



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

25TH & 26TH JANUARY 2020

Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Ps 26; 1 Cor 11:10-13,17; Matthew 4:12-23; Eucharistic Prayer 2

Sunday 26th January <i>Australia Day</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass	 HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY  <i>Reflection on the Gospel</i>
Monday 27th January	9.00am Mass	<p>In today's gospel passage we see the importance that the gospel of Matthew gives to portraying Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture. Throughout this gospel, the author is at pains to demonstrate that Jesus fulfils prophecy. The purpose in doing this was not only to tie Jesus into the prophecies of the Messiah but to demonstrate that Jesus was part of God's plan all along. This gospel was written at a time when there were growing tensions between early Christian communities and mainstream Jews. By highlighting the fulfilment of scripture, the author attempts to firstly reassure the Christian community in the face of aggression and resentment from the mainstream Jews and secondly, challenge those who oppose the Christian sect to see this movement as just another thread in the ancient story of their people. Having established the credentials of Jesus, the gospel writer then provides a summary of the teaching that will be played out in the gospel, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Repent had a far more powerful meaning than what we tend to ascribe to it today. Much more than simply being sorry, repent carried with it a sense of turning one's life around; making amends for past failures; and choosing a whole new direction for one's life. Literally, it meant a 'change of mind'. To demonstrate the urgency and strength of this teaching, Jesus calls his first four disciples who immediately drop what they are doing and set out on a new life with him. These disciples are the first of many to 'repent' and turn their lives around.</p>  <p><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p>
Tuesday 28th January <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice	
Wednesday 29th January	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 30th January	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	
Friday 31st January <i>St. John Bosco</i>	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 1.00pm Bowlers	
Saturday 1st February	9.00am Mass 8.00am Netball Registration P/C 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 2nd February <i>The Presentation of the Lord.</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Youth Group P/C	
YOUTH MASS & SENIOR YOUTH GROUP back on Sunday the 2 Feb 6pm, "The Lounge Year 7 and up" at 7pm.		
LENTEN GROUPS-LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP. Signing up sheets are available in the Narthex FOR THIS WEEKEND ONLY. Please sign your name to one of the Groups, and explore the message of Jesus with others. Monday 2:30pm—Group Leader Constance Colley Thursday 7:30pm—Group Leader Mila Svehla Saturday 9am—Group Leader Martin Rogers For any enquiries call Mila on 4739 1470		BUSHFIRE RESPONSE: Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country. The Australian Bishops have announced that special collections will be taken at Masses on Australia Day weekend to support affected communities. They have also urged Catholics to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires. To access prayer resources or for more information, visit www.catholic.org.au/bushfires

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 1ST & 2ND FEBRUARY 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Joseph Sukkar
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLaughlin		Grace Incorvil & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Vince Dobson	Volunteer Please	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Terry Keogh	Jesse Mowbray
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Briony Mowbray
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Martin Rogers
I.T Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Musician			J. Long & A. Hobbs
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Michelle & Joseph Wilson
Minister of Communion	John Verhoeven Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara Beth Culliver	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller John Killeen	Garry Pursehouse Wendy Brown Bernie Fisher Mila Svehla
Children's Liturgy	Christyna		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Lorraine Brown		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance & Vicky Ang		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Erika McNay, Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		
Piety Stall 9.30 Mass	Carmel Higgins		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jim Barrett, 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:

Maria Macri, Eugene Daley (Margaret Rivas' Friend), Ken Moore, Ryder Lopez, Joan Paine, Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR), 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 & Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Jenny Henderson, Elsie Frontain (Jeannien Ashbee's Mum), Andrew Patterson, John Brown, Pat Psaila, Rosanna O'Loughlin, Michael O'Connor, Dr. Michael McGirr, Jeremy Crawley, Paul Hammerton, Henriette Harrington and Monica Cashman.