



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 21ST & 22ND DECEMBER 2019

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Ps 23; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24; Eucharistic Prayer 2



Dear Parishioners

“It is necessary that in light of the faith all rediscover the true meaning of the Parish, that is, the place where the very “Mystery” of the church is present and at work, even if at times it is lacking persons and means, even if at other times, it might be scattered over vast territories or almost not to be found in crowded and chaotic modern sections of cities. The Parish is not principally a structure, a territory or a building, but rather, the family of God, a fellowship afire with unifying spirit, a familial and welcoming home, the community of the faithful. Plainly and simply, the Parish is founded on a theological reality, because it is a Eucharistic community. This means that the Parish is a community properly suited for celebrating the Eucharist, the living source for its up-building and the Sacramental bond of its being in full communion with the whole Church (par 26)”. It is a quote taken from the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope St. John Paul II (Christifideles Laici).

The Parish Priest is called to assume the responsibility of ensuring the proclamation of the Word of God. I feel blessed to work with you to achieve the proclamation of the Word of God and the Celebration of the Eucharist. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parishioners in general and in particular the Parish staff, members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, the Liturgy Committee and many other people who are involved in Liturgy, the Musicians, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion, Sacristans, Readers, Baptism Teams, Sacramental Coordinators, Hospitality, Church Care, IT Developers and Operators, Scripture Teachers, Children Liturgy, Pastoral Care, Play Group, The Garden Club, The Young Parents Groups, Social Committee, The Family Groups, Family Ministry, the Youth Ministry, Timeout Tuesday, St. Vincent De Paul Society and the School Community, for your wholehearted support. Each of you has been invaluable in your presence, talents, time participation and knowledge in assisting me with the proper up keeping of the Parish. As we continue our preparations for the important event in the Church in Australia, the Plenary 2020, an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops Commission, let us continue our focus on how we can grow as a Christ Centred Community in Glenbrook? Let us continue our discernment together as a Parish Community. Let us grow together as a true Eucharistic Community, working together, praying together and rejoicing together for what we are. May we have a heart of gratitude. In gratitude and love let us continue our preparations for the Plenary as well as for the reinvigoration of our Parish through our decrement process and active participation in this process. Let us continue to grow in our personal prayer and our relationship with the Lord and with each other. I wish you all a Joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year together with the Parish Staff and every other Parishioner.

May god bless you and your families.

Father Jolly Chacko MS

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Vigil Mass at 7.00pm. Readings for the Vigil

Midnight Mass. Readings for the night.

Wednesday morning (Christmas Day) 8.30am only. Readings of the Day.



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

DURING JANUARY AND EARLY FEBRUARY. Please note that all weekday Masses are going to be at normal times.

MUSIC AT MASS DURING JANUARY: There won't be any music at Masses during January.

THE PIETY STALL will be closed until the 31st January 2020.
Any enquires please call Noreen on 4739 8882.

BULLETIN DURING JANUARY: We will have a Bulletin each week during January.



THERE WILL BE CHRISTMAS CAROLS BEFORE THE MIDNIGHT MASS STARTING AT 11.30PM.

CHILDREN'S SPECIAL ROLE.

The Parish Liturgy Committee invites all the children to attend the 7pm Christmas Eve Mass and if they like, to come dressed up as an angel or a shepherd.



MUSICIAN IS NEEDED FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 9.30AM MASS. Dawn Willis is looking for an Organist or a Pianist or Strings group (i.e. violin viola cello) not guitar, flute and clarinet or even make up a group of strings and wind instruments. A student of the piano and strings in the high grades, can use the experience as they progress in their music studies would be a great help. If you can help please contact Dawn Willis ASAP on 0419 564 323. Thank you

JESUS IS COMING...AND SO ARE THE PILGRIMS!

The Epiphany pilgrims will soon be coming our way as they journey in the spiritual footsteps of the Magi. Be part of the journey and festivities by:

- Journeying with them for a day or more of walking along the route (visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org for track information and to register)
- Joining them for one or more evenings at the parishes of the Deanery for prayer, catechesis, Adoration and a festive dinner!
- Welcoming them in a particular way when they visit our parish from 2 – 3 January
- Joining them for Mass at the Chapel of the Magi in Bell on 8 January

To help out with the celebrations at St Finbar's, contact Matt and Lucie Twyford on 0402669153

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Hilary Doyle, Denis (Mick) O'Sullivan, Robert Carey (Ann Keating's brother), Joyce Slyney, Richard Formosa, Liam O'Sullivan, 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:

Eugene Daley (Margaret Rivas' Friend), Ken Moore, Ryder Lopez, Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Joan Paine, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Elise Doyle, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Sophie Hollies, Colleen Nolan, Michelle Anthony and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Merle Lemmon, John Bush, Brian Bush, Baby Lucy Barrett, Eugene Barrett, Angela Hector, Shirley Tregillgas, Madeleine Oxley, Alice Nolan, Violet Clements, Kathleen Macbeth, Colleen Pedersen, Joy Serne, Allen Klein, Alice Quinn, John Simon, Colin Sell, Arthur Adamson, Richard Cranbrook and Phil O'Danaghoe.

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MUSIC AND READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST FINBARS SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

Massed Choir, Penrith Symphony Brass, Harp, Solo Artists
Amy Johansen – Organ
Robert Ampt – Conductor

*Join in congregational carols and experience the thrill of singing
Handel's Hallelujah Chorus*

with choir, organ, brass and timpani on this night of Christmas joy

Suggested donations: Families \$35, Individuals \$15

Enquiries 4754 1780



CHRISTMAS ROSTER.

Parishioners are invited to nominate themselves for the Liturgical Roles at one of our three Christmas Masses. There is a blank roster on the wall of the Narthex near the Warden's table. Please write your name against any one ministry vacancy that you can fill. Thank you.

Bishop Vincent's Christmas Message

Bishop Vincent's Christmas message can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqtMPFd06Y4> or www.parracatholic.org. Happy Christmas from Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta.

Summer 2019 Catholic Outlook

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook is back. From Sunday 1 December 2019, you can get your own copy of the revised Catholic Outlook which 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.

Monday 23rd December	9.00am Mass 10.30am Confessions 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	Tuesday 24th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass 12.00pm Christmas Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25th December <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	8.30am Christmas Day Mass	Thursday 26th December <i>St. Stephen</i>	9.00am Mass
Friday 27th December <i>St. John</i>	9.00am Mass + Benediction	Saturday 28th December <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confession
Sunday 29th December <i>The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass	Monday 30th December	9.00am Mass

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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 28TH & 29TH DECEMBER 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Carl Moll	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Volunteers Please		Volunteers Please
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Duane Parslow	Maura Williams	Steve Newton
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Geraldine Lohan	Avril Llewellyn
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John De Mattia	Martin Rogers
I.T Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Patrick Watson	Annabelle McLoughlin
Musician			
Presentation of the Gifts	Parishioners are invited	To offer to bring up	The gifts.
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 Juliana Khnouf
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday		
Cashier	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Martin & Lyndel Rogers		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Erika McNay, Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Not Available		

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