



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

27th & 28th July 2019

Gen 18:20-32; Ps 137; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13. Sunday Preface V, Eucharistic Prayer 2

<b>Sunday 28th July</b> <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 2.00pm Sydney Welsh Choir Concert.	<b>Reflection on the Gospel</b>	
<b>Monday 29th July</b> <i>St. Martha</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	<p>People often imagine huge distance between Earth and a Heaven beyond the horizon of the universe. But Jesus Christ taught us to pray 'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.'</p> <p>How can this come about? Jesus identified two areas on which we need to focus to help make Heaven and Earth share the same space. 'Give us this day our daily bread.' This petition is very real for most inhabitants of the world – a plea for the necessities of life to stave off real hunger. If we respond to this plea, we can change a Hellish situation to a place where Heaven and Earth coincide. 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' But, first to Shakespeare: 'The quality of Mercy is not strained. It falleth as the gentle rain of Heaven on to the place beneath.' If we develop a hardness of heart which refuses to show forgiveness, then we are like earth concreted over and are unable to absorb God's forgiveness into our own lives. When we forgive someone, we become more able to absorb the gentle rain of heavenly mercy and forgiveness. So, Heaven and Earth need not be as distant as supposed. Our Lord has shown us how we can help make these dimensions of existence coincide. We could take a moment to resolve to pray the 'Our Father' by our lives, helping to provide evidence for our acclamation: 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and <i>Earth</i> are full of your Glory'</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Reflection by Fr Michael Tate</b></p>	
<b>Tuesday 30th July</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm St. Finbar's Netball Meeting P/C		
<b>Wednesday 31st July</b> <i>St. Ignatius of Loyola</i>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary</b> <b>9.30am Playgroup P/C</b> 7.00pm Bridge P/C	<p><b>PARISH STEPLADDER:</b> The parish stepladder appears to have gone missing. It is a metal stepladder about 2.1 metres tall. It's absence severely limits the amount of maintenance that can be done around the parish. Maybe a parishioner has borrowed it – if so, it would be appreciated if it could be returned very soon. If any parishioner has a similar stepladder that they would be willing to donate to the parish, please contact Juliana or Peter in the parish office.</p>	
<b>Thursday 1st August</b> <i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.00am SRE Parish Teachers Meeting M/R 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	<p><b>For Your Diary:</b> 18th August - Sunday 9.30am Mass will include a special blessing and official opening of our new stained glass window.</p>	
<b>Friday 2nd August</b>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction</b> 10.30am First Friday Visits 1.00pm Bowlers P/C	<p>Bulletin deadline is now on Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure all notices are received prior to Wednesday. Thank you. Juliana Khnouf</p>	
<b>Saturday 3rd August</b> <i>St. Dominic</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum Choir practice 4.30pm Confirmation Preparation Meeting P/C <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<p><b>WELCOME</b> 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.</p>	
<b>Sunday 4th August</b> <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.45am Parish Information Session P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm "The Lounge", Senior Youth Group		

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER THE SMALL GROUPS?

Sign-ups continue for the St Finbars Listening and Dialogue groups. Small groups will run for 4 weeks commencing in the final week of August. These groups will provide an important opportunity for us to discern, listen and dialogue with each other by considering the question:

### *How is God calling us to grow as a Christ-centred parish?*

After the small groups have been finished, all parishioners will be invited to a parish gathering (Sunday, October 27) to listen to what emerged during the dialogue. In the months that follow, a working group of parish representatives will meet to collate and review the contributions of the different groups and prepare recommendations. For more information, come along to the Parish Information Session next **Sunday, August 4, 2019 at 10.45am** in the hall. Please keep our parish family in your prayers as we embark on this journey of faith together.

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #5 How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community?

National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus. Find out more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)



**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

**Bereavement Support Program at Mackillop Hall Granville Commencing August 2019.** CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is commencing a 7 session Bereavement Support Program at Mackillop Hall for men or women whose spouse or partner have died. It will be held weekly on Thursdays from 10am – 12pm, from 08<sup>th</sup> August – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019. There will be an Information session and Overview of the Program on Thursday 01<sup>st</sup> August from 10am -11am, for anyone who would like to learn more about this. **Venue:** Mackillop Hall, 38 Grimwood St, Granville (Cnr Randle St). For further information / Registration Essential: Contact Rita on 8843 2575 (Please see flyer on notice board for more info)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Tony Montgomery, Bridget McMahon (Hugh Griffin's Sister), Kathleen O'Connor, Victor Baker, Rita O'Malley, Stanley Harris, Ian McNay, Tom Oxley, Denis Smith, Anita Dyson and Michael Wilcox.

## 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), Mary Buda, Sophie Hollies and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Dr. Christopher Kohlenberg, Anthony Visser, Peter Bryant, Bernard Wilson, Anni Grundschoettel, Frances Roberts, Leslie Cullen, Jeffrey Plim and Marian Wiecek.

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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 on this Sunday the 28th July 2pm St Finbar's Catholic Church, Glenbrook. \$20 at the door, including afternoon tea afterwards in the parish hall.

### 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](mailto:ingrid.vergano@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](http://www.ROM.org.au)

#### National Vocations Awareness Week: 4 – 11 August

National Vocations Awareness Week runs nationally from 4 to 11 August. The concept of 'vocation' applies to every person's life, for if we listen well, we discover that God calls each of us to play a part in his mission here on the earth. For more information about Vocations in the Diocese of Parramatta, please visit [www.parracatholic.org/vocations/](http://www.parracatholic.org/vocations/)

### PRESENTATION: HOW TO DEVELOP AUTHENTIC CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

Parishioners from all over the Diocese interested in developing the sense of authentic community are invited to attend an enlivening presentation by Fr Ray Sanchez CP, exploring the relevance of Passionist Family Groups in the changing era in our Church today:

6:00pm Mass, Saturday 10 August, John 23<sup>rd</sup> Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens

8:00am Mass, Sunday 11 August, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, St Michael's Church, South Blacktown

10:00am Mass, Sunday 11 August, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, St Patrick's Church, Blacktown

11:15am -12.45pm, Clancy Room, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, St Patrick's Church, Blacktown - followed by a shared lunch

Any enquiries, call Parramatta Diocese's Family Group contacts: Elizabeth and Dennis Farrar 0425 209 840

*Dorothea Walsh needs one of the parishioners to give her a lift to attend Sunday 9.30am Mass each week. She lives at number 4/56 Old Bathurst Road. East Blaxland (Opposite the service station), if you can help please contact the Parish Office on 47398928. Thank you for your help and support.*

**CENTENARY CELEBRATION FOR SPRINGWOOD PARISH.** The world recently celebrated major events from 1969 and we are preparing for a centenary celebration for Springwood parish. On Saturday, October 19, it will be 100 years since the opening of our second Church which is now the chapel and common room for Aquinas Court Retirement Village. You are invited to visit us on this day which will include a paraliturgy, morning tea, plaque unveiling, luncheon and open house. If you have any photos and/or memories of this church you are also invited to send them to Marina who is the Catholic Healthcare manager on site because history is as much about people and memories as it is about the actual building so we hope you can gather with us to remember

### 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](mailto:lmf@parracatholic.org) or (02) 8838 3460

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# PARISH INFORMATION

## Sacraments

Confessions: Sat 4.45-5.15pm  
Baptisms: By Appointment  
Weddings: By Appointment

**Office Hours:** 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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## ROSTER FOR 3RD & 4TH AUGUST 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	Carl Moll	Volunteer Please
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Grace Incorvil & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Volunteer please	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance & Sue McGrath
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Philomena Watkins	Terry Keogh	Jesse Mowbray
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	Michelle & Joseph Wilson
Minister of Communion	John Verhoeven Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara Beth Culliver	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller John Killeen	Garry Purchasehouse Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher
Children's Liturgy	Melissa		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Joe Grange		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance & Vicky Ang		
Church Care	Leanne Brown & Stage 3 Students		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		

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