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Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
5th Sunday in Ordinary time – Year A

8th & 9th February 2020

Isaiah 58:7-10; Ps 111; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16; Eucharistic Prayer 2

Sunday 9th February <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Year A</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptisms	Reflection on the Gospel Today, when we describe a person as being the ‘salt of the earth’ it’s generally meant in a way that says the person is hard working, straight talking and pretty down to earth. It’s usually meant as a compliment but sometimes can come across as a bit condescending when used inappropriately. When Jesus tells the disciples that they are salt of the earth and the light of the world he is really saying ‘You are to <i>be</i> the salt of the earth; you are to <i>be</i> the light of the world.’ It is more of a directive than an affirmation of them. Today’s first reading from Isaiah helps to shed light on Jesus’ meaning in the gospel passage: ‘Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn.’ It sounds a lot like the message from the last judgment in Matthew 25 when the king says ‘whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ It’s a message of justice and right relationship not only with God but with one another also. To be salt of the earth and light of the world means to be the one who puts their hand up and steps forward to speak for, work for and act for those who are the least in this world. To have the potential and resources to be a force for good in the world and not act on it is to be like salt that’s used for salting the streets or a lamp that’s under a tub. Reflection by Greg Sunter	
Monday 10th February <i>St. Scholastica</i>	9.00am Mass 12.30pm School Assembly P/C 3.30pm Orientation Training M/R		
Tuesday 11th February	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 6.30pm School Parent’s Information Night P/C 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting M/R		
Wednesday 12th February	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.00 am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 9.30am Playgroup 7.00pm Bridge P/C		
Thursday 13th February	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C		
Friday 14th February <i>Sts Cyril & Methodius</i>	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 1.00pm Bowlers		
Saturday 15th February	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass		
Sunday 16th February <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Year A</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm “The Lounge” Senior Youth Group P/C	SUNDAY BAPTISMS: The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Abbey Mae Nash, Gabriella Kathleen Warburton, Angus Ross Warburton, Maximus Luke Warburton and Charlotte Joy Warburton, this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.	

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

BARNADOS WESTERN REGION AUXILIARY

STAFFORD LADIES FASHIONS -Fashion Parade & Sale with lunch

Dresses, skirts, slacks, blouses etc. –Sizes 8-24 - A “Sell out Summer” Sale Discounted 30%-50%

At St. Finbar's Church Hall, 52 Levy St. Glenbrook. Friday 28th February 2020. Parade Commences 11am

Garments ready for inspection from 10am. \$7.50 for a lunch– Plus parade & sale

(Lucky door prize & trading table). Inquiries Julie 47395969 or John 47363738

Proceeds to aid Barnardos Australia. The children's charity.

CORONAVIRUS. At Holy Communion, the Precious Blood will be for the celebrant only until the threat of the virus has receded and we get new advice.

REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM. The first session is Tuesday 10 March and we're ready for your registrations. If you are serving in any ministry or hoping to get involved - this program will nurture your personal relationship with God and further equip your purpose and serving! Knowledge from the focus topics is given by experienced presenters who facilitate the participants' further discussion and application to their ministry contexts. Register now and let part of your mission be to share this opportunity with someone else too. Could you give them a call today and forward this information? For more information about the Reflective Ministry Program contact Sr Grace via: 9296 6369 or email: grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services “Stepping Beyond” Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those navigating their way through a difficult separation or divorce. Guided by trained facilitators, you'll have the opportunity to explore the challenges faced during this time in a safe and supportive environment. Our First gathering for the year was held on Tuesday 28th January. **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta

Time: 7pm – 9pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration Essential:** Call Rita Ph. 8843 2575

or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au See Flyer on Parish Notice Board.

Bereavement Support Program at St. Michael's Parish Baulkham Hills Commencing February 2020

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is commencing a 7 session Bereavement Support Program at St. Michael's Parish for men or women whose spouse or partner have died.

It will be held weekly on Thursdays from 10am – 12pm, beginning 13th February to 26th March 2020. There will be an Information session and Overview of the Program for anyone interested in attending on Thursday 06th February from 10am -11am. **For further information / Registration Essential:** Call Rita on 8843 2575 email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au (Please see flyer on notice board)

Charismatic Healing Mass. Mass will be followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry. Celebrant: Fr. Adam Crouch MGL Sunday 16 February 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Merle Catlin (Margaret Richard's Mother), 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:

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:

Peter Lynch, Richard Smith, Robert Sisson, Mark Delvin, Joan Whitting, Daphne Klein, Ben Gibson, John Nethery and Margaret Meere.

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THE INSTITUTE FOR MISSION is offering the workshop with the feel of mini-retreat for people over 50 years of age in your parish communities.

Theme: From Invisible to Invincible - Embracing God's gift of years.

The session will include: Sharing the stories of our life; Finding and re-defining our Baptismal call; Tools for the journey through centering prayer; Prayer of surrender, abandonment and trust.

Date: 11 March 2020 from 10am to 1pm

Venue: Our Lady of the Way parish hall, Emu Plains

Contact person and RSVP: Kay Walker, call 0430 193 000 or email kay@thewalkers.com.au

TIMEOUT TUESDAY will resume on Tuesday 18th February. More details will be coming to you soon. HAPPY NEW YEAR and may 2020 be enjoyable and prosperous for all.

CANCELLED - World Day of the Sick Mass: 11 February

Due to the coronavirus, the World Day of the Sick Mass scheduled for 11 February has been cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Plenary Council 2020 Diocesan Session: 13 February

You are invited to attend a Plenary Council 2020 Listening and Discernment session on 13 February from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. At this session, you will have the opportunity to select and explore one of the six Themes for Discernment. A light supper will be provided. To RSVP, please contact

tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org.

LIFTED Live featuring Gen Bryant: 13 February

Youth, young adults and families are invited to a celebration of our local Church 'alive and brilliant' at CYP's LIFTED 2020 Launch on Thursday 13 February at WEST HQ, Rooty Hill from 7.30pm to 10pm. Live music, worship and plans unveiled for young people and acclaimed Catholic singer-songwriter from Melbourne Gen Bryant on-stage. Register your interest now at <https://parracatholic.org/liftedlive/>

ECUMENICAL RETREAT

When: SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY

Time: 9.00 - 2.30PM

Where: St. Andrews Uniting Church, Glenbrook

Speaker: LAURIE WOODS and CAROLYN CRAIG-EMILSEN

Topic: EXPLORING THE TRANSFORMATIVE SPIRITUALITY OF MATTHEW'S GOSPEL; INSIGHTS INTO THE VALUES OF JESUS FOR MODERN LIVING.

Donation: \$10. Bring own lunch.

Bookings: Eliaine 4739 6332 or Gideon 4739 5273



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ROSTER FOR 15TH & 16TH FEBRUARY 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 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Maura Williams	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Gary Clune
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Frank Fitzpatrick
I.T Operator	Henry Hanko	Andrew Teece	Jim McLaughlin
Musician	Cantabile		
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & Family
Minister of Communion	Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh	Therese Luczak Annisia Nilsson
Children's Liturgy			
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Joe Grange		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene & Bert Aligno		
Church Care	Julie Fehon, Tania Walker, Janette Ankers, Lynda Favell & Kylie Lane		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Lee Jackson & Louise Heber		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Michael Lloyd & John Killeen		

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