

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

19th & 20th October 2019

Exodus 17:8-13; Ps 120; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8. Eucharistic Prayer 2

<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>20th October</b></p> <p><i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Baptisms</b> <b>1.30pm Bridge P/C</b> <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> <b>7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple: there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer. As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him. To have this kind of facility with Scripture requires that one enter into the deep meaning of the Scriptures and make them the basis of one's prayer. One must engage in what the monks call <i>lectio divina</i>, prayerful reflective reading of the scriptures. This practice, or spiritual discipline, gives us access to God and it also gives God access to us. It gives us the courage and the gentleness to teach, to refute, to correct. When our ministerial activity flows from prayer, it also flows from and strengthens right relationships with God and with the community. When this becomes a reality, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Diane Bergant CSA</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> </div> </div>
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>21st October</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>9.00am Fun Singers</b></p>	
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>22nd October</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>7.30pm St. Finbar's Netball AGM P/C</b></p>	
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>23rd October</b></p>	<p><b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary</b> <b>9.30am Playgroup P/C</b> <b>7.00pm Bridge P/C</b></p>	
<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>24th October</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R</b> <b>1.30pm Bridge P/C</b> <b>5.30pm Cambodia Concert Rehearsal P/C</b> <b>7.30pm International Dance Group P/C</b></p>	
<p><b>Friday</b> <b>25th October</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass + Benediction</b> <b>1.00pm Bowlers P/C</b></p>	
<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>26th October</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>10:30am Te Deum Choir practice</b> <b>4.15pm First Holy Communion Preparation Session P/C</b> <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass SRE Recruitment</b> <b>7.30pm Cambodia Concert</b></p>	<p><b><i>Fun Singers is on Monday the 21st of October at 9am.</i></b></p> <p><b><u>CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL</u></b> This appeal was held last weekend. Envelopes remain on the seats so that those who were not here last weekend, or who were unable to donate for any reason, can offer a donation today. Please use one of the envelopes and place it in either collection. Thank you for your generosity</p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>27th October</b></p> <p><i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass SRE Recruitment</b> <b>10.45am Parish Plenary Feedback Gathering P/C</b> <b>3.00pm "A Taste of Italy" Concert</b></p>	

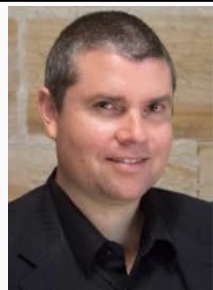
## SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Evelyn Ann Morton, Tyler Matthew Morton and Abigail Rose Fahy this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.



*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



## A Taste of Italy

*An afternoon of Music and Song with*  
**Michael Gioiello – Tenor and Michael Taylor – Organ**  
 Italian Arias interleaved with organ solo items  
**St. Finbar's Catholic Church, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook**  
**Sunday October 27, 2019**  
**at 3pm**

*Suggested donation \$15 and \$10 concession*



## Concert for Cambodia

A wonderful concert featuring the Blue Mountains Orchestra and friends from the BM Concert Band will be held in the Parish Hall starting 7.30pm on Saturday 26th October. The concert titled "Classics to Abba" will feature wind and string music that should have wide appeal.

The concert is in support of Bush School Cambodia.

Cost: \$25 per person, \$45 per family (concessions avail.)

Bookings recommended: Phone Doug on 0403 303 943 (some tickets available at door).

**2020 Religious calendars are now available at the wardens' table. \$6 Franciscan and \$9 Columban.**

*Thank Kathleen & ALL her wonderful volunteers for the absolutely wonderful day they put on for National Carer's week. Pat Barrett.*

## 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 **next Sunday, 27 October from 10.45 – 12.30pm** to share and celebrate this Spirit-led journey.

All are welcome!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Liam O'Sullivan (Son of Mary & Mick), Joan Bezanson (Colleen McHardy's sister), Gillian Roche (relative of Brian and Thea), George Frampton, John Parker (husband of Gwen), Tony Hickey, Brian Martland, Kathleen O'Connor, Victor Baker, Rita O'Malley, Stanley Harris and Ian McNay.

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

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, Michelle Anthony, Ernie Cafe and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

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

Peter Jeans, Margaret Collins, Robert Weston, Maurice Scaramuzzi, Mary Murray, Margaret Plim, Daphne Grange, Thelma Taylor, Eileen Burrowes, Arthur Kachel, Kathleen Graham, Peter Brown, William Brownlow, May Graham, Carlyle Murray, Baby Peter Shatford, Lorna O'Neill, Edna Helm, Alice McGregor, Rubena Appleton, Michael Drinkwater and Anne Bell.

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**ALL SOULS MASS:** This year will be celebrated on Friday the 1st of November, 2019 at 7.30pm. The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered for all the faithful departed with special remembrance of those whose funeral took place at St. Finbar's during the past year. Also invited to participate in the liturgy are parishioners who have lost a close relative during the past year and whose funeral was conducted outside the Parish. A candle ceremony will be part of the celebration so if you would like your loved one remembered by lighting a candle (which your family member will place on the sanctuary during the Mass). Please contact the Parish Office on 47398928 before the 28th of October. A small framed photo of your loved one could also be placed on the sanctuary before the commencement of Mass.



## **PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT.**

Congratulations to Senior Youth Group Team for winning this year's Trivia Night.

A special thanks for Martin and Lyndal Rogers and Cheryl Kersivien for their hard work organising the Trivia Night. It was a great success.



## **ALL SAINTS KIDS' HEROS PARTY - Thursday, 31st Oct 2019**

Come and join us to celebrate the life of our Saints and heroes who have passed on but still inspire us today! There will be fun activities, games, treats and time to meet other families. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Yes, this will be a little different to a traditional Halloween event. Instead of scary spooky costumes we'll be celebrating something a whole lot more positive, fun and meaningful.

**When: Thursday, 31st October Time: 5:15PM – 7:15PM**

**Where: Parish Hall.**

There is no cost! We only ask that you RSVP by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Please text Kristina on 0456 449 285 to confirm numbers of children and adults. Your RSVP will help us to cater appropriately and prepare activities for the kids. We look forward to seeing you for this celebration that is one for the whole family!

*Liam O'Sullivan (Son of Mary & Mick O'Sullivan) late of Invercargill New Zealand recently passed away. Please keep his parents and sisters in your prayers at this time.*

## **JOIN OUR TEAM!**

St. Finbar's team of Scripture Teachers needs more members. We provide 30-40 minute lessons, once a week, for the children in local primary schools. Curriculum, lesson plans and students' activity books all provided. It is a rewarding way to increase our faith while teaching the children. If you would like to join our team please call Beth on 4739.8577.

## **Diocese of Parramatta Notices**

### **Positions Vacant:**

- Parish Coordinator of Ministries (part-time) - Parish of Richmond
- Volunteers – Mamre Creche - CatholicCare
- Manager of Family Relationship Services - CatholicCare

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### **Plenary Council 2020 Diocesan Session 2: 23 October**

You are invited to the second of the six sessions in the Diocese of Parramatta to gather and discern the Plenary Council 2020 National Themes for Discernment. This session on 'Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal' will be held on 23 October from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org) or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

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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

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**Parish School:** Principal Mrs Robyn Clarke

Phone: 4724 3600

## ROSTER FOR 26TH & 27TH OCTOBER 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	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		Erika McNay
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Beth Culliver	Mary Creenaune	Patricia Murnane
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Margaret Dickson	Elizabeth Rowe
Intercession	Volunteer Please	Kevin Flynn	Greg Rowe
I.T Operator	Eleanor Thompson	Andrew Teece	Joseph Marceau
Musician	Te Deum		Holy Light
Presentation of the Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Ann & Ray Keating	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Noreen Taylor Lorraine Brown Allan Jones Volunteer Please	Terry Madden Ann Keating Jean Di Nucci Volunteer Please	Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Todd Stanford
Children's Liturgy	Michelle S		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Joe Grange		
Hospitality	Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Church Care	Jeanine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		
Garden Club	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		

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