



The BARRA

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

2nd & 3rd November 2019

Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Ps 144; 2 Thess 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10. Eucharistic Prayer 2

Sunday 3rd November <i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group	<h2>Reflection on the Gospel</h2>	
Monday 4th November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.00am Mass	<p>Through nine or ten chapters of the gospel of Luke and over several months we have been following the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. In today's gospel, Jesus has drawn very near to Jerusalem – Jericho is just a short distance from Jerusalem – and Jesus is moving steadily closer to the Passion of his final days. Zacchaeus is as keen as the rest of Jericho to see Jesus as he passes through the town. However, because he is so short he can't see past the crowd and because he is a despised tax collector, no one was going to make room for him to see. He goes to the extreme length of climbing a tree just to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Like other characters in the gospel, his determination to simply catch sight of Jesus is an indication of his readiness to accept the message of Jesus. Because of his evident willingness to welcome the message of Jesus into his life, Jesus prompts Zacchaeus to welcome Jesus into his home. The readiness of Jesus to enter into the house of someone regarded as a sinner causes great scandal among the onlookers. What's more, Jesus is prepared to eat with this man as well – a sign of complete acceptance. The welcome of Zacchaeus meets the welcome of God. Jesus declares that salvation has come to Zacchaeus' house and that he is a son of Abraham – one of the faithful. His words are directed to the crowd, not Zacchaeus. They are so determined to draw lines between those who are acceptable and those who are not that they have failed to notice what Jesus has taught all along – that faith can flourish in all people and is not determined by their social status.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p>	
Tuesday 5th November	9.00am Mass 8.30 Bridge Club P/C 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R	<p>NOVEMBER is the month we especially remember our departed brothers and sisters, parents and family members. Please pray for them and remember them in the Masses. Special Mass Envelopes are available on the Worden's table.</p>	
Wednesday 6th November	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 10.00am Richard Formosa's Funeral at Pinegrove Northern Chapel 7.00pm Bridge P/C	<p>2020 Religious calendars are now available at the wardens' table. \$6 Franciscan and \$9 Columban.</p>	
Thursday 7th November	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 1.45pm Dawn Willis Free Recital-Church 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	<p>CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL Many thanks to all our parishioners who contributed to this appeal over the last couple of weeks. The parish raised \$2049 which will be forwarded to Catholic Missions on your behalf. May God's blessings be with you.</p>	
Friday 8th November	9.00am Mass + Benediction 9.00am School Kindergarten Orientation Day 11.00am SRE Meeting M/R 1.00pm Bowlers P/C 5.00pm Bush Dance P/C		
Saturday 9th November <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9.00am Mass 10.30am Te Deum Choir practice 4.15pm First Holy Communion Preparation Session P/C 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass		
Sunday 10th November <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism		



***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

INTRODUCING OUR ST FINBARS PARISH WORKING GROUP

Many thanks to all those parishioners who took part in our Parish Gathering last week - what an encouraging and joyful celebration of our community's love for Christ and our parish. We now move into the next phase of our journey together which involves distilling the input that has been collected into themes and practical actions relevant to these themes. This will help us to identify those areas where the Spirit might be prompting us to focus our energy as a community.

Many thanks to the following members of our parish who have accepted the nominations of those in their Listening and Dialogue groups to form the Parish Working Group.

Martin Rogers (Facilitator)

Elizabeth Rowe

Joanne Stubbs

Debbie Low

Annabelle McLaughlin

Luke Doughty

Irene Aligno

Melissa McDonald

Vince Dobson

This group will be responsible for distilling the input collected and will present back to our community in the new year. Please keep this group in your prayers as they work together on the next phase in our process.



LIGHTS IN THE CHURCH

You have probably noticed the huge improvement in the lighting inside the church. The decision was made to replace our ageing lights with new LED lights which will last a lot longer and which will be cheaper to run. The lights were donated by a handsome intelligent and generous parishioner.

THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF AUSTRALIA HAVE ANNOUNCED A NATIONAL PRAYER

CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

MCCARTHY CATHOLIC COLLEGE. From 2020, McCarthy Catholic College will be known as Penola Catholic College Emu Plains. As you may know, McCarthy Catholic Trade Training Centre will become the McCarthy campus of CathWest Innovation College from 2020. Penola Catholic College will continue to serve students from Year 7 to Year 12 in the Penrith and Lower Mountains areas. Further information about enrolments can be made through the College on (02) 4728 8100.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Gerard Vandeweyer, Julia Barakat, Andrew Pallett, Patricia Hazelton, Rose Hannigan, Genevieve Donnelly, Elizabeth Rynne, Agnes Gregory, Clive McInnes, Ludo Bos, Rose Hughes, Monica Roebuck, Michele Tagg and Terence McGrath.

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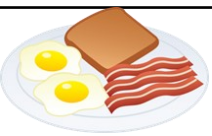
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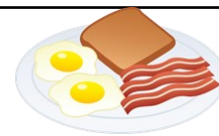
ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST

With guest speaker

Date - Saturday 16th November 2019

Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am

Venue - Parish hall



The parish is holding another Men's breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their sons, grandsons, neighbours and friends. **For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 10th November 2019.**

Please add your name to the list on the warden's table.

Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.

The Book of Remembrance is on permanent display in the Sanctuary during the month of November. Parishioners can add the names of any family members or loved ones who have passed to eternal life. Please do not enter any names that are already in the book.

TO KEEP OUR CELEBRATIONS JOYFUL– MUSICIANS NEEDED.

Many hands make light work, so to ease the pressure on those who are currently helping out, we would like to add your name to our rosters of music for our Eucharistic Celebration. If you are able to play any musical instrument or lead a choir once a month. Please contact the Parish Office on 47398928. Thanks. **Father Jolly**

PIETY STALL. Come and check the Piety Stall for great First Holy Communion and Christmas gifts. We have new Christmas Cards Packs of 8 for \$4 each.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS. Mass will be followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry. Celebrant: Fr. Adam Crouch MGL Sunday 17 November 2019 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome!

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Plenary Council 2020 Diocesan Session 4: 6 November

You are invited to the fourth of the six sessions in the Diocese of Parramatta to gather and discern the Plenary Council 2020 National Themes for Discernment. This session on 'Humble, Healing and Merciful' will be held on 6 November from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

Alpha Program Weekend Training: 8-10 November

The Pastoral Planning Office is running a training course in the Alpha Catholic program at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. A sample Alpha evening will be held on Friday 8 November from 7pm to 9pm, before full-day training sessions on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be provided. To register, and for more information, please contact Lisa in the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3497 or lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

Catholic Outlook is back!

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back from Sunday 1 December 2019. The revised Catholic Outlook will be published quarterly as an A4 magazine with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta. Look out for copies in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from Sunday 1st December.

Office for Worship Music Workshop: 13 November

The Office for Worship is conducting a Music Workshop for musicians and liturgy planners on Wednesday 13 November at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown from 7pm to 9pm. Supper will be provided. Choosing appropriate hymns for Mass and what to sing at Mass and why will be discussed. To register by 8 November, call Anne on 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org.



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Weddings: By Appointment

Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

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ROSTER FOR 9TH & 10TH NOVEMBER 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	Volunteer Please	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	Joanne Stubbs
I.T Operator	Henry Hanco	Andrew Teece	Jim McLoughlin
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	Michelle W		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Lorraine Brown		
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		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh		

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