


The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

13th & 14th July 2019

Deut 30:10-14; Ps 68; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37. Sunday Preface V, Eucharistic Prayer 2

		Reflection on the Gospel
Sunday 14th July <i>15th Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary</i> <i>Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism	<p>Today's gospel is such a familiar one and such an enduring image that the title for the hero has passed into everyday use to describe a stranger who does a good turn for another. Many countries even have what is known as a 'Good Samaritan Law' that protects those who may hurt another person when they act in good faith to provide aid. The parable is told in response to the question, 'And who is my neighbour?' Anyone hearing Jesus tell the story would have recognised the familiar story structure – things happening in three with the most important element occurring on the third repetition. As three people came upon the injured man on the road, the audience would have known that the hero of the story would be the third one along. But, as Jesus often did with his parables, the pattern is suddenly disrupted. Rather than the hero being an upright, faithful Jewish person, it is none other than a Samaritan who is the one who shows mercy. Samaritans and Jews had a deep-seated mistrust and suspicion towards one another that went back generations. So strong was the ill-feeling between the two peoples that when Jesus finishes his story and asks the lawyer which man proved himself a neighbour, the lawyer cannot even say 'the Samaritan' – he says 'the one who took pity'. The story concludes with the instruction, 'Go and do the same yourself'. The commandment is to act with compassion towards others – even those you may not like. The priority of compassion over the Law is a major theme of the gospel of Luke. It is often described as the gospel of compassion. The Samaritan acts with compassion, rather than out of 'patterned' behaviours and attitudes. Jesus challenges the lawyer – and us – to 'Go and do the same'.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p> 
	Monday 15th July <i>St.</i> <i>Bonaventure</i>	
Tuesday 16th July	No Morning Mass 9.00am Fun Singers 10.00am Victor Baker Funeral Mass	
	9.00am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday M/R 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice	
Wednesday 17th July	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 18th July	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C	
Friday 19th July	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 1.00pm Bowlers P/C	
Saturday 20th July	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	FUN SINGERS. Is on this Monday the 15th of July at 9am.
Sunday 21st July <i>16th Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary</i> <i>Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge", Senior Youth Group	For Your Diary: 18th August - Sunday 9.30am Mass will include a special blessing and official opening of our new stained glass window.
		SUNDAY BAPTISMS: The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of James Edward and Indianah Sophia this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.

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

GROWING AS A CHRIST-CENTRED PARISH

The Plenary Council National Themes call us to reflect, pray and consider how God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia. At St Finbar's, we're bringing this call right to our front door in order to ask ourselves how God might be calling us to grow as a Christ-centred parish.

You are invited to join a small group of parishioners to meet together to prayerfully discern, listen and dialogue about the future of our parish. Over the next three weeks there will be **sign-up sheets** for these groups in the church foyer. Each small group will include up to 8 parishioners and 2 trained facilitators and will meet together for 4 weeks commencing in the final week of August.

For more information, come along to the Parish Information Session on **Sunday, August 4, 2019 at 10.45am** in the hall.

Please keep our parish community in your prayers as we embark on this journey of faith together.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #3 How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic?

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared how deeply they treasured the Eucharist and the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church.

Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



TIMEOUT TUESDAY. Third Tuesday of the Month. 16th July, St Finbar's Parish Centre. 10am- 1pm. Enjoy a break with great company. More information contact Kath 47392651; Maire 47394069

Job Vacancy – Benefactor Support Officer. The Catholic charity *Aid to the Church in Need* is advertising for a full-time 12-month role to work out of their national office in Penrith. The role assists with the processing of donations and involves database entry. Applications close Sunday 28 July. For all details visit, www.catholicjobsonline.com.au.

YOUNG ADULTS SOCIAL JUSTICE NIGHT OF 2019. You're invited to the second Social Justice Night. Come along to deepen your knowledge on refugees and people seeking asylum. *For more information please check the Parish Notice Board.*

Charismatic Healing Mass starts at 2pm. followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry, Celebrant Fr. Tony Alex MGL, Sunday 21 July 2019, @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Victor Baker, Ange Vitagliano (Margaret Rivas' friend), Rita O'Malley, Stanley Harris, Ian McNay, Tom Oxley, Denis Smith, Anita Dyson, Michael Wilcox and Eli Chacko (Father Jolly's Mother).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Margaret Christensen, Ryder Lopez, Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Sandra & Chris Paine, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Ken Moore, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Grant Madden, Jacqui Visser, Elise & Hilary Doyle, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Kathy O'Conner and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Antonio Favaloro, Winnifred Jackson, Annie Gillian, Ivan Kucic, Mary Rivas, Barry Mabel, Ruby Howling, Doris Ball, Peter Roebuck, Arthur Hibberd and Paul Treble.

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THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WELSH SONG.

Sydney Welsh Choir with the Cantorian Male Voice Choir. Experience the unique and unforgettable sound of two fabulous Welsh Choirs Sunday 28 July 2pm St Finbar's Catholic Church, Glenbrook. \$20 at the door, including afternoon tea afterwards in the parish hall.

Rodney Moffitt Farewell: 'Come and join us to farewell and thank Rodney before he relocates to Inverell next month. Afternoon tea will be held for Rodney Saturday 27th July at 3pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you

FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Will be held on Friday 30 August at 7.30pm. Guest Speaker is Catholic American Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. He will speak on the topic of 'Building Strong Marriages'. All parishioners are warmly welcome to attend. Venue: St Paul's Catholic College Hall – 198 Old Prospect Rd Greystanes. Parking is available in the Church grounds of Our Lady Queen of Peace Greystanes. Follow the signs to the Hall. Free entry, light supper served. RSVP to lmf@parracatholic.org or (02) 8838 3460

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Seminar – Understanding Family Law . CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is holding a two session Seminar on "Understanding Family Law". These sessions are presented by an Accredited Family Law Specialist and will be held on **Saturday 10th August 2019**.

Session 1: 10am – 12pm – Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Divorce/Separation and Children's needs.

Session 2: 1pm -3pm – Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Property Settlements.

Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Entry and onsite parking via Boom gate on Victoria Rd. **Cost:** \$10.00 per session. **Registration Essential:** Contact - Rita - PH: 8843 2575 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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

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

CAPAH POST CARD STORIES LAUNCH. The Diocese of Parramatta in partnership with Citizen Action Penrith Affordable Housing (CAPAH) and WestWords would like to invite you for the launch of CAPAH's Post Card Stories Project, 'A Home 4 All'. The post card stories give a human face and an emotional connection to the issue of housing stress and lack of affordable and secure housing in the Penrith LGA. The Deputy Mayor Councillor Greg Davies will launch the post card stories.

Date: Sunday, 21 July 2019, Time: 11am for 11:30am start, Venue: Parish Meeting Room 1, St Nicholas of Myra Church, Penrith

Light Lunch: 1pm - 1:30pm. RSVP by: Monday 15 July 2019. Register for this free event at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/capah-post-card-stories-launch-tickets-63328707870>

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ROSTER FOR 20TH & 21ST JULY 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		Volunteer Please
1 st Reading	Katy Ferris	Ann Keating	Volunteer Please
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Annis Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
I.T Operator	Thais Turner	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 Annis Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Lorraine Brown		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Martin & Lyndal Rogers		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Erika McNay, Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Lee Jackson & Louise Heber		
Garden Club	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		

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