



# The Barbra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
7th Sunday in Ordinary time – Year A

22nd & 23rd February 2020

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 102; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48; Eucharistic Prayer 2

		Reflection on the Gospel
<b>Sunday</b> <b>23rd</b> <b>February</b> <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Year A</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Baptism</b>	<p>At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.</p> <p>We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Diane Bergant CSA</i></p>
	<b>Monday</b> <b>24th</b> <b>February</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>25th</b> <b>February</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Plenary Outcome Parish Council Meeting M/R	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>26th</b> <b>February</b> <b>Ash</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>Fast &amp; Abstinence</b>	<b>9.15am Ash Wednesday School Mass</b> 9.30am Playgroup 7.00pm Bridge P/C <b>7.30pm Ash Wednesday Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>27th February</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C 7.30pm Lenten Group M/R	<p><b><u>FRIDAY EVENING DURING LENT.</u></b>          Every Friday evening during Lent at 7.30pm the Parish is having Stations of the Cross followed by Mass. This will commence on Friday the 28th of February.</p>
<b>Friday</b> <b>28th</b> <b>February</b>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction</b> 10.00am Barnados Fashion Parade P/C <b>7.30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>29th</b> <b>February</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<p><b><u>SACRAMENTS INFORMATION EVENING.</u></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>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>1st March</b> <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.30am Young Families Lenten Group P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C	<p><b><u>SUNDAY BAPTISMS:</u></b>          The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Sebastian Domenic Glass and Elijah Domenic Barton, this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.</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

**OLD BLESSED PALMS.** Any palms that you have from previous Palm Sundays can be left in the basket in the Narthex this 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*



**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES ARE LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX. PLEASE TAKE YOURS HOME TODAY.**



## LENT PRAYER

*God of all peoples and nations, as you accompany us on our Lenten journey,  
May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity,  
Our almsgiving be an act of justice,  
And our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.  
Awaken our hearts and minds that we may be one human family as we all go further together.  
We ask this in Jesus's name, Amen.*

We would like to express our gratitude to Kevin Lloyd for all the hard work he has put in connecting and laying down all the plumbing work needed to connect the rain water tank with the garden pipes. We also thank Kevin for the many other little and big works he did for the Parish. Thank you Kevin for your hard work and your service to the Parish. We appreciated it very much. *Father Jolly and the Parish Community.*

## FOR YOUR DIARY - SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2020

St. Finbar's Sacramental program Information Evening is on Monday the 2nd of March 2020 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All parents who will have children participating in one of the Sacramental programs in 2020 need to attend the meeting.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Will be held on **Saturday the 6th of June at 2.30pm** with the preparation meetings will start on **Saturday the 9th of May at 4.15pm.**

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Will be held on **Sunday the 20th of September at 6.00pm** with Bishop Vincent officiating. The Confirmation preparation meetings will start on **Saturday the 15th of August at 4.15pm.**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion:** Will be held on **Sunday the 22nd of November during the 9.30am Mass.** The Holy Communion preparation meetings will start on **Saturday the 17th of October at 4.15pm.**

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Veronica Blair (loved mother of Marg Holden and Bly Miers), 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:

Maria Macri, 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:

Simon Egan, Virginia Windred, Mel Nethery, Sarah Watson, Irene Wiecek, Vincent Basile, John Venn, Zdenka Polak, William Wilson, Petrus Zwegers, Michael Yabsley, William Cummins, Bret Hopson, Eunice Shaw and Grace Buckley.

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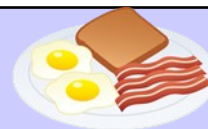
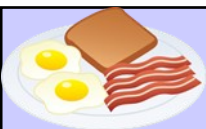
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## ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST

*Date* - Saturday 7th March 2020

*Time* - 7:30 am – 9:00 am

*Venue* - Parish hall



The parish is holding another Men's breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another.

This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their sons, grandsons, neighbours and friends.

For catering purposes, we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 1st of March 2020.

Please add your name to the list on the warden's table.

Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775

## HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF SHARING OUR FAITH WITH CHILDREN?

If you have please join us in our Level 1 Training Course in Penrith.

It's held on Mondays 9.30am – 2.30pm, runs for 8 weeks and starts on 9 March.

It's fun, educational and enjoyable.

Please call Beth 0408317086 or Melissa 0408693042.

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### Positions Vacant:

Building Maintenance Officer – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 28 February

Sacramental Coordinator – St Margaret Mary's Parish, Merrylands – Applications close 28 February

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### Catholic Outlook Magazine March Edition

Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from early March. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta

### 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.



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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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Principal Mrs Robyn Clarke  
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## ROSTER FOR 29TH FEBRUARY & 1ST MARCH 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Volunteer Please
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLaughlin		Grace Incorvil & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Vince Dobson	Volunteer Please	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Beth Culliver	John De Mattia	Pearse Cremin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Mary Creenaune	Amanda Moore
Intercession	Maureen Tulk	Margaret Dickson	Steve Newton
I.T Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Musician			Anne Hobbs & group
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Michelle & Joseph Wilson
Minister of Communion	John Verhoeven Sandra O'Meara	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson	Garry Purchasehouse Wendy Brown
Children's Liturgy	Colin		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Lorraine Brown		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance & Vicky Ang		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young & Beth Killeen		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		
Garden Club	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		

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