



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**11TH & 12TH JANUARY 2020**

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 28; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17; Eucharistic Prayer 2

<b>Sunday</b> <b>12th January</b> <i>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b>	<h2>Reflection on the Gospel</h2> <p>When Jesus approaches John for baptism, John recognises him as the Messiah that John has been preaching about, the one for whom he was preparing the way. Recognising the significance of the moment, John tries to reverse roles and force Jesus into a superior role to himself. But Jesus says let's just do it like this for now and 'do all that righteousness demands'. In the gospel of Matthew, whenever Jesus speaks about fulfilling the demands of righteousness or doing what is righteous, he is speaking about carrying out the will of God; acting in accordance with the covenant relationship between God and the people. It would have been easy for Jesus to accept John's offer to exchange places. In many ways perhaps he would have liked to do so as a way of acknowledging the great work John had done. But part of the demands of righteousness that Jesus needed to fulfil was to be the sort of Messiah that did not sit within normal expectations. Part of his fulfilment of God's will was to be a servant Messiah rather than a powerful, avenging Messiah for which many of the people hoped and prayed. To have exchanged places with John would have been to say, here I am, I am greater than John and I am here to show you all the way. Rather, by submitting to John's baptism he does indeed show the way – the way of humility and gentleness. We are assured of the rightness of Jesus' actions immediately because, upon his rising from the water, the voice of God affirms favour and approval upon Jesus. In the first test of his will, Jesus has acted in accordance with the will of God.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p>	
<b>Monday</b> <b>13th January</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>14th January</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>15th January</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary</b> <b>7.00pm Bridge P/C</b>		
<b>Thursday</b> <b>16th January</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>1.30pm Bridge P/C</b>		
<b>Friday</b> <b>17th January</b> <i>St. Anthony</i>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction</b> <b>1.00pm Bowlers</b>		
<b>Saturday</b> <b>18th January</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice</b> <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<h2>THE NEW ROSTERS FOR 2020.</h2> <p>Have been sent out this week to those who have emails. If you don't have an email, I have left a copy for you on the Warden's table to collect.</p> <p>Thank you for all your help and support.</p>	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>19th January</b> <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>1.30pm Bridge P/C</b>		
<h2>HOW WILL YOU PREPARE FOR EASTER THIS YEAR?</h2> <p><b>Lent</b> - the season of preparation for Christ's Resurrection at Easter is for many Catholics a special time of prayer, fasting and renewed spiritual focus.</p> <p><b>Lenten Group</b> - offers you an opportunity to explore the message of Jesus with others, to relate it to your own experiences and thereby to express it more fully in your daily life.</p> <p><b><u>We also need people willing to lead a group.</u></b></p> <p>If you are interested, please call Mila on 4739 1470. It is a very rewarding way to prepare for Easter Season. More details about forming the groups later.</p>			

*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 .*

# PARISH INFORMATION

## Sacraments

Confessions: Sat 4.45-5.15pm  
Baptisms: By Appointment  
Weddings: By Appointment

**Office Hours:** 9.30am - 3.00pm

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## ROSTER FOR 18TH & 19TH JANUARY 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Stuart Sheary
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji & Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers Ann & Alex Walker
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maire Griffin	Ann Keating	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Annis Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
I.T Operator	Henry Hanco	Andrew Teece	Jim McLaughlin
Musician	No Music	During Mass	In January
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & Family
Minister of Communion	Maire Hurley Pat Barrett Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh Jean Di Nucci Jessica Tiller	Therese Luczak Annis Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Joe Grange		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene & Bert Aligno		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young & Beth Killeen.		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Not available during January		
Garden Club	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anthony Campbell (Alison Howard's Brother), Hilary Doyle, Denis (Mick) O'Sullivan, Robert Carey (Ann Keating's brother), Joyce Slyney, Richard Formosa, Liam O'Sullivan, George Frampton, Tony Hickey and Brian Martland.

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

Jim Barrett, 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:

Patrick Egan, Lesly Whitford, Lachlan Turnbull, Olive O'Neill, Doris Gibson, Darcie Pizarro, James Mulvey, Maureen Ingram, Catherine Hagen, John Castor, Daniel O'Keefe, Marie Boyle and Thelma Johnstone.