



The BARRA

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

7th & 8th September 2019

Wis 9:13-18; Ps 89; Phil 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:1, 25-33. Eucharistic Prayer 2

Sunday 8th September <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 8.45am Bridge 9.30am Mass 10.30am Listening & Dialogue- Vince Dobson Group 11.00am Baptism 1.00pm Blue Mountains Band Concert	<div data-bbox="965 331 1380 376" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>Reflection on the Gospel</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="805 403 1533 1590" data-label="Text"> <p>Hate' is an emotive and extremely harsh word in our society. In its gospel context, the word is not used as an opposite of 'love' but as an indication of deserving of less significance than another thing. So the teaching about hating father, mother, etc can be read as saying that being a disciple of Jesus must take precedence over everything else, even family. In 1st Century culture, family was foremost above everything else; it was the very fibre that held society together. Jesus is saying that discipleship must be put above even that which is most important and most intrinsic to life in this world. That is why he goes on to tell the two stories about the need to count the cost before undertaking an important venture. He makes clear to his listeners that discipleship is more important than anything else and that there are huge costs associated with taking it on. A believer has to literally 'count the cost' of what it will mean to place discipleship above family, friendships, career, politics and even life itself. Jesus makes no apologies for the fact that what he is asking is incredibly demanding. Our 'possessions' are all those things – material, emotional, and psychological – that we cling to and that we think give us our identity and status. Jesus called for a radical reinterpretation of status and position. He tells his listeners that they cannot truly be disciples if they continue to cling to those things that are considered important in this world. They have to surrender the things that bind them to this world's ideas of status and position before they can fully embrace the kingdom view of the world. As Jesus said, you have to really count the cost!</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1329 394 1541 607" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1187 1594 1533 1630" data-label="Text"> <p><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p> </div>	<p>CONFIRMATION. Congratulations to all those who were Confirmed last Sunday. Certificates will be presented on 15th September at 6pm Mass.</p>
Monday 9th September	9.00am Mass 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R		
Tuesday 10th September	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting M/R		
Wednesday 11th September	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C		
Thursday 12th September	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 5.00pm Frewer Concert Practice P/C 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C		
Friday 13th September <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 10.00 Conversation & Cuppa At School 1.00pm Bowlers P/C 6.00pm St. Finbar's Netball Junior Presentation 7.00pm Adoration 7.00pm Listening & Dialogue- Ann O'Connor Group		
Saturday 14th September <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9.00am Mass 10.30am Te Deum Choir practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass 7.00pm St. Finbar's Netball Club 50th Dinner Anniversary	<div data-bbox="805 1796 1345 1832" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>SATURDAY & SUNDAY BAPTISMS:</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="805 1832 1345 1966" data-label="Text"> <p>The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Sebastian McCaughan and Ella Lennox, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1385 1796 1522 1973" data-label="Image"> </div>	<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>
Sunday 15th September <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Listening & Dialogue- Vince Dobson Group 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group Yr 7 and up.		

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.

DROUGHT RELIEF:

We have a car available to take food and toiletries to Gunnedah on 19th October. If you would like to support this parish initiative, please place items into boxes in the Narthex.

Thank you from the Pastoral care team and St. Vincent De Paul.

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT: The Parish Trivia night will be held on Saturday 12th October in the Hall at 6.30pm (for a 7pm start). The cost will be **\$10** per person and there will be room for 8 people on each table. BYO drinks and nibbles. We will set up a table in the Narthex next week where you can write the names of the people on your table. We will also have a Guessing Competition set up on the table. The cost is \$1 per guess or 3 guesses for \$2.

DONATIONS WANTED - we are looking for donations of non-perishable food & household items (tea, coffee, biscuits, cereals, dishwashing liquid, cleaning products etc.) which will be used for prizes. Please place these items in the washing baskets near the table in the Narthex. Looking forward to a great night full of fun.

TIMEOUT TUESDAY: 17th September. St Finbar's Parish Centre. 10 - 1pm

CARERS WEEK EVENT

15th October 2019

High tea with the silver fox quartet (Story telling & Poetry)

St. Finbar's Parish Centre 10am – 1pm

Carers and Others Welcome - Wheelchair access

For Catering purpose please write your name on sheet at the wardens table

Or

Contact Kath 47392651; ktierney@bigpond.net.au

RSVP 9th October

NO CHEQUES PLEASE: The banks are trying to phase out cheques by charging very high fees to process them. One way you can help the parish is to make your weekly donations or payments by cash, credit card or direct debit. If you would like further information, contact Peter in the parish office

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

George Frampton, 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, 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:

Stefanie Webber, Edward Parslow, John Gillian, Margaret O'Hare, Paul Moore, Margaret Hunt and Marie Lutton.

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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* was held on Fathers' Day. If you were not here last weekend, or if you were not able to contribute for any reason, please use an envelope this weekend, and place it in either collection. Thank you for your generosity. Tax deductible receipts will be sent by February 2020.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN: It is a requirement of the Diocese that all parishioners aged 18 and over, and who do any parish or school work with children, are required to have a current Working With Children Check. This is available on application to the Office of Children's Guardianship. Once obtained, you must then be registered with the Diocese before you can work with children. Thus all Priests, Parish Staff, Sacristans, Senior Servers, Catechists, Children's Liturgy workers, Youth Group, Music Group and Playgroup supervisors all need to be so registered. If you have any queries please speak to Peter in the parish office.

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

- ♦ 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 9am Mass
- ♦ All Souls special Mass Friday 1st November at 7:30pm
- ♦ Men's Breakfast Saturday 16th November at 7:30am
- ♦ First Holy Communion Sunday 24th November at 9:30am Mass

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Parramatta Catholic Foundation Gifts in Wills Campaign:

What Will Be Your Legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity? During Include A Charity Week, we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a Gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in Parramatta Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. **For information on remembering the Church in your Will: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills**

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

St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Feast Day: 22 September: Everyone is invited to the Feast Day of St Padre Pio at St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park. The procession will start at 9.30am, followed by the feast day Mass, veneration and blessing by St Padre Pio's Holy Relic and other festivities. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 4737 9735.



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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 14TH & 15TH OF SEPTEMBER 2019

Liturgical	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Stuart Sheary
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji & Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers Ann & Alex Walker
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Kevin Flynn or Ray Keating	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Ann Keating	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Annis Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
I.T Operator	Thais Turner	Ellen Teece	Patrick Watson
Musician	Cantabile		
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & Family
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh Jean Di Nucci Jessica Tuller	Therese Luczak Annis Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	Danielle		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Lorraine Brown		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene & Bert Aligno		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Lee Jackson & Louise Heber		
Garden Club	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		

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