



The BARRA

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

31st August & 1st September 2019

Ecc1 3:17-20, 28-29; Ps 67; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14. Eucharistic Prayer 2

		Reflection on the Gospel
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 6.00 Confirmation Mass	<p>In the gospel of Luke, Jesus is accused of eating with sinners and tax collectors (Lk 15) and we have an image of Jesus as always eating with the marginalised. However, today's gospel account is a more common occurrence: Jesus eating with a leading Pharisee and people of social importance. Although Jesus is depicted as frequently dining in the houses of these well-to-do people, he was probably never invited a second time! As in today's account, Jesus made a habit of accepting the hospitality of such people and then giving them a lecture about how they should behave and reminding them who was not gathered around the table with them. Certainly the sort of actions that don't see too many follow-up invitations!</p> <p>The message he dishes out to the Pharisees on this occasion is about not thinking you're more important than you really are. He tells them that it is far better to assume a lower status and to be lifted to greater prominence than it is to assume too much and have to be asked to step down to your proper status. In first century Jewish society, eating was as much a political act as it was a social one. Who you ate with was a reflection of your social and political position. To be invited to the head of the table would reflect very positively on a guest whilst being asked to assume a lower seat would be humiliating.</p> <p>Jesus' final teaching in this account would have been outrageous to his audience. The thought of inviting to a meal people who were in no position to reciprocate was absolutely ridiculous. But Jesus encourages his audience to give to those who cannot repay – to be graciously generous just as God gives without expecting anything in return.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p> <p>CONFIRMATION Today our parish is privileged to host the Confirmation of 31 young people who will receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit for the first time. Fr Chris De Souza VG, EV will represent the Bishop at the ceremony. Congratulation to all the candidates, to their sponsors and to parishioners Julie-Ann and Jim McLoughlin who prepared them all. Please remember them in your prayers.</p> <p>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 .</p>
Monday 2nd September	9.00am Mass 5.00pm SVDP Meeting 7.00pm Listening & Dialogue- Colleen Fuller Group	
Tuesday 3rd September <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R	
Wednesday 4th September	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 5th September	9.00am Mass 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	
Friday 6th September	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 10.00am First Friday Visits 1.00pm Bowlers P/C 7.00pm Listening & Dialogue- Ann O'Connor Group	
Saturday 7th September	9.00am Mass 11.00am Te Deum Choir practice 12 noon Baptism 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 8th September <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 8.45am Bridge P/C 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptisms 10.30am Listening & Dialogue- Vince Dobson Group 1.00pm Blue Mountains Band Concert	

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.



ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

Small Groups and Adoration continue

Small groups continue to meet this week – please keep all those involved in your prayers.

During this blessed time in our parish, all are invited to gather for a time of Adoration each Friday at 7pm in the church and pray together for our parish community. May Christ be in our midst, opening our hearts and minds to His Spirit and to one another.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dear fellow parishioners, the Parish Finance Committee meets regularly to advise our parish priest on all aspects of the financial management of the parish. The latest meeting was on 20th August, and items discussed included:

- ✚ the recent financial audit (good),
- ✚ the feasibility of a Columbarium (we have to liaise with the Bishop and the Council re permission and rules, and with the Parish Council to ensure the parishioners are consulted)
- ✚ the use of Tap/Paywave as an alternative or additional way of donating to the parish.

Please find some interesting graphs posted on the notice boards which show that the parish is working towards a debt-free position. On behalf of the Finance Committee and Fr Jolly, I wish to thank you all for your generous contributions to our St Finbar's parish.

Carl Moll, Chairperson.

UPCOMING EVENTS The following events are coming up in our parish:

- ⇒ Confirmation Sunday 1st September
- ⇒ Bishop's Fathers Day Appeal—1/2 September
- ⇒ Feast of St Finbar Wednesday 25th September
- ⇒ Trivia Night Saturday 12th October 6:30 for 7pm start
- ⇒ Caring for Carers High Tea Tuesday 15th October
- ⇒ All Saints Friday 1st November
- ⇒ All Souls special Mass Friday 1st November at 7:30pm
- ⇒ Men's Breakfast Saturday 16th November
- ⇒ First Holy Communion Sunday 24th November

THANK YOU: Last Saturday morning we held our regular Mens Breakfast and it was again a great success. Thank you to Doug Frewer for his interesting talk about his work in Cambodia. Many thanks also to John De Mattia and the BBQ cooks and especially to Vicky Ang and the ladies who supported us with their kitchen magic. Please diarize the **16th of November** for the next Men's breakfast.

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, Gillian Roche (relative of Brian and Thea), Robert Carey (Ann Keating's brother), Ken Moore, 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, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Mary Buda, Jacqui Visser, Elise & Hilary Doyle, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Sophie Hollies, Colleen Nolan, Charlotte Mansour and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Eileen Trevaskis, Valma Jones, Anna Instance, Elsie Whitton, Gweneth Scott, June Jones and Harold Brown.

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DIOCESAN NEWS

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy will be held this weekend

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. The appeal will be held this 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. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your name clearly on the envelope. Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2020. Thank you for your generosity.

Plenary 2020 Information and Training Session: 7 September: This session will explain how our Diocese is seeking to "Go out into the Deep" with Bishop Vincent inviting us to develop local and Diocesan initiatives through engaging with the plenary process. The session will be at Our Lady of the Way, 15 Troy St Emu Pains 9am to noon.

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.

CYP Convent Crawl: 7 September Catholic Youth Parramatta are organising a 'Convent Crawl' – an opportunity for young women to experience a day-long journey glimpsing the life of consecrated women. Join CYP as they visit four religious communities across the Diocese of Parramatta. 7 September from 6am to 8.30pm. To register, please visit parracatholic.org/conventcrawl. For inquiries, please contact gwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

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.

Divine Mercy and Rosary Prayer Session: 15 September: St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith, is hosting an intercessory prayers session on Sunday 15 September from 3pm in the PMR1 Room. People of all backgrounds are welcome to unite as God's family and pray. For more information, please contact Steffi Sequeira on 0436 395 763 or steffi.parry.sequeira@gmail.com

Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Perth: 7 – 11 December 2019: ACYF19 involves three days of exciting, large scale Plenaries, tens of workshops, concerts, prayer experiences, fun, expos and concludes with an outdoor Mass with the City of Perth. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta will be leading an expected 200 participants. Free twin-share hotel accommodation is being offered now. Register at www.catholicyouthparramatta.org



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ROSTER FOR 7TH & 8TH OF SEPTEMBER 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	K. Flynn/R. Keating	Patricia Murnane
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Sue McGrath
1 st Reading	Allan Jones	Maura Williams	Richard Cutler
2 nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Andrew Teece	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Carmel Higgins
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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 Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Colin		
Cashier	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Daren & Liz Dukes		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie & Jessica Doherty		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Beth Culliver		

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