



# The Barbra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

14th & 15th September 2019

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 50; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32. Eucharistic Prayer 2

<b>Sunday 15th September</b> <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.30am Listening & Dialogue- Vince Dobson Group <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group Yr 7 and up.	<b>Reflection on the Gospel</b>	
<b>Monday 16th September</b> <i>Sts Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 9.00am Fun Singers 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.30pm Listening & Dialogue group-Colleen	<div data-bbox="1326 398 1544 562" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The gospel passage begins with an accusation that Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. This is the gravest social accusation one could level at another because who you ate with was a reflection of your own status. To welcome sinners and to eat with them was to effectively become one of them yourself. In response to this accusation, rather than mounting an argument, the gospel writer has Jesus tell three parables about the lost being found. The answer to the accusation is that those dismissed as 'sinners' are the 'lost' who will be celebrated with extravagant rejoicing when they have been 'found' again through their acceptance of the message of Jesus.</p> <p>The parable of the lost son is usually taken in isolation and rarely is heard in the full context of the three parables of the lost being found. We need all three to recognise the ridiculous nature of the celebration of the forgiving father's actions. All three parables display great folly. What shepherd would leave 99 of his sheep in the wilderness to go in search of just one? Similarly what woman is going to reveal to her friends how poverty-stricken she really is by inviting them to rejoice with her at the finding of one lost drachma – the least valuable of coins. When we come to the father rejoicing at his son's return, this too would have seemed a ridiculous folly. Because of his actions, the son completely shamed himself and his father. The father's expected and justified response would have been to turn his back on his son and banish him forever. To welcome him back would have been unthinkable to Jesus' audience. In an echo of God's ridiculous and unbounded loving forgiveness, the father welcomes his son with open arms and reclaims him as his own.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Reflection by Greg Sunter</b></p>	
<b>Tuesday 17th September</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.00am Timeout Tuesday M/R 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice	<b>PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION GIFTS IN WILLS CAMPAIGN</b>	
<b>Wednesday 18th September</b>	<b>8.00am Mass</b> followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Requiem Mass for Juliana's Mother.	<p>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: <a href="http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills">yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills</a></p>	
<b>Thursday 19th September</b>	<b>10.00am Healing Mass</b> followed by morning tea. 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	<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>	
<b>Friday 20th September</b> <i>Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon &amp; Paul Chong Ha-sang</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> followed by Benediction 1.00pm Bowlers P/C 7.00pm Adoration 7.00pm Listening & Dialogue- Ann O'Connor Group		
<b>Saturday 21st September</b> <i>St. Matthew apostle &amp; evangelist</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.30am Te Deum Choir practice 3.00pm Listening & Dialogue Colleen Fuller Group 4.00pm School movie night P/C <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>		
<b>Sunday 22nd September</b> <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.30am Listening & Dialogue- Vince Dobson Group <b>11.00am Baptism</b> 3.00pm Schubertiade Choral and Chamber Concert		

# 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

15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ktierney@bigpond.net.au)

RSVP 9<sup>th</sup> 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:

Gillian Roche (relative of Brian and Thea), Charlotte Mansour (Juliana Khnouf's mum), 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 and Ian McNay.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Chris McGillion, 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 and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Margaret O'Hare, Paul Moore, Margaret Hunt, Marie Lutton, Fred Clinton, William Waters, Thomas Charles, Baby Amber Jenkins, Pamela Cottee, Rosina Merchant, Victorio Girenti and John Nolan.

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## **Feedback Box and Feedback Form in the church foyer – open to all parishioners!**

Our parish is journeying together, and small groups are continuing to meet, to reflect upon:

*What is God asking of us at St Finbars at this time?*

*How is God calling us to grow as a Christ-centred parish?*

**You are invited to share your input through the Feedback Form and place it in the Feedback Box - especially if you haven't been able to join a small group!**

The Feedback Box will be in the church foyer during September and October.

A parish working party will then be formed to review all input and distil it into themes. In early 2020, these themes will be presented to our parish community, and you will be invited to indicate your support for particular themes to focus on.

Thank you for enriching our parish community!

**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.

## **Diocese of Parramatta Notices**

### **Plenary Council 2020**

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern", at

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### **Office for Worship RCIA Workshop: 5 October**

The Diocese of Parramatta has once again the exciting opportunity to have Nick Wagner, co-founder of TeamRCIA, to facilitate a workshop. This full-day workshop will be held on Saturday 5 October at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. For more information and to RSVP, please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3457 or [ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org](mailto:ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org).

**Institute for Mission (IFM) in conjunction with St Thomas Aquinas Parish, invite parishioners for the workshop:**  
"From Invisible to Invincible - Embracing God's gift of years"

WHEN: Wednesday, 9 October 2019

WHERE: St Thomas Aquinas Parish Centre, 168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood

TIME: 10.30am – 1pm. Contact and RSVP: Margaret Smith (0427 081 936)

## **STAND FOR LIFE RALLY AGAINST PROPOSED ABORTION LAWS.**

Sunday the 15th of September at 2.30pm at Hyde Park Sydney.

**Urgently needed** a double or queen mattress for a needy family. Please contact Vince Dobson on 47391376.

## **Catholic Bushwalking Club**

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# PARISH INFORMATION

## Sacraments

Confessions: Sat 4.45-5.15pm  
Baptisms: By Appointment  
Weddings: By Appointment

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

Monday to Friday

Office Phone: (02) 4739 8928

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PO Box 123 Glenbrook NSW 2773

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## Secretary:

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## Web:

www.stfinbars.org.au

## Parish School:

Principal Mrs Robyn Clarke  
Phone: 4724 3600

## ROSTER FOR 21ST & 22ND OF SEPTEMBER 2019

Liturgical	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	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Volunteer Please
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Gerard Egan	Mary Creenaune	Avril Llewellyn
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Philomena Watkins	Andrew Teece	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Elizabeth Konza	Yvonne Scanlan
I.T Operator	Robyn Flynn	Andrew Teece	Joseph Marceau
Musician	Te Deum		Holy Light
Presentation of the Gifts	Steve & Heather Lee	Rivas Family	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Vince Dobson Noreen Taylor Lorraine Brown Allan Jones	Terry Madden Ann Keating Jean Di Nucci Volunteer Please	Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Todd Stanford
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Kerry & Peter Herborn, Marie Nassif		
Church Care	Leanne Brown & Stage 3 Students.		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		

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