




# The BARRA

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
6th Sunday in Ordinary time – Year A

15th & 16th February 2020

Sirach 15:15-20; Ps 118; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37; Eucharistic Prayer 2

<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>16th February</b> <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p> <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>Today's First Reading, Psalm and Gospel all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. What is referred to as the 'Law' is generally used as shorthand for the Torah – the first five books of the Bible – which first of all establishes the history of relationship between God and humanity through the books of Genesis and Exodus and then provides detailed instructions about how that relationship should be honoured and observed. When Jesus speaks about the Law and the Prophets, he is deliberately including the extensive collection of prophetic writings that interpret the Law in terms of justice and right relationships with others as being a reflection of the right relationship with God.</p> <p>By declaring that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete – or fulfil – them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Rather, throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. His constant complaint is against those who live by the letter of the Law and ignore what we would call the spirit or intention of the Law. This is the root of his swipe at the shallow virtue of the scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel. The criticism that Jesus levelled at these two groups was that their adherence to the Law made no room for the compassionate heart that the writings of the Prophets demanded.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p> </div> <div style="flex: 1;">  </div> </div>
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>17th February</b></p>	<p><b>9.30am Opening School Mass</b> 9.00am Fun Singers 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>18th February</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.00am Timeout Tuesday 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting M/R 7.30pm Netball Meeting P/C</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>19th February</b></p>	<p><b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup 7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>	
<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>20th February</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C</p>	
<p><b>Friday</b> <b>21st February</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction</b> 1.00pm Bowlers</p>	
<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>22nd February</b> <i>The Chair of St. Peter</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>	<p><b>FUN SINGERS</b> is on Monday the 17th of February at 9am</p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>23rd February</b> <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Baptism</b></p>	<p><b>SACRAMENTS INFORMATION EVENING.</b> An Information Night for the parents of children who wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2020 will be held at the Parish Hall on Monday the 2nd of March at 7.30pm. Dates and requirements for participation in each of the Sacramental journeys will be discussed and distributed at this meeting. Children need not attend.</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.*

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

**ST FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB.** We are currently finalising our teams for the 2020 Winter Season are looking for players in the following age groups:

Under 8's (for children who are turning 7 or 8 in 2020) – we have room for up to 3 players

Under 10's (for children who are turning 10 in 2020) – we have room for up to 5 players

Under 12's (for children who are turning 11 or 12 in 2020) – we have room for up to 2 players

We also have room in our Senior teams for anyone who is turning 18+ and would like to join a team.

SFNC has introduced uniform options for the 2020 season so if playing in a dress has kept you off the court please contact us to look at our leggings and top or, basketball style, shorts and singlet options. For more information please contact our Club President, Janette Ankers, on 0438 672 040 or email [secretarysfnc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarysfnc@gmail.com)

**OLD BLESSED PALMS.** Any palms that you have from previous Palm Sundays can be left in the basket in the Narthex until Sunday the 23rd of February. The palms will be burnt and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday the 26th of February. *Thank you*

**A THANK YOU LETTER.** *It is with much gratitude that I write to thank you all for the help that you gave to Gunnedah, which was also shared by their generosity and I was able to travel and help farmers west and north of Moree with food hampers. It was so much appreciated by each and every family. I hope somehow I will be able to continue my work of helping these people—I started on the 12th Feb last year and helped drought affected families and hope to be able to continue for some time yet. I am president of SVDP at Moree and have now been a volunteer with Vinnies for 44years. Can't thank St. Finbar's Parishioners enough who make us all happier. May God bless you all and keep you safe always. Colleen Nash/ President/ St. Vincent de Paul Moree.*

## **BERYL & STAN CALLAGHAN 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2020**

Beryl & Stan met dancing in the streets of Penrith the night the 2nd World War ended 15 August 1945. They continued their relationship via long distance, by writing letters, when Stan was sent to Japan for 18mths, between 1946-48, with the BCOF (British Commonwealth Occupation Force). They were married 18 February 1950 & first lived in Canberra whilst Stan was finishing a course following his Army time. Stan built a garage on their land in Glenbrook, of which he hand made the bricks, & they lived in that garage whilst Stan built their house over the next 3-4 years. During that time 3 children were born. Stan was the 1st President of the St Vincent de Paul in Glenbrook. Stan was part of the volunteer groups that built the early school building stages. Stan has also served on many charitable committees within the community. Beryl volunteered for many years on charitable committees, most notably, for Meals on Wheels & St Vincent de Paul shop & is still an active member of the CWL (Catholic Women's League) & the St Finbars Fun Singers who sing monthly to the residents of the Buckland Nursing Home.

Beryl & Stan have 8 children, 26 grandchildren & 26 great grandchildren.... and counting.

The whole Parish Community together with Father Jolly wish Beryl and Stan a very happy 70th Wedding Anniversary and we thank God for the gift of you to this community. May God bless you both.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Patricia Manning (Cousin of Laurie, Mick & Margaret Rivas), 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 and George Frampton.

## **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:**

Les Lemmon, Beth Fehon, Cedric McNamara, Louise Marquardt, Alice McGoldrick, Sarah Frazer, Ian Graham, Terry Groves, Robin Miles, Robert Dominish, Gregory McGee, William Pohlmann and Wendy Harley.

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

**CORONAVIRUS.** Because of the Coronavirus there is no exchange of sign of peace by any physical contact. For this same reason there will be no anointing Mass until further notice.

## **RAIN WATER TANK**

The Parish is organising to install a large water tank (13,500 Litres) and suitable pump to collect rainwater from the roof of the hall/office building.

This water can then be used for various parish needs, thus saving costs in the long run, and looking after our environment.

If parishioners would like to assist the parish with the cost of this project (estimated to be about \$5,000) for tank, pump and pipe fittings to lead to garden taps. Please place a donation in the receptacle provided in the church narthex, or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

The Piety Stall has Holy Rings with Saints on them, for \$5 each. Various Sizes available. Come and check them out.

**TIMEOUT TUESDAY.** Will resume on Tuesday the 18th February at St. Finbar's Parish Centre 10am to 1pm. Please find flyers on the Warden's table with more details.

## **DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES**

### **Ash Wednesday Project Compassion Diocese Launch: 26 February**

Please join us for the launch of Caritas Australia's Project Compassion in the Diocese on Ash Wednesday, 26 February, at St Patrick's Cathedral. Mass will be held at 7.30pm, with the launch to follow. International Speaker, Florida Senis Rafer will be joining us. Hear her story and ask her questions about the life-changing program she works on in the Philippines. To RSVP by 19 February, contact [marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org](mailto:marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org) or call (02) 8838 3461.

### **Institute for Mission Themes of Faith: Starting March 2**

The Themes of Faith program invites participants to share conversation and reflection in small groups. Each group is accompanied by a mentor with a focus on different key life/faith theme each time. Sessions, arranged in two blocks of 5 Monday evenings, start on 2 March. To register, visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/tof> and for more information, contact Donnie or Fr Paul on (02) 9296 6369 or [donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au](mailto:donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au) or [paul.roberts@ifm.org.au](mailto:paul.roberts@ifm.org.au)

### **A Scripture Reflection Night - Faith Nourishment Opportunity at the IFM**

Our most popular "Open Night" topic area is on again so book your spot now for this next Scripture Reflection Night. The IFM Team invites you, friends and family to come and be enriched by Sr Patty Andrew and Dr Laurie Woods. Tuesday 10 March - beginning 6:45pm with nibbles and a 7pm session start @ the IFM, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown (just off Flushcombe Rd, next to Patrician Brothers College).

You'll be warmly welcomed as you come and allow this meaningful Spirituality and Scripture night to connect with your life and relationship with God.

**TO BOOK** contact the IFM Team (02)9296 6369 OR email [connect@ifm.org.au](mailto:connect@ifm.org.au)

Bookings close Friday 6 March. See the flyer & get in touch with anyone you'd like to invite along with you.

## **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.



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# PARISH INFORMATION

## 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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## Parish School:

Principal Mrs Robyn Clarke  
Phone: 4724 3600

## ROSTER FOR 22ND & 23RD FEBRUARY 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Riley Farrell & Ethan Cameron		Keira Vermaak & Nicola De La Mare
Warden	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Volunteer Please	Mary Creenaune	Patricia Murnane
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Margaret Dickson	Elizabeth Rowe
Intercession	Volunteer Please	Kevin Flynn	Greg Rowe
I.T Operator	Thais Turner	Terry Keogh	Joseph Marceau
Musician	Cantabile		Holy Light
Presentation of the Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Ann & Ray Keating	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Vince Dobson Noreen Taylor	Terry Madden Ann Keating	Greg Rowe Todd Stanford
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Cashier	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Hospitality	Kerry & Peter Herborn, Marie Nassif, Lucie & Matthew Twyford		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson & St. Finbar's Playgroup		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		

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