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Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C
30th & 31st March 2019

Josh 5:9-12; Ps 33; 2Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday 31st March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass	<div><h3>Reflection on the Gospel</h3><p>Today's gospel is perhaps the most famous of the parables that are unique to the Gospel of Luke. Sadly, what is often overlooked is the accusation aimed at Jesus that leads into the telling of this and two other shorter parables (the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin – Lk 15:4-10). The Pharisees and scribes accuse Jesus of what they regard to be abhorrent behaviour in relation to the purity code that dominated 1st Century life: not only does Jesus welcome sinners, he actually shares meals with them. This would be absolutely scandalous behaviour. Who you ate with was a reflection of who you were. To eat with sinners and the unclean effectively made you a sinner and unclean.</p><p>The three parables Jesus tells in response to this accusation are all about the lost being found and great rejoicing over the finding of the lost sheep, lost coin, or lost son. The Gospel of Luke – more so than any of the others – has a very strong focus on the message of Jesus being addressed to and welcomed by the outcasts and marginalised; in other words, the 'lost' of his society. Rather than being embarrassed by the accusation that he ate with sinners, Jesus would have worn those words like a badge of honour. It was exactly what his mission and ministry was all about – being one with the poor; the outcast; the sinful; the lost. The three parables, and particularly the parable of the lost son, demonstrate the joy of a loving God when one who was lost returns. The extravagant welcome the prodigal son receives from his father is symbolic of the extravagance of God's love that will be poured out for any 'sinner' who returns to God.</p><p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p></div> <div><p><i>St. Finbar's Parish would like to welcome Father Michael Belonio from Holy Spirit Parish for the Vigil Mass and Father PJ for the 7.30am and 9.30am.</i></p><h3>EASTER ROSTERS - 2019</h3><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></div>
Monday 1st April	<u><i>No weekday Masses until Fr Jolly returns</i></u> 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	
Tuesday 2nd April	7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Baptism preparation meeting M/R	
Wednesday 3rd April	9.30am Playgroup P/C 6:15 Bridge lessons M/R 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 4th April	1.30pm Bridge P/C 2.00pm SRE Orientation M/R 7.00pm Lenten Group M/R 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	
Friday 5th April	1.00pm Bowlers	
Saturday 6th April	11:30am Te Deum Choir practice. Church 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 7th April <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Youth Group. Year 7 & up.	

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

FATHER 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.

Inner Peace in Divine Love First Spiritual Exercises Retreat. 28 April – 25 May 2019

This retreat is for: Men and Women; Young and Old; Married or Singles

It is designed for people just like you. The retreat allows you to continue your ordinary daily life with its usual round of going to work, caring for the family or whatever is the shape of your busy life.

The retreat takes the form of small groups (of 6-8 persons) facilitated by a Jesuit priest, **Fr. Meyo Obwanda**, from Kenya, meeting once per week in one of the Blue Mountains Parishes over four weeks. Options for group-times & locations are available. **Brochure & Application Form** are at the church entrance (or go to the Parish website). For more details **Carol & Len Teodori-Blahut, 4758-7549; carol.len@me.com**

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM SALLY PHOEBUS.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support through my treatment. A special thanks to Ruth and all the pastoral care team for the meals provided, and to all the Baptism team for helping out when I couldn't be there. It's all been very much appreciated. I'm very grateful for all that has been done to help me heal and to help my family.

ANNUAL CONCERT FOR BUSH SCHOOL CAMBODIA

Our 2019 school fundraising concert will be held in St Finbar's Hall on Saturday 13th April, commencing 7.30pm.

We promise a night of lively musical entertainment, with a tasty supper and some great raffle prizes.

The cost is \$25 pp, \$45 for family, with some concessions available.

To book, phone Doug on 0403 303 943 or 47015459.

Some tickets will be available at the door. Also see the flyer in the Narthex.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 7 April 2019

As always, these notices are one week in advance. This week on The Journey, we move into the Gospel of John 8:1-11 and Fr Sean Cullen reflects on this Gospel reading. Our Trust Lenten program provides the sung Responsorial Psalm, "The Lord Has Done Great Things", Mother Hilda from the Abbey reminds us of "The Divine Presence", and our Sam Clear in his Walking the Walk God spot reminds us about Facing the Darkness. We have some amazing music so be sure to listen until the very end of our program. Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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), 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:

Jackie George Perkins, Rosemond Coughlan, Cecil Luczak, Harold Gapps, Monica Barron, Mary Dutfield, Marjory Plevy, John Burrowes and Imre Varga.

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ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

PARISH WEEKDAY 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.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

Positions Vacant

- Web developer/programmer - Diocese of Parramatta
- Pastoral Planning Officer - Diocese of Parramatta
- Project Manager - Diocese of Parramatta
- Risk Officer - Diocese of Parramatta
- Parish Secretary - Merrylands Parish

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

- Transition Housing Worker - CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

More details at: ccss.org.au

OLN Celebrates 90 years: 6 April

Our Lady of the Nativity Catholic Community, Lawson will celebrate with a "Back to Lawson 90th Anniversary Ball" on Saturday 6 April from 6 pm. Tickets \$45 per person, contact Mary McKenna 0439 267 691.

OLN Celebrates 90 years: 7 April

Bishop Vincent will concelebrate Mass at 10am for the 90th Anniversary of the Consecration of Our Lady of the Nativity Church on Sunday 7 April. Priests, religious, ex-students, boarders, teachers and past parishioners are all welcome. Following Mass, a morning tea and photographic history display will be held in the School Hall.

Enquiries parish office (Wed, Thurs, Fri) 02 4759 1034 or olon3@bigpond.com.

Palm Sunday Procession: 14 April

The annual Palm Sunday procession is on again. Process with Bishop Vincent from Parramatta Town Hall to St Patrick's Cathedral for a World Youth Day Mass and Event on Palm Sunday. Starting at 5:20pm. Register at: parracatholic.org/cyp

Good Friday Night Walk: 19 April

Join over 1,500 youth and young adults on Good Friday from 10pm on one of two overnight 'routes of reflection' from either Guildford Parish or Blacktown Parish, through five parishes to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Registrations are mandatory. More details at: parracatholic.org/cyp

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.

The Carmelite Community at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre

Praying with St John of the Cross

April 6: 10:00 am – 4:00pm

Cost: \$30 (please remember to bring your lunch).

Pick-ups from Minto train station at 9.30am and 10.00am.

Presenter: Barbara Stenning OCDS

"For well I know the spring that flows and runs although all is night."

Finding life and joy in today's world:

A retreat using worship from Taizé

April 12 – April 14.

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Baptisms: By Appointment
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Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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ROSTER FOR 6TH & 7TH APRIL 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Volunteer please	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	Carl Moll	Volunteer please
Junior Server	Johnny and Alex McLoughlin	Joshua and Lucy Toutounji	Grace Incorvil Keira Vermaak
Warden	Vince Dobson Allan Jones	Volunteer please	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance Sue McGrath
1 st Reading	Volunteer please	Terry Keogh	Jesse Mowbray
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Briony Mowbray
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Martin Rogers
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	John Verhoeven Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara Kylie Mills	Ian Dickson Margaret Dickson John Killeen Colleen Fuller	Garry Pursehouse Wendy Brown Bernie Fisher Sue McGrath
Children's Liturgy	Michelle W		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erica McNay		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Vicky Ang, Tom Torrance		
Church Care	Leanne Brown & Stage 3 students		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		

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