



The BARRA

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
3rd Sunday of Lent – Year A

14th & 15th March 2020

Exodus 17:3-7; Ps 94; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42; Eucharistic Prayer 2

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	<i>Reflection on the Gospel</i>	
Monday 16th March	9.00am Mass 9.00am Fun Singers 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	<p>The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is rich in historical and cultural nuance that enhances our understanding and interpretation of this passage. When he asks the woman for a drink, Jesus breaks two cultural taboos: firstly, for a man to speak directly to an unchaperoned woman was somewhat scandalous; secondly, as the woman points out, Jesus is a Jew and directly addresses a Samaritan – another scandal. Jesus successfully gains the woman's attention by ignoring these social taboos but she fails to fully understand his reference to 'living water'. The reference to the woman's five husbands has often been construed to suggest that she was either a prostitute or a serial widow. However, it may in fact be a reference to the Samaritans binding themselves (wedding themselves) to the five books of the Torah and ignoring the writings of the prophets and other later writings. This reference is followed by another fact that set Jews and Samaritans apart: the Samaritans worshipped God on a local mountain, Mt Gerazim, whilst the Jews held that true worship could only take place in Jerusalem. Jesus dismisses this major difference between Jews and Samaritans by declaring that soon 'true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth'. He is indicating the much more personal relationship with God that he models; not bound up by ritual, place and law. Having set the scene for breaking down the walls between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus then reveals to the woman unequivocally that he is the promised Messiah. The woman rushes back to the town to spread the good news about Jesus. She becomes a missionary for him; and a remarkably effective one. The people are convinced by her testimony and flock to Jesus where they have their own personal faith encounter with him.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p>	
Tuesday 17th March <i>St. Patrick</i>	9.00am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday M/R		
Wednesday 18th March	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup 7.00pm Bridge P/C		
Thursday 19th March <i>St. Joseph</i> <i>Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C 7.30pm Lenten Group M/R		
Friday 20th 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	<p><i>Please join us after every Mass next weekend at the Parish Hall for a special Parish Plenary Outcome Presentation.</i></p>	
Saturday 21st March	9.00am Mass 8.45am Lenten Group M/R 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass 6.30pm Plenary Outcome Presentation P/C	EASTER ROSTER - 2020	
Sunday 22nd March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	7.30am Mass 8.30am Plenary Outcome Presentation P/C 9.30am Mass 10.30am Plenary Outcome Presentation P/C 10.30am Young Families Lenten Group M/R 11.00am Baptisms	<p>It is this time of the year again when we are looking for volunteers to help with the Easter Rosters. We will need Readers, volunteers for Washing of the Feet. Ministers of Holy Communion, Senior Servers, Sacristans and Junior Servers. If you can help please put your name on the list on the board in the Narthex. Thank you for all your help and support.</p>	
		<p><i>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.</i></p>	

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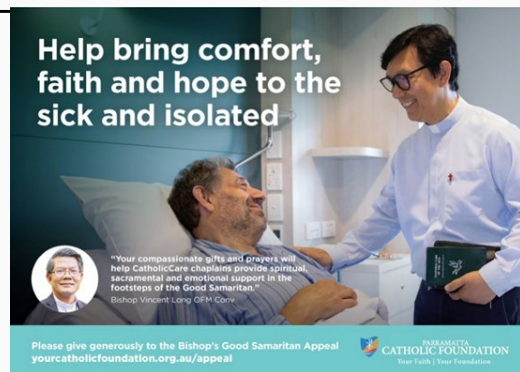
MUSIC MINISTRY: I would like to thank Mrs. Melissa McDonald for accepting the role of the Music Co-ordinator for the Parish. We wish Melissa all the best in this ministry. I also would like to thank Matthew Phillips for being the Parish Music Co-ordinator for the last 3 years. Due to Matthew's busy schedule, Matthew expressed his inability to continue in this role. Matthew will continue to offer the beautiful gift of music God has given him by still leading the choir in Masses. *Father Jolly*.

TIMEOUT TUESDAY. 17th March St Finbar's Parish Centre 10am - 1pm Seeing it is ST PATRICK'S DAY wearing a touch of GREEN will make this special day. For more information see TIMEOUT TUESDAY flyers at warden's table.

Reflection morning on *"Where to after Vatican II?"*, Saturday, March 21, 2019, 9:30am, presented by Sr. Patricia Madigan OP at Santa Maria Hall, Kitchener St, Lawson. (**Parking** also in Lawson Catholic Church grounds). Enquiries: 0405 916 326

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal—21st & 22nd March 2020

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal to reach our Parish quota – www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal All gifts \$2 and over are tax deductible if you use the special envelopes provided.



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 and games are at 9am on Saturday mornings.

U/10's - room for 1 player. Training is Thursday from 3.30 – 4.30pm and games are at 11am on Saturday mornings.

12B – room for 1 player. Training is Friday from 6 – 7pm and games are at 10am on Saturday mornings.

14B - room for 2 players. Training is Thursday from 4.30 – 5.30pm and games are at 11am on Saturday mornings.

Div 4 (senior players) - room for 2 players. There is no training for this team The games are at 2.15pm on Saturday afternoons. The season starts on Saturday 28 March and runs through until the beginning of September.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patrick Hanson, 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:

Ruben Stanford, Dorothea Egan, May Hurry, Michael Cloran, John Burrett, Elmer (Bill) Taylor, Lance Baker, Catherine McColl, Scott Robertson, Carmel Koziol and David Burke.

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Thank you. Brendan Khnouf and St. Columba's School Community would like to extend a warm thanks to all the Parishioners who donated to the World's Greatest Shave last weekend. May God bless you and your families.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

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.

Positions Vacant:

Disability Support Workers (Casual) - CatholicCare

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Catholic Youth Parramatta Safeguarding Series #1: 24 March

Catholic Youth Parramatta presents the first in a series of three safeguarding events in 2020, "Helping Youth Develop Safe & Healthy Relationships," facilitated by Cathy McClellan. The session will be held on Tuesday 24 March in the Greenway Room, Fiddler Hotel, Rouse Hill from 6.30pm to 9pm, with a light dinner provided.

Register at <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-keeping-our-young-people-safe/>

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 in 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

FOR YOUR DIARY - SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES FOR 2020

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Will be held on Saturday the 6th 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.

Attendance at all the preparation meetings is compulsory for all the Sacraments.

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 Or Ph: (02) 8843 2545



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Confessions: Sat 4.45-5.15pm
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Weddings: By Appointment

Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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ROSTER FOR 21ST & 22ND MARCH 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 st Reading	Volunteer Please	Mary Creenaune	Avril Llewellyn
2 nd Reading	Philomena Watkins	Andrew Teece	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Elizabeth Konza	Yvonne Scanlan
I.T Operator	Robyn Flynn	Terry Keogh	Joseph Marceau
Musician	Te Deum		Holy Light
Presentation of the Gifts	Steve & Heather Lee	Rivas Family	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Lorraine Brown Allan Jones	Ann Keating Jean Di Nucci	Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe
Children's Liturgy	Melissa		
Cashier	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Hospitality	Kerry & Peter Herborn, Marie Nassif, Lucie & Matthew Twyford		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Jessica Doherty & Eileen Jones		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		

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