



CHRISTMAS 2019

VIGIL MASS READINGS ARE: Isaiah 62:1-5; Ps 88; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25

MIDNIGHT MASS READINGS ARE: Isaiah 9:1-7; Ps 95; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS READINGS ARE: Isaiah 52:7-10; Ps 97; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18



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



***WELCOME all visitors to our church today.
We extend our greetings to you. Wishing
you and your family a blessed Christmas.***



ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

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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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

EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE 2020.

It is with sadness that we have made the decision to cancel the 2020 Epiphany Pilgrimage. No doubt this will come as no surprise to you in light of the current fire situation which shows no sign of ending any time soon. We continue to keep all those affected by the fires in our thoughts and prayers and give thanks for the tireless efforts and generosity of the firefighters.

A BLUE MOUNTAINS BUSH FIRE MAYORAL RELIEF FUND

Has been created, to help Blue Mountains' communities affected by recent bush fires to recover and rebuild. It will provide funding toward projects that contribute directly to the recovery and rebuilding efforts of fire affected residents in the Blue Mountains and is a registered Fund (details below). Members of the Fund Advisory Committee are:

- Principal consultant on the original nomination for the Greater Blue Mountains Area (GBMA) World Heritage listing – Joan Domicelj AM
 - Former NSW Minister for Environment and Minister for Emergency Services – The Hon Bob Debus AM
 - Former Member of Parliament for Macquarie – Kerry Bartlett
 - First Commissioner of the Rural Fire Service (RFS) and former NSW Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water – The Hon Phil Koberberg AO AFSM BEM
 - Blue Mountains advocate for equity, human rights and dignity – Mary Waterford AM, and the
 - Blue Mountains City Council Chief Executive Officer
- "A donation of any amount to the Blue Mountains Bush Fire Mayoral Relief Fund is greatly appreciated," Mayor Greenhill said.

Blue Mountains City Council Trust Fund

BSB: 082 656 / Account Number: 46 179 2573

Donations can be made through the following means:

- Telephone: 02 4780 5000
- Council Offices: 2 Civic Place, Katoomba / 104 Macquarie Road, Springwood
- At any National Bank branch

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 5.30pm Vigil Mass	Sunday 29th December <i>The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass