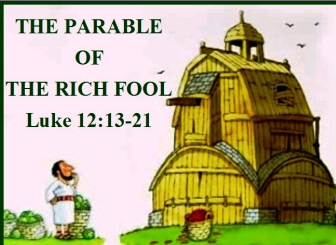


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Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

3rd & 4th August 2019

Ecc1 1:2,2:21-23; Ps 89; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21. Sunday Preface VI, Eucharistic Prayer 2

Sunday 4th August <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Parish Information Session P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge", Senior Youth Group	<h2>Reflection on the Gospel</h2> <p>One of the themes running through the gospels is that wealth can be an obstacle to entering fully into relationship with God. It is not wealth in itself that is problematic but rather valuing material riches above everything else and the constant desire to accumulate more and more. We have the story of the rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit the kingdom and Jesus tells him to sell everything he has and give away the proceeds. The young man goes away sad because he thought that with his great accumulation of wealth he'd be able to buy anything that he needed to gain the kingdom. We also have the saying of Jesus that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. The parable in today's gospel depicts a man who has so much grain that he decides to build bigger barns to store it all. The parable follows Jesus' teaching that 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' The point is about having more than we need. What good is served by one person having more than they need while others do not have enough to meet their needs? The rich man who had the abundant harvest could have stored up all that he needed and still been able to share the abundance with others. Liberation theology introduced the catch phrase, 'live simply so that others may simply live'. The call was for those in wealthier countries to simplify their wasteful and indulgent lifestyles so that others may be able to meet their most basic of needs.</p> <div></div>
Monday 5th August	9.00am Mass 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	
Tuesday 6th August <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R 7.30pm Netball Meeting P/C	
Wednesday 7th August	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 8th August <i>St. Mary of the Cross-Solemnity</i>	9.15am School Mass 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	
Friday 9th August	9.00am Mass 10.00am Conversation & Cuppa - School 11.00am Brian Martland Funeral Mass and Wake	
Saturday 10th August <i>St. Lawrence</i>	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir practice 4.30pm Confirmation Preparation Meeting P/C 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 11th August <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism	

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Congratulations to Paul and Yvonne Etherington who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
May God bless them and their family.

For Your Diary: 18th August - Sunday 9.30am Mass will include a special blessing and official opening of our new stained glass window.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY- 15th of August is a holy day of obligation. There will be two Masses on the day, 9.15am whole school Mass and 7.30pm Mass.

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

Find out more – Parish Information Session

Are you still wondering whether or not you should sign-up to be part of a St Finbars Listening and Dialogue group? Or have you already signed-up but would like to understand a bit more about the process and how these discussions will help to shape the future of our parish?

Come along to the Parish Information Session **THIS Sunday, August 4, 2019 at 10.45am** in the hall. Next week is the final week of small group sign-ups. Please keep our Parish family in your prayers as we journey in faith together

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #6

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform?

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



RYDER LOPEZ. We would like to thank, Father Jolly and St. Finbar's community, for their prayers and practical support during our grandson's struggle with cancer. This week he completes treatment that began in May 2018. God bless. Mary and Joe Lopez.

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

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 has died. It will be held weekly on Thursdays from 10am – 12pm, from 08th August – 19th September 2019. There will be an Information session and Overview of the Program on Thursday 01st 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:

Brian Martland, Aiyana Cabanero, Mary Buda, Baby Joseph Maher, Bridget McMahon (Hugh Griffin's Sister), Kathleen O'Connor, Victor Baker, Rita O'Malley, Stanley Harris, Ian McNay and Tom Oxley.

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, Gillian Roche (Sister-in-Law of Michael Robertson), Charlotte Mansour and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Carl and Ute Moll, Daisy Watterson, John Guerin, Gweneth Pinson, Carmel Harris, John Costello, Robert Murphy, Freda Weston, Robyn Connors, Eric Jeckeln, Reginald Hambilton, Michael Cahill, William Mathew and Mark Roebuck.

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Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

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/

Feast of the Assumption Pilgrim Walk: 15 August

The Annual Pilgrim Walk from the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will be held on the Feast of the Assumption Thursday 15 August. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate Mass at 12Noon before the pilgrimage begins. Anyone is welcome to begin walking from any point of the 14km walk. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9629 2595.

GLENBROOK - BLAXLAND INTERCHURCH GROUP. Ecumenical Dinner

Topic: How Buddhism Works For Me

Guest Speaker: Rev Heather Topp, Interfaith Representative for the Buddhist Council of NSW

When: Thursday, 8th August 2019 **Time:** 7-10 pm

Venue: Penrith Gaels Club (Cnr. Glebe Place & Richmond Rd, Kingswood. Enter off Richmond Rd)

Cost: \$42.00 per person. Entrance by ticket only.

Enquiries: 4739 5273 or 4739 5719

BULGAMADA CONCERT - BIG SING BLUE MOUNTAINS: August 24th, 7pm at Blackheath Community Hall. A concert developed from the collaboration of contemporary Aboriginal singers and people from local community choirs in the Blue Mountains. It is an event that expresses a Reconciliation aim. It will be a unique, skilful, happy and powerful experience. Guests musical artists: Glenn Skuthorpe, Jacinta Tobin. Storyteller and Son Man: Lexodious Dodd. Songs of Kev Carmody, Archie Roach and Rachel Shields also performed. Tickets are on sale now. Cost \$20 for adults, \$15 concessions, \$5 children. <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=516721>

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 or (02) 8838 3460

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ROSTER FOR 10TH & 11TH AUGUST 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Peter McMahon	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Katia Apps	Joshua & Lucy Toutounji	Emily Dowling & Sophie McDonald
Warden	Ken Schneiders & Chris O'Meara	Volunteer please	Patricia Murnane
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Lukas & Kristina Rajnoch
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Ann Keating	Irene Aligno
2 nd Reading	Joe Grange	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Yvonne Scanlan
I.T Operator	Eleanor Thompson	Terry Keogh	Jim McLoughlin
Musician	M. Phillips & M. Taylor		Naomi's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Margaret Richards	Kath Tierney Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	Avril Llewellyn Yvonne Scanlan Gerard Egan Juliana Khnouf
Children's Liturgy	Pia		
Cashier	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Liz & Daren Dukes.		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson & St. Finbar's Playgroup		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Beth Culliver		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh		

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