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Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
4th Sunday of Easter—Year C

11th & 12th May 2019

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 99; Apoc 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30. Eucharistic Prayer II, Easter Preface III

		Reflection on the Gospel
Sunday 12th May <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass	<p>Shepherds in the first century did not have a particularly good reputation. Whilst the task itself was a responsible one, it was usually undertaken by hired help – usually young men or even boys. Being hired help, they had little allegiance to the flock and were generally regarded as basically untrustworthy and often accused of illicitly selling off the sheep's milk and even the occasional lamb. They lived for months at a time out in the hills with the sheep; often risking their lives in defence of their flock, yet still regarded with suspicion. Shepherds were held in such low regard that they could not appear in court as a witness. Yet, despite this grim picture of shepherds, Jesus described himself as the <i>Good Shepherd</i>. With that one word, he acknowledged the reputation of shepherds but utterly dismissed it by describing himself as a shepherd – but a good shepherd. He chose to describe himself as the worst of all occupations but raised the status to unimpeachable heights. In describing himself as the good shepherd, Jesus joined a distinguished list of biblical shepherds: Abraham, his son Isaac, and grandson Jacob were all shepherds; Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, when God appeared to him in the burning bush and revealed God's name; and the great King, David, began life as a humble shepherd-boy. So, despite the poor reputation of shepherds in Jewish society, some of the greatest leaders of the Jews began life as shepherds. Today's gospel passage follows the famous 'good shepherd' passage in the gospel of John and continues on the image. The passage portrays Jesus as 'claiming' his flock; guaranteeing them not only safety but also eternal life. This oath of loyalty and commitment is all the stronger and more remarkable in light of Jesus' rehabilitation of the status of shepherds.</p> 
Monday 13th May	9.00am Mass 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 5.30pm SVDP Meeting M/R	
Tuesday 14th May <i>St. Matthias</i>	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	
Wednesday 15th May	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 16th May	10.00 Healing Mass followed by morning tea. 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 1.30pm Bridge P/C 6.00pm Wedding Rehearsal 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	
Friday 17th May	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 1.00pm Bowlers	
Saturday 18th May	9.00am Mass 11.00am Baptism 11.30am Te Deum Choir practice M/R 2.00pm Marlene & Joselito's Wedding 4.30pm Reconciliation Preparation Meeting P/C 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 19th May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C	<p><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p> <p><i>Congratulations to Marlene Geronimo & Joselito Bantay who will get married this Saturday the 18th of May. We wish them both a happy and wonderful life together.</i></p>  <p>SATURDAY BAPTISM: The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Abigail Grace Mowbray this Saturday, and warmly welcomes her 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.

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TIMEOUT TUESDAY: has been a great success. Taking a TIMEOUT can be very beneficial for one's wellbeing. This is a morning of relaxing and enjoying wonderful company. 21st May. St Finbar's Parish Centre 10am - 1pm for more information take flyers from the wardens table or contact Kath 47392651, Maire 47394094

SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2018

We would like to acknowledge the generous donations and support from parishioners and the parents, teachers and students of St Finbar's School. Coles Supermarket at Winmalee donated vouchers to the value of \$200 as well as 50 green bags to assist with the distribution of the hampers. We thank them for their support.

If you provided items for the hampers or toys for the gift tree, bought a calendar, contributed a donation to the Poor Box or assisted the conference members deliver the hampers and toys then you made a very valuable contribution to the success of the Christmas Appeal. Thank you for accepting the challenge of putting your faith into action. Well done.

Your financial support included \$250 from the poor box, \$244 profit from the sale of calendars, 22 hampers at a nominal value of \$1420 and donated toys at a nominal value of \$500.

A TOTAL OF \$2414. THANK YOU ST FINBAR'S PARISH COMMUNITY.

Excess Hampers and toys were transported to St Vincent de Paul Society at Forbes by conference members as an outreach to country conferences with greater needs and less resources.

If you would like to support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society on a more regular basis then all donations to the poor box at the wardens' table in the narthex would be very helpful and greatly appreciated

Thank you and may God bless you all.

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, May retreats

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A time of reflection and prayer on your own spiritual journey with the help of a director.

Charismatic Healing Mass: Please note that Mass will actually start at 2pm. followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry, Celebrant Fr. Hugh Thomas SccR., Sunday 19 May 2019, 2:00pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michael Wilcox, Margaret Mead, Eli Chacko (Father Jolly's Mother), Robyn Price (Pat Psaila's Sister), Paul Trevaskis, David Burke, Eva Lynch, Lucy Groves, Patricia Psaila.

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 and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Emma Peters, Marjorie Aussel, Peter Buckley, Thomas Hannigan, Kathleen Scholfield, Michael Hughes, John Appleton, Michael Moelroy, Paul Zoeller, Claire Fisher, Dennis Barron and Cyril Fitzjohn.

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THANK YOU FOR BRINGING HOPE AND SHARING CHRIST'S MESSAGE WITH ALL

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and the Ephpheta Centre thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support. The Bishop's Lenten Appeal raised over \$268,000 and our Parish contributed over \$5787. Your remarkable gifts will provide pastoral, sacramental and social support, enabling the deaf and hard of hearing, the vulnerable and isolated, to make meaningful connections and participate fully in their community, their faith and Catholic Church life.

Please pray for the diocesan ministries supported by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, including the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hard of hearing. May they continue to bring comfort and care to our brothers and sisters who rely upon their support.

ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST

Date - Saturday 1st June 2019, Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am, Venue - Parish hall

The Parish is holding another Men's 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 sons, grandsons, neighbours and friends. For catering purposes, we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 26th May 2019. Please add your name to the list on the warden's table.

Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775

Catalyst for Renewal Reflection. All are welcome to Santa Maria Hall, Lawson, for this month's reflection morning, Saturday, May 18th, 9:30am led by Laurie Woods: **The Power of Encouragement:** exploring occasions in the New Testament where Jesus & St. Paul show us ways of encouragement.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

Bishop Vincent's federal election pastoral statement

Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral statement on the 2019 Australian federal election that will be held on Saturday 18 May. The pastoral statement can be found at parracatholic.org/election2019

Good Shepherd Sunday: 12 May

Today is the World Day of Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday which is being celebrated in Catholic parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Catholic Church invites you to pray for those you might know whom God may be calling to a priestly vocation and would benefit from your prayers. To learn more about priestly vocations, the priesthood and [seminary life](http://www.parracatholic.org/vocations) in the Diocese of Parramatta, visit www.parracatholic.org/vocations

World Day of Vocations: 12 May

Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.* Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Sunday 19th May 2019 Annual Marian Pilgrimage at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa, 10.30am Holy Mass, 2.00pm Eucharistic procession from the valley to the Shrine with Benediction.

Hot food stalls available or BYO lunch. Enquiries: 02 4773 8338

The Maltese Community Council of New South Wales invites you to the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of The Maltese Uprising of Seventh June 1919, known as "Sette Giugno", Sunday, 2nd June at 11.00am at the Maltese Bicentennial Monument Civic Park, Pendle Hill. All welcome. For more information contact Emanuel Camilleri 9822 0228

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ROSTER FOR 18TH & 19TH MAY 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	Joshua Toutounji & 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	Annisia 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 Annisia Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	Pia		
Cashier	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene and Bert Aligno		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jane de Bie and Jessica Doherty		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Lee Jackson & Louise Heber		

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