



# The Barbra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

17th & 18th August 2019

Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Ps 39; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53, Eucharistic Prayer 2

<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>18th August</b> <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass with Special Blessing for Stained Glass Window</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm "The Lounge", Senior Youth Group</p>	<p><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p>	
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>19th August</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 9.00am Fun Singers 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>	<div> <div> <p>This week's short and sharp gospel brings to mind two popular sayings (sometimes regarded as blessings, and sometimes regarded as curses). The first is fictitiously ascribed as an ancient Chinese saying, 'May you live in interesting times!' The inference of the blessing/curse is that 'interesting times' equate to disturbing, tumultuous times or times of rapid change. Some people thrive on such change and upheaval, while others dread the thought of change.</p> <p>The second blessing/curse is, 'May the peace of Christ disturb you!' It occasionally turns up around Christmas or Easter and is sometimes provocatively used by those who advocate for justice and peace. The saying cuts to the heart of what Jesus says in today's gospel: the message he brings is not a cosy, complacent peace, but rather a message that confronts and challenges, even turning loved ones against each other.</p> <p>Jesus reminds us that if we take on his message of compassion, hospitality and table fellowship then it can set us apart from those who have not accepted the message – even family members. It's a challenging message that even love and loyalty within a family can be disrupted by seeking to authentically live the model of Jesus. If we authentically place the needs of the lowly and the outcast ahead of our own and ahead of our family, then this can be very confronting and very disrupting. What are the consequences for family gatherings? What might the gathering at Christmas dinner look like if we take this message seriously? Jesus says that the normal obligations to family have to take second place to acting on his message and bringing about the kingdom of God.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p> </div> <div> <p><b>I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!</b></p>  </div> </div>	
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>20th August</b> <i>St. Bernard</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.00am Timeout Tuesday M/R 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting M/R</p>		
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>21st August</b> <i>St. Pius</i></p>	<p><b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>		
<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>22nd August</b> <i>Queenship of the Virgin Mary</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C</p>		
<p><b>Friday</b> <b>23rd August</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction</b> 1.00pm Bowlers P/C 7.00pm Adoration 7.00pm Listening &amp; Dialogue– Ann O'Connor's Group</p>		
<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>24th August</b> <i>St. Bartholomew</i></p>	<p>7.30pm Men's Breakfast <b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum Choir practice 3.00pm Listening &amp; Dialogue– Colleen Fuller's Group <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass + Facilitators' Commissioning</b></p>	<p><b>THE BLESSING OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW</b> will take place during the 9:30am Mass. We welcome Jim and Sue Larkey (brother and sister-in-law of the late Fr Brian Larkey), Ms Patti Robinson (artist and creator of the window), and all those parishioners who contributed to the cost of the window.</p>	
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>25th August</b> <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass + Facilitators' Commissioning</b> <b>9.30am Mass + Facilitators' Commissioning</b> 10.30am Listening &amp; Dialogue– Vince Dobson Group <b>11.00am Baptisms</b> 3.00pm Confirmation Rehearsal</p>	<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>	

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## Facilitator Commissioning + Adoration

Our Listening and Dialogue small group facilitators will be commissioned next weekend, 24/25 August at the different Masses. We thank these women and men for their willingness to lead our community in this way and pray that the Holy Spirit will be upon them and guide them.

Small groups commence this week. Facilitators will be in contact with those in their group.

We know that we need Jesus walking with us on this special journey of faith in our parish. Each week, for five weeks, a time of Adoration has been organised for those who are available to gather and pray for our parish community. Adoration will be held on Friday evenings at 7pm commencing on 23rd August. All are welcome.

**TIMEOUT TUESDAY:** 20th August St Finbar's Parish Centre. 10am - 1pm. You may enjoy sewing, knitting, crocheting, patchwork or just a 'chinwag' - come and relax in the company of like minded people and a warm and comfortable atmosphere. For more information contact Kath 47392651 or Maire 47394049.

KEEP THIS DATE FREE: 15th October CARERS WEEK EVENT

## ST FINBARS MENS BREAKFAST

Date - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am

Venue - Parish hall

It's on again. Mark the Calendar. An informal 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 neighbours and friends. For catering purposes, we will need to confirm numbers by this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 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.

**PARISH CHURCH DOUBLE DOORS:** The double doors at the entrance to the church are always unlocked at all weekend Masses. Most of you will have noticed that we are keeping them closed (but still able to be used) in order to keep the heat from our air conditioning from escaping. It would be appreciated if you could always pull these doors outward when you are using them (so that we comply with the Building Regulation that says all doors must open outwards in public buildings to allow easy escape in event of an emergency).

## "St Vincent de Paul Society Western Sydney Community Sleepout

Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus (Rydalmere)

Friday 30 August.

Participate to raise funds for your community and raise awareness of the issue of homelessness.

For further information please see flyer on the Church Notice Board"

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Tony Hickey, Brian Martland, Aiyana Cabanero, Baby Joseph Maher, 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:

Chris McGillion, Robert Carey (Ann Keating's brother), 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, Joan Lohrey, Elise & Hilary Doyle, 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:

Annia Audet, Winifred Coyle, John Cloran, Betty Grange, Edward Keough, Laurence Rowe and Handley Sweeney.

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## **Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy**

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy*, is held on Fathers' Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal. Last year, through your generosity we reached \$195,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal will be held on the weekend 31 August - 1 September. A third collection will be taken up on this weekend. Special envelopes will be available and all contributions over \$2 will be tax deductible. Appeal envelopes will be at the Wardens' Table from next weekend for those who might not be here on the Fathers' Day weekend.

## **Plenary 2020 Information and Trainings Sessions Discernment Phase 2:**

These sessions will explain how our Diocese is seeking to "Go out into the Deep", with Bishop Vincent Long inviting us to develop local and diocesan initiatives through engaging with the plenary process. Sessions will be held on the following dates:

- Monday, 19 August at Parramatta Cathedral Hall (1 Marist Place, Parramatta) - 6 pm to 9 pm
- Thursday, 22 August at Institute for Mission (1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown) - 6 pm to 9 pm
- Wednesday, 28 August at Institute for Mission (1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown) - 10.30 am to 1.30 pm
- Saturday, 31 August at Emu Plains Parish Hall (15 Troy Street, Emu Plains) - 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm
- Saturday, 7 September at St Thomas Aquinas School Hall Springwood - 9 am to 12 Noon

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to Tanya at [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org) by Wednesday, 14 August with your preferred session, date and time.

***Aid to the Church in Need*** is an international Catholic Charity that supports suffering and persecuted Christians. Currently over 200 million Christians worldwide cannot freely exercise their faith; Christians are persecuted, discriminated against or oppressed in more than 40 countries. The primary work of *Aid to the Church in Need* is focussed on providing spiritual and pastoral support to keep the Catholic faith alive. We support projects at the request of bishops and religious superiors who have nowhere else to turn. We invite you to stay informed by receiving news from the suffering Church. Visit [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org) and click

## **DIOCESAN EVENTS** The following events will take place in the Diocese in the coming weeks:

- \* Adult Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral Tuesday 10th September at 7:30pm. Information at 8838 3457
- \* Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying at Institute for Mission Blacktown on Saturday 14th September from 9:30 - 2:30. Register at 8838 3456



Please make small donations to the poor box. If you want to make a larger donation please contact Vince Dobson personally or through the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

## **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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Baptisms: By Appointment  
Weddings: By Appointment

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

Monday to Friday

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## ROSTER FOR 24TH & 25TH AUGUST 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Riley Farrell & Ethan Cameron		Keira Vermaak & Nicola De La Mare
Warden	Huia Kingi	K. Flynn/R. Keating	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Beth Culliver	Mary Creenaune	Patricia Murnane
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Margaret Dickson	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Jacqui Visser	Kevin Flynn	Frank Fitzpatrick
I.T Operator	Robyn Flynn	Andrew Teece	Joseph Marceau
Musician	Te Deum		Holy Light
Presentation of the Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Ann & Ray Keating	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Vince Dobson Noreen Taylor Lorraine Brown Allan Jones	Terry Madden Ann Keating Jean Di Nucci Volunteer Please	Mila Svehla Carmel Higgins Todd Stanford Bernie Fisher
Children's Liturgy	Michelle W		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christina Lloyd, Nicole Young & Beth Killeen		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon & Michael Lloyd		

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