



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

28th & 29th September 2019

Amos 6:1, 4-7; Ps 145; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31. Eucharistic Prayer 2

		Reflection on the Gospel
Sunday 29th September <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass	<p>Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up?</p> <p>The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.</p> <p>Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Diane Bergant CSA</i></p> <p><i>Thank you to my church family at St. Finbars for your prayers and support over the last two weeks since my mum had passed away, thank you for all the phone calls, sympathy cards and flowers. A special thanks to Father Jolly, Pat Watson, Ros and the Pastoral Care ladies for a beautiful Mass and supper. Please know that your care and prayers are highly valued. God bless you all. Juliana Khnouf</i></p> <p>AGAPANTHUS PLANTS. We require up to 100 individual plants to complete a part of the Prayer Walk on the King Street side of the church. Do you have any agapanthus individual plants/clumps to spare please? Please contact Kieran Murnane for pick up 0419246972</p>
Monday 30th September <i>St. Jerome</i>	9.00am Mass 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	
Tuesday 1st October <i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R 7.30pm St. Finbar's Netball Club AGM P/C	
Wednesday 2nd October <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 3rd October	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C	
Friday 4th October <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 10.30am First Friday Visits 1.00pm Bowlers P/C	
Saturday 5th October	9.00am Mass 10.30am Te Deum Choir practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 6th October <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	Daylight Saving Start 7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass No Youth Mass	

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

PARISH GATHERING: WHAT IS THE SPIRIT SAYING TO US?

All parishioners are invited to come together to hear how the Holy Spirit has been speaking in and through the voices of those involved in our parish Listening and Dialogue process. Each small group will present some of the themes that emerged during their time together.

We will gather on **Sunday, 27 October from 10.45 – 12.30pm** to share and celebrate this Spirit-led journey. All are welcome!

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.



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ACN AUSTRALIA

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) is hosting a prayer campaign on 18 October titled: "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents and grandparents to pray the rosary together with children for peace and unity around the world. If you would like to participate, information and resources can be found online at: www.millionkidspraying.org.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gillian Roche (relative of Brian and Thea), 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:

Francis Luland, Anthony Cunningham, Rodney Mulvey, Kenneth Kelly, Joyce Richards, Donald King, Barry Ward, Vincent Flynn, Kelvin Lawrence, Olive Power, Bernard Graham, Eugenia Bojec, Margaret Oxford, Stanislaus Lynch, Norman Bell and Phil Fehon.

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AACHEN CATHEDRAL GIRLS CHOIR
in concert at
St. Finbar's Catholic Church
52 Levy Street, Glenbrook
Friday 18th October 2019 at 6pm
Free Admission



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info@dixonstrees.com.au

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.

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

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)

Diocesan Forum Resources

You are invited to view the resources from the recent Diocesan Forum at www.parracatholic.org/forum2019. Read the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, data collated from the forum and images from the day. There will be further opportunities to engage in deanery and diocesan initiatives following the Forum as we continue to go out into the deep to become the community Christ calls us to be.

Upper Blue Mountains Adoration Chapel

Beginning Tuesday 24 September, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish in the Upper Blue Mountains is opening an Adoration Chapel at St Canice's Church, Katoomba. If you would like further information or would like to sign up for a weekly hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, please call the parish office on 02 4782 2804.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 27 October

All married couples and their families are warmly invited to the Diocese of Parramatta's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on 27 October at 11am. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Mass and will join couples and their families for a light lunch in the Cathedral Hall afterwards. Please register your names and numbers of years married, and the numbers attending the lunch by contacting the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org.



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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 5TH & 6TH OCTOBER 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	Carl Moll	Volunteer Please
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin	Joshua & Lucy Toutounji	Grace Incorvil & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance & Sue McGrath
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Terry Keogh	Jesse Mowbray
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Briony Mowbray
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Martin Rogers
I.T Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Elizabeth Konza	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 Pursehouse Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday		
Cashier	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance & Vicky Ang		
Church Care	Kath & Jim Tierney, Eileen Jones & Gwen Cullinan		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		

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