly concerning his mother is that she is still seriously ill and the whole family is gathered around her. He sends his thanks to all parishioners for their prayerful support and care.

PARISH MASSES There are no weekday Masses until Fr Jolly returns from India. It is also difficult to get a priest for all our weekend Masses, but we are doing our best to try to get enough priests so that we are not forced to cancel any weekend Masses.

LISTENING EVENING. ISSUES OF THE CHURCH: Wed 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.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

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

Visit Residents of an 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.

Christchurch Attack: Bishop Vincent has issued a statement on the Christchurch attack. The statement can be found here: catholicoutlook.org/christchurchattack
In solidarity with Christians all around the world, we join in praying for all those involved in this terrible tragedy.

Healing after Abortion: Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Rachel's Vineyard offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au. The retreats for 2019 will be held at Varroville, NSW on April 5-7 and Oct 25-27. See the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

Holy Hour for Vocations: The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite families and youth (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations. Thursday 4 April 2019 at 7.00pm. Join us also for the meal at 8.00pm. The Good Shepherd Church, 130-136 Hyatts Rd, Plumpton NSW 2761. RSVP to Sr Paula on vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

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.

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Weddings: By Appointment

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ROSTER FOR 30TH & 31ST MARCH 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Volunteer Please	Ruth Gott
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Ruth Gott
Junior Server	Volunteer Please		Volunteer Please
Warden	Ken Schneiders & Chris O'Meara	Volunteer Please	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Lukas & Kristina Rajnoch
1 st Reading	Katy Ferris	Maura Williams	Pearse Cremin
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Yvonne Scanlan
Intercession	Duane Parslow	John De Mattia	Joanne Stubbs
I.T Operator	Kylie Mills	Robyn Flynn	Pat Watson
Musician			Cantabile
Presentation of the Gifts	Parishioners are invited	to offer to bring	up the gifts.
Minister of Communion	Kylie Mills John Verhoeven Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller John Killeen	Stephen Brown Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher
Children's Liturgy	Pam		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Lorraine Brown		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Martin & Lyndel Rogers		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Erika McNay, Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Noreen Taylor		

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