



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

24th & 25th August 2019

Is 66:18-21; Ps 116; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30. Eucharistic Prayer 2

Sunday 25th August <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Listening & Dialogue- Vince Dobson Group 11.00am Baptisms 3.00pm Confirmation Rehearsal	<div data-bbox="957 327 1382 378" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>Reflection on the Gospel</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="799 400 1085 703" data-label="Text"> <p>This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives. The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1099 389 1543 669" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1251 412 1543 636" data-label="Text"> <p>For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1212 1621 1516 1655" data-label="Text"> <p><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p> </div>	<div data-bbox="799 1671 1355 1711" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>PARISH CONFIRMATION CEREMONY</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="799 1711 1490 1839" data-label="Text"> <p>Next Sunday night at the 6pm Mass, about 30 children of this parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please come to this Mass and celebrate with them as they receive the Holy Spirit into their hearts.</p> </div>
Monday 26th August	9.00am Mass		
Tuesday 27th August <i>St. Monica</i>	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Netball Meeting P/C		
Wednesday 28th August <i>St. Augustine</i>	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C		
Thursday 29th August <i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C		
Friday 30th August	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 1.00pm Bowlers P/C 7.00pm Adoration in the Church 7.00pm Listening & Dialogue- Ann O'Connor Group		
Saturday 31st August	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir practice 3.00pm Listening & Dialogue- Colleen Fuller group 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass		
Sunday 1st September <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Listening & Dialogue- Vince Dobson Group 6.00pm Confirmation Mass	<div data-bbox="799 1850 1126 1890" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>SUNDAY BAPTISMS:</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="799 1890 1315 2063" data-label="Text"> <p>The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Aurora Christine Eltakchi and Arthur Jack Dempsey this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.</p> </div>	

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

Small Groups and Adoration

Over these 4 weeks, several small groups of parishioners are meeting together weekly to discern, listen and dialogue about how we can grow as a Christ-centred community here at St Finbars.

We know that we need Jesus walking with us on this special journey of faith in our parish.

In addition, all parishioners are invited to gather for a time of Adoration each Friday night at 7pm for the next month.

We will pray for those gathering in small groups and for our parish community – that Christ will be in our midst, opening our hearts and minds to His Spirit and to one another.

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).

THANK YOU to all who attended the 9.30am Mass and Blessing of the Stained-Glass Window last Sunday. It was a special event with the attendance of the late Fr Brian Larkey's brother and sister-in-law Jim and Sue Larkey, as well as Patti Robinson, the window artist, and some of her team. Jim shared memories of his brother and also described Brian's intense interest in providing Glenbrook Parish with a beautiful place of worship. Patti spoke about the work of her team to produce the window and briefly described the religious and Australian environmental concepts of the window design. Special visitors attended from the Diocese including Dianne Wigan, Head of Fundraising Strategy and Development and Mr Wigan, along with Arthur, staff photographer who most obligingly recorded the event with many photos.

Certificates of appreciation were given to those remaining members of the church building project committee: Stan Callaghan, Frank Fitzpatrick, Shirley Konza, Marie Hurley and Margaret Richards, and also to Judy Burrett for her back-up work as parish secretary during that time. Special thanks to Mary Lopez, Judy Burrett and Clare Brown who stepped in at late notice to provide music for mass. A big thanks to Lena Wiecek, Maire Griffin, Noreen Taylor, Trish Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene Aligno, and Tricia and Kieran Murnane for their wonderful support in providing hospitality for a delicious morning tea. Finally, thank you to Fr Jolly his enthusiastic support and for the Blessing Ceremony, and also to Juliana and Peter who provided secretarial support and organisation of the recognition wall plaque for the window.

"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:

John Parker (Husband of Gwen), 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, Mark Bates, Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Sandra & Chris Paine, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Ken Moore, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Grant Madden, Maddison Farrugia, Jacqui Visser, Elise & Hilary Doyle, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, Colleen Nolan, Mary Buda, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Sophie Hollies, Charlotte Mansour and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Margaret Smith, Angela Plevey, Bruno De Mattia, Yvonne Price, Elizabeth Sefton, Les McDermott, Maria Pay, Willy Boere, Andrew Wiecek, Ellen Fall, Richard Nagle, Hermanus Voorn, James Griffin, Shiela Anderson, Walter Quealy, Noel Gibson, Mary McKenzie and Michael Price.

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Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

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 this weekend for those who might be away on Fathers' Day.

Gifts in Wills Campaign 14/15 September to Inspire Parishioner Consideration and Support

To inspire our faith community to consider giving a gift in their Will to advance the ministry of our Church, Parramatta Catholic Foundation will launch a *Gifts in Wills Campaign* in association with *Include A Charity Week* during 9 to 15 September 2019.

Include a Charity Week is a national *social change and media campaign* which encourages more Australians to give a gift in their Will to causes close to their heart.

The Gifts in Wills Campaign isn't a fundraising appeal. It's an awareness campaign to inspire parishioners when writing their Will or updating their Will, to consider contributing to parish life and Catholic ministry beyond their lifetime. Our gifts in Wills initiative will invite parishioners to consider a gift in their Will to their parish, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, or our vital ministries, after first providing for their family and loved ones.

Plenary Council 2020: The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published *Listen to what the Spirit is saying*, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

2019 Faith in Marriage Seminar: 30 August: American Catholic Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is the guest speaker at The Life, Family and Marriage Office's 2019 Faith in Marriage Seminar on Friday 30 August at St Paul's Catholic College Hall, Greystanes from 7.30pm. Free entry and a light supper will be served afterwards. Donations are welcome. Please register your attendance to 02 8838 3460 or lmf@parracatholic.org

Reflection Day for Women – 7 September: Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa, is hosting a reflection day for women on Saturday 7 September from 9.30am to 3pm. Sr M Isabell Naumann will speak on the theme 'give me the living water, that I may never thirst again.' \$25 per person and BYO lunch. RSVP by 4 Sept on 02 4773 8338.

Adult Confirmation: 10 September: Adult Confirmation for 2019 will be held on Tuesday 10 September at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 7.30pm. A Catechesis Day for Adult Confirmation will be held on Saturday 31 August from 9.30am to 2pm. Any adult over 16 years wanting to be confirmed please see your Parish Office for information or contact the Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or mary-louise.walsh@parracatholic.org

Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Ongoing Formation: 14 September

The Office for Worship is organising a formation day for those already involved in the ministry, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and the Dying on Saturday 14 September at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown, from 9:30am until 2pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. RSVP by 10 September. To RSVP, please contact the Office for Worship team on anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org or 8838 3456.



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ROSTER FOR 31ST AUGUST & 1ST SEPTEMBER 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Grace Incorvil & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	K. Flynn/R. Keating	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	John De Mattia	Avril Llewellyn
2 nd Reading	Eileen Jones	Mary Creenaune	Amanda Moore
Intercession	Maureen Tulk	Margaret Dickson	Steve Newton
I.T Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Jemmy Brickwood	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	Pam		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Joe Grange		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance & Vicky Ang		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		

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