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Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
2nd Sunday of Lent – Year A

7th & 8th March 2020

Genesis 12:1-4; Ps 32; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9; Eucharistic Prayer 2

Sunday 8th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Young Families Lenten Group P/C 11.00am Baptism	<i>Reflection on the Gospel</i>	
Monday 9th March	9.00am Mass 6.00pm School Parents' Information Night P/C		
Tuesday 10th March	9.00am Mass	<p>The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.</p> <p>The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA</i></p>	
Wednesday 11th March	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.00am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 9.30am Playgroup 7.00pm Bridge P/C	<p>CORONA VIRUS. In the context of the Corona Virus, making sure of the public safety and as per instructions received, everyone is requested to receive the Holy Communion in the hands and not on the tongue. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding. (Please check the noticeboard).</p>	
Thursday 12th March	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C 7.30pm Lenten Group M/R	<p>SUNDAY BAPTISMS: The Parish joyfully announces the Baptisms of Jacob Shaun Phillpott & Remy Martin Laffan this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.</p>	
Friday 13th March	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 1.30pm Bowlers P/C 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass		
Saturday 14th March	9.00am Mass 8.45am Lenten Group M/R 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass		
Sunday 15th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Young Families Lenten Group P/C 1.30pm Bridge P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C		

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 – 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 1 player. Training is Thursday from 4.30 – 5.30pm
 U/10's - room for 2 players. Training is Thursday from 3.30 – 4.30pm
 12B – room for 1 player. Training is Friday from 6 – 7pm
 14B - room for 2 players. Training is Thursday from 4.30 – 5.30pm
 Div 4 - room for 2 players. There is no training for this team.
 Please contact our Club President, Janette Ankers, on 0438 672 040 or 4739 4745 or email secretarysfnc@gmail.com if you would like some more information.

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE TO SUPPORT THE LEUKEMIA FOUNDATION.

A member of St. Finbar's Youth Group who attends St. Columba's school is raising funds to support the Leukemia Foundation this year, by having his hair shaved. He would like to have your support. A donation box will be placed on the Warden's table this weekend. Thank you for your generosity. God bless you all.



TIMEOUT TUESDAY. Is on Tuesday the 17th of March 2020 at 10am.

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.

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 13th of June at 2.30pm. 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patricia De Mattia, Ken Moore, Maureen Purcell, Veronica Blair (Marg Holden and Bly Miers Mother), 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) and Joyce Slyney.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Amanda Taouk (Karen Sukkar's Cousin), 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:

Joan Morgan, William Chambers, Maree Bowden, Joseph Loader, Irene Williams, Harry Ragen, James Cottier, Vicki Noble, Catherine Smith, Robert Bunda, Anthony Clyne, John Everett and Tadeusz Opiel.

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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

Gospel of the year series.

Each year CCD offers a series of presentations on the Gospel of the Year as part of Level 3 training of catechists. Dr Laurie Woods will present on the **Gospel of Matthew** for 5 Fridays - **March 6, 13th, 20th & 27th and April 3**. These sessions will be held from 10 am to 2pm at the Institute for Mission, Marion Street Blacktown (down stairs). **All parishioners** are invited to attend one or more of Dr Laurie Wood's presentations. There is no cost but please contact Maree Collis on 8838 3486 to register.

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.

Pilgrimage with Fr Paul Marshall: 18 September – 11 October

Fr Paul Marshall, from Greystanes Parish, will be leading a pilgrimage stopping at Fatima, and Lourdes with visits to other sites of notable saints such as Teresa of Avila and Ignatius of Loyola in Spain, Therese of Lisieux and St Vincent de Paul in France, then to Padua, Florence, Assisi (being in Assisi for St Francis' Feast Day on 4 October), Rome and return to Sydney on 11 October. For more information call Harvest 1800 819 156 or www.harvestjourneys.com Tour Code PV5120.

Catholic Mission Camino 2020 Pilgrimages

Catholic Mission is organising two pilgrimages to walk the Camino Portugués (17 days) from 11 to 27 May 2020 and the Camino Francés (16 days) from 19 September to 5 October. Each pilgrimage will offer small groups lead by an experience guide. For more information, please contact Sr Veronica Rosier OP on 0451 387 906 or visit www.catholicmission.org.au/camino2020.

Volunteers needed for new Life, Marriage and Family Office program

The Life Marriage & Family Office is looking for married couples to volunteer to undertake a free training course for a new program to be launched in the Diocese in late 2020. The Retrouvaille program aims to assist couples struggling in their marriage. For more information or expressions of interest, please call Karin Abrams on (02) 8838 3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org

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



Encounter Kiribati with Palms **18-26 May 2020**

On this 12-day tour you will visit a number of islands in this small Pacific nation. Palms personnel there are working with local communities to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty in a part of the world impacted by climate change. You will meet and spend time with them and their host communities to see first-hand how Palms Australia is working to create a better world. It might even inspire you to join Palms and work overseas yourself. We are also offering tours to Timor-Leste in September and Thailand/Myanmar in November. For more information call Robert at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email robert@palms.org.au



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Baptisms: By Appointment
Weddings: By Appointment

Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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ROSTER FOR 14TH & 15TH MARCH 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	Ann Keating	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Annis Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
I.T Operator	Henry Hanko	Andrew Teece	Jim McLoughlin
Musician	Cantabile		Briony's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & Family
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett	Jean Di Nucci Jessica Tiller	Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	Pia		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Joe Grange		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene & Bert Aligno		
Church Care	Leanne Brown & Stage 3 Students		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Lee Jackson & Louise Heber		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh		

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