



# The BARRA

**Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook**  
**1st Sunday of Lent – Year A**

**29th February & 1st March 2020**

**Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 50; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11; Eucharistic Prayer 2**

		<i>Reflection on the Gospel</i>
<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>Sin and temptation are the dominant themes of the readings for this first week of Lent. Indeed, they are regular themes in the season of Lent. However, the scripture passages throughout this season allow us the opportunity to think again about these themes and perhaps reconsider some traditional understandings of them. Today's first reading and gospel give us two different takes on the notion of temptation. In the passage from Genesis, humanity is tempted to ignore the will of God and, when they succumb, they lose their innocence and become embarrassed by their nakedness. The temptation they are offered is to believe themselves above and beyond the will of God; to believe that they can judge as well as God; and to rise to an equal level of power and authority with God. Their action breaks the trusting, loving relationship between themselves and God. In the Gospel, Jesus too is confronted with similar temptations. Ultimately, the temptation that faces Jesus relates to his purpose and ministry – will he trust to God's vision of the suffering servant who will bring about a change of heart in the people, or will he be the sort of Messiah that the people hoped for: a triumphant, glorious victor over all who stood in his way. He is tempted to break his self-imposed fasting, to test God's promise of nurture and security, and to seek glory and personal power. Whilst Adam and Eve surrender to temptation, Jesus holds fast to God's vision. The second reading from Paul ties the Genesis and Gospel readings together and injects the notion of sin into the equation. However, Paul makes it perfectly clear that the sin of Adam, though carrying great ramifications, pales in comparison to the extraordinary abundance of God's love that is expressed through Jesus Christ.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p>
<b>Monday</b> <b>2nd March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 12.30pm School Assembly P/C 5.30pm SVDP M/R 7.30pm <b>Sacramental Information Evening P/C</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>3rd March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>4th March</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>5th March</b>	<b>9.00am No Mass</b> <b>10.30am Ken Moore Funeral Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C 7.30pm Lenten Group M/R	
<b>Friday</b> <b>6th March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction</b> 10.30am First Friday Visits 1.30pm Bowlers P/C <b>7.30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>7th March</b>	8.00am Men's Breakfast <b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<p><b>PROJECT COMPASSION</b> boxes and envelopes are available in the narthex. Please take yours home today, and please support Caritas Australia generously to reach out to the less fortunate. Thank you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LENT PRAYER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <i>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.</i> </p>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>8th March</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.30am Young Families Lenten Group P/C <b>11.00am Baptisms</b>	

**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

## FOR YOUR DIARY - SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2020

St. Finbar's Sacramental program Information Evening is on this 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.

During the season of Lent *Aid to the Church in Need* would like to invite you to "Journey with the Martyrs" through an online Lent calendar. The Lent calendar features 47 true stories of modern martyrs, witnesses of love, who heroically offered their lives for God and their communities. Visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020](http://www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020)

## ST FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB – 2020 WINTER SEASON

While most of our teams are now full we do have a few spots for anyone who is interested in playing this year:

Under 8's - room for 2 players (can be turning 7 or 8 this year)

U/10's - room for 3 players

U/14's - room for 4 players (can be turning 13 or 14 this year)

Div 2 - room for 1 player

Div 3 - room for 2 players

Div 4 - room for 2 players

The season starts on Saturday 28 March and runs through until the beginning of September.

Please contact our Club President, Janette Ankers, on 0438 672 040 or 4739 4745 or email

[secretarysnc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarysnc@gmail.com) if you would like some more information.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020. Host Country – Zimbabwe.

Theme: "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"

When: Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Time: 7.30pm

Where: Blaxland Uniting Church, 72 Old Bathurst Rd, East Blaxland

Contact: Todd Stanford (4739 5719)

All welcome! Come along for tea/coffee afterwards and meet others from your local Christian community.

An initiative of the Glenbrook-Blaxland Interchurch Group.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ken Moore, Maureen Purcell, Veronica Blair (Marg Holden and Bly Miers Mohter), 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 and Richard Formosa.

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

Maria Macri, Eugene Daley (Margaret Rivas' Friend), 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:

Margaret Feld, Gloria Miles, James Hurley, Mary Mulvey, Lewis Konza, Ellen Butcher, Rosena Baker and Hugh McDaid.

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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.

**THANK YOU LETTER.** *We sincerely thank Father Jolly and St. Finbar's Parish Community, for making our 70th anniversary, a joyful one. We received a blessing from Father Jolly and a "Hallelujah angels Miniature" which is so beautiful from the Parish. Our family were all in the mix, to make this time very special. We thank God for being with us during the "Ups and Downs" during our life! And hope to be still around St. Finbar's for a little while yet? Love Stan and Beryl Callaghan*

## **LENTEN EVENT AT LAWSON PARISH:**

Sunday, March 29, 2pm. A Table-Talk gathering to discuss and reflect upon refugees'/asylum seekers' experiences. Each person is seated around a table of 6 – 8 people to discuss questions flowing from testimonies of guest speakers. Our guest speakers will include someone who has experienced life as refugee or asylum seeker, as well as a professional working in the field of refugee policy or support.

WHERE Lawson Parish School Hall

WHEN Sunday, March 29th (5th Sunday of Lent), 2pm.

RSVP Monday, March 23rd...Email: [springwood@ccss.org.au](mailto:springwood@ccss.org.au) Or Ph: (02) 8843 2545

## **DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES**

*Dr Laurie Woods will be presenting on the Gospel of Matthew on 5 Fridays starting 6 March 10am-2pm at IFM hosted by CCD but all are welcome. Ph 8838 3486*

### **ACU Themes of the Plenary Council Lecture Series: March 2020**

Australian Catholic University are hosting a series of lectures on the key themes of the Plenary Council 2020 during March. The lectures will be held in the Edmund Rice Building at its Strathfield Campus on each Wednesday through March. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and Fr Peter Williams will be guest lecturers. Cost for attendance is \$60, or \$100 with a certificate of accreditation. For more information and registration details, please visit [www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-sydney](http://www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-sydney)

### **Institute for Mission Reflective Ministry Program: Starting March 10**

If you are serving in any ministry or hoping to get involved, this program gatherings will nurture your relationship with God and further equip your purpose and serving! Sessions start on Tuesday 10 March and will run every Tuesday night for twelve weeks. To register, please visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or for more information, contact Sr Grace on (02) 9296 6369 or [grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au).

### **National Biennial Liturgy Conference: 12 – 14 March**

The Diocese of Parramatta is hosting the National Biennial Liturgy Conference, an Australian gathering of liturgy representatives, pastoral ministers, catechists, musicians, educators and all who are interested in liturgy. The Conference, to be held at Novotel Sydney Parramatta from 12 to 14 March, will include an excellent variety of workshops whilst focusing on fostering and forming the people of God at prayer. For more information, contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456.



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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 7TH & 8TH MARCH 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Peter McMahon	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Katia Apps	Joshua & Lucy Toutounji	Emily Dowling & Sophie McDonald
Warden	Ken Schneiders	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Sue McGrath
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Allan Jones	Maura Williams	Richard Cutler
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dawn Willis	Andrew Teece	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Joanne Stubbs
I.T Operator	Eleanor Thompson	Ellen Teece	Joanne Stubbs
Musician	M. Phillips & M. Taylor		Naomi's group
Presentation of the Gifts	Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Margaret Richards	Ann Keating Gwen Cullinan	Avril Llewellyn Gerard Egan
Children's Liturgy	Elizabeth		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Liz & Daren Dukes		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Beth Culliver		

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