

The Barbra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

22nd & 23rd June 2019

Gen 14:18-20; Ps 109; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11-17. Preface of the Most Holy Eucharist I, Eucharistic Prayer 3

		Reflection on the Gospel
Sunday 23rd June <i>The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism	<p>The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the central celebration of Christianity – the Eucharist. All three readings relate to this Eucharistic theme. In the second reading, we have the first written account of the Last Supper and what came to be seen as Jesus instigating the Eucharist. Paul's account, written well before the gospels, was entrenched in the tradition by the time the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke echoed these words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Of course, it is these same words that are spoken by the priest at the consecration in the Eucharistic Prayer each Mass. The words used today are the very same words that have been used in the Church for two millennia. Rather than a gospel account of the Last Supper to celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we are presented with what is widely regarded as another 'eucharistic' story from the gospel of Luke. The feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fish is regarded as a eucharistic story because it was a clear example of God's presence in a miraculous meal. All of the meal stories in the gospel of Luke are instructive for the audience. Whenever the gospel writer refers to a meal, the meal is used to teach about the reign of God. The gospel writer uses meals to demonstrate who is welcome in the reign of God. Like in today's gospel, the author of Luke's gospel was keen to show that the reign of God is available to anyone who wishes to be a part of it. The reign of God is inclusive and welcoming; no one will be turned away.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p> 
Monday 24th June <i>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i>	9.00am Mass 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	
Tuesday 25th June	9.00am Mass 10.30am Stanley Harris Funeral Service & Wake 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm St. Finbar's Netball Meeting P/C	
Wednesday 26th June	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 27th June	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	
Friday 28th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.15 Grandparents Day Mass 1.00pm Bowlers P/C	
Saturday 29th June <i>Sts Peter & Paul</i>	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 30th June <i>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass	<p>END OF FINANCIAL YEAR The end of the financial year is rapidly approaching. We ask all parishioners who might have fallen a little behind in their envelope or credit card donations to try to get up to date by this weekend. New sets of envelopes are available in the Narthex - please take yours. You may also put your name on a list (on the Wardens' table) to request a receipt for tax deductible donations for the 2018/2019 financial year.</p> <p>SUNDAY BAPTISMS: The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Mateo Korevaar and Thomas Brenner 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

WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF US, AS THE ST FINBAR'S PARISH COMMUNITY, AT THIS TIME?

At the conclusion of the Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue Process last year, many parishioners expressed a desire for further listening and dialogue in our parish, but this time, with a specifically local focus. Fr Jolly and the Pastoral Council have affirmed their support and enthusiasm for the continuation of this journey that we walk with each other and with our God.

In the spirit of the Plenary Council, the following question will be at the heart of this listening and dialogue process: **What is God asking of us, as the St Finbar's Parish community, at this time?**

Further information will be made available in the coming weeks, but in the mean time, please take note of the following event:

Parish Information Session, 10:45 am, Sunday 4 August, 2019

We thank God for His presence in our parish community and pray for the guidance, joy and peace of the Holy Spirit as we embark on this journey of faith together

ST FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY. We will be holding a celebratory dinner in the Hall on Saturday 14 September 2019 from 7pm. All past and present members are invited to attend to catch up with old and new friends, to reminisce and share memories. If you have any photos for the slide show please email them to sfnc50th@gmail.com ASAP. If you would like to attend the dinner please pick up a booking form from the Wardens Table or email jankers@tpg.com.au for a copy. For more information please phone Janette Ankers, Club President on 0438 672 040 or 4739 4745.

BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF ST FINBAR'S COMMUNITY IN 2019.

There are many opportunities to become more involved with your community here at St Finbar's.

The following liturgical Ministries currently have vacancies:

- Senior Servers
- Readers
- Sacristans
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Musicians
- Wardens
- IT Developers & Operators

If you are interested, please give your details to Fr Jolly or email the Parish Office on secretary@stfinbars.org.au. Thank you.

ADULT CONFIRMATION 2019 THE OFFICE FOR WORSHIP WILL HOST A CATECHESIS AND FORMATION DAY FOR THOSE CANDIDATES INTERESTED IN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR. This will be on **Saturday 31st August, 9.30am – 2.00pm** at IFM (Institute For Mission) in the **Downstairs Room**, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown 2148 (off Flushcombe Road). A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Stanley Harris, Sr Dawn Deloraine RSJ (Uriel), Ian McNay, Tom Oxley, Denis Smith, Anita Dyson, Michael Wilcox, Margaret Mead, Paul Trevaskis, Eli Chacko (Father Jolly's Mother) and David Burke.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Ryder Lopez, Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Sandra & 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, Elise & Hilary Doyle and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Leonard Rowan, Nancy Cassidy, Emma Gleeson, Betty Pain, Mario Carboni, Edward Cornish, Therese Dupressoir, Roger Chambers, Patricia Goldhawk, Arthur Plevy, Mazelle Montgomery, Mary Robb, Valma Davenport and Christopher Robinson.

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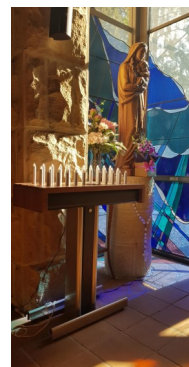
NEW ENVELOPES. New envelopes should be used from the beginning of July. They are available in the Narthex. If anyone would like to start using envelopes, Credit Card or Direct Debit, please contact Peter in the parish office. The counters would very much appreciate everybody entering the amount in the appropriate box on the front of each envelope. This will ensure you get the correct amount showing on your receipt and will save the counters an enormous amount of time.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS: Parishioners with WWCCs might be interested to know that the Office of the Children's Guardian has made it easier to access your Working With Children Check. You can now retrieve your Working With Children Check details anywhere, anytime, through the Service NSW app. Get yours now at service.nsw.gov.au/wwcc-app

VOTIVE CANDLE.

A Votive Candle or Prayer Candle is intended to be lit as a votive offering, an act of Christian prayer especially within the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox and Lutheran Churches. It is also a practice in Hinduism and Buddhism. Candles are lit for prayer intentions. To light a candle for someone indicates one's intention to say a prayer for another person and the candle symbolizes that prayer. In the Roman Catholic and in high Anglican Church tradition they have votive candles for purposes of praying for the dead, asking for saintly intercession for the living and honouring the Blessed Virgin and Saints.

Following the discussion and the decision of the Parish Council, a Votive Candle stand is placed near the Statue of Our Blessed Mother closer to the Tabernacle. Just drop a gold coin, the light will come on and say a prayer for your loved ones.



ENJOY THE AIR CONDITIONED CHURCH.

We are just short of \$2500 to pay off the cost. Your generosity is appreciated.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. The course will be at the Institute for Mission (Downstairs Hall). **NOTE: Introduction Session on 12 August is compulsory. Enrolments close on 5 August 2019.** Please see your Parish Office for a form or for more information, contact 02 8838 3456 or ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

CYP LIFTED Retreat 2019: 5 – 7 July

CYP invites young adults aged 18 – 35 to attend the annual LIFTED Retreat from July 5-7 at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. You can expect great guest speakers, stimulating discussions, adoration, daily Mass, Reconciliation, soul-stirring music and delicious food. The theme is inspired by Pope Francis – 'Dare to be Different' Register now @ <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat/>

An Evening with Cardinal John Dew: 16 July

His Eminence, John Cardinal Dew, Archbishop of Wellington, will deliver a lecture on Servant leadership in the spirit of Pope Francis. Tuesday 16 July at the Ailsa Mackinnon Community Centre, Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta from 7pm. RSVP by 12 July to Br Mark O'Connor – mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

Renaissance of Marriage 2019: 26 – 27 July

Renaissance of Marriage 2019 – Building a Catholic Marriage Culture – will be held on 26 and 27 July at the University of Notre Dame Sydney. Keynote Speakers include Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Kevin Donnelly. Registrations open at www.ROM.org.au

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ROSTER FOR 29TH & 30TH JUNE 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Volunteer Please
Junior Server	Volunteers Please		Volunteers please
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer please	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Sue McGrath
1 st Reading	Duane Parslow	Maura Williams	Steve Newton
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Avril Llewellyn
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John De Mattia	Martin Rogers
I.T Operator	Kylie Mills	Elizabeth Konza	Patrick Watson
Musician			Cantabile
Presentation of the Gifts	Parishioners are invited	To offer to bring up	The gifts
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Margaret Richards	Kath Tierney Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	Avril Llewellyn Gerard Egan Garry Purchasehouse Juliana Khnouf
Children's Liturgy	Pam		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Ann Hobbs, Martin & Lyndel Rogers		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Noreen Taylor		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Michael Lloyd & John Killeen		

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