




The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
19th & 20th September 2020

Isaiah 55:6-9; Ps 144; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday 20th September <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Confirmation & Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C	<p><i>St. Finbar's Parish Community would like to welcome Father Chris Dixon who is going to be celebrating the weekend Masses with us.</i></p> <p><u>Gospel Reflection</u></p> <p>On a first reading of this gospel story, the reader is probably struck by the unfairness of the situation. The landowner has employed day labourers at different times throughout the day to work in his vineyard. However, come the end of the day, the landowner pays all the day labourers the same amount. Not surprisingly, the labourers employed at daybreak to work the whole day are upset that those who have only worked the last hour of the day are paid the same amount. The landowner reminds them that he is paying them what they agreed at the start of the day, and yet the reader is left uncomfortable about the whole arrangement. Of course, this is the purpose of Jesus' story! The key to the story is in the introduction. Most of the kingdom parables told by Jesus begin with a formulaic statement, 'The kingdom is like ...' and this one is no different. What follows is almost always a description of an everyday event that is turned on its head. In all of the kingdom parables recorded in the gospels, Jesus describes a world order in which people respond in unexpected and sometimes confusing ways. His message is that the kingdom, or reign, of God turns expectations upside down. In the kingdom, people who are treated badly in this world are held in great esteem; the balance of power is turned upside down; and the usual order of things is challenged. The landowner's final comment in the parable, 'the last will be first, and the first, last', is a perfect example of the challenging nature of Jesus' kingdom parables. In the kingdom, those who hold themselves to be first in this world will be brought down, and those who are treated as least in this world will be exalted.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p>
Monday 21st September <i>St. Matthew</i>	No morning Mass	
Tuesday 22nd September	No morning Mass 10.30am Funeral Service for Pauline Auckett 7.30pm Columbarium Committee Meeting M/R	
Wednesday 23rd September <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	No morning Mass	
Thursday 24th September	No morning Mass 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C	
Friday 25th September	No morning Mass 1.00pm Bowlers	
Saturday 26th September	No morning Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 27th September <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism	

***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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Please note that until further notice, there won't be any morning weekday Masses. Sorry for the inconvenience. If you would like to attend Mass at Our Lady of the Way Emu Plains weekday Masses are as follows: **Wednesday morning Mass is at 9.15am, Thursday morning Mass is at 8.15am and Friday morning Mass is at 7.15am.** If you would like to attend Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Springwood, their weekday Masses are **on everyday at 9.30am except Monday mornings.** Thank you and hopefully we will get a new priest soon.

COLUMBARIUM

A significant event took place during the week when the footings for the Columbarium were excavated and the concrete foundation was poured. This is the first step of the physical construction. The next step will be the construction of the first actual Columbarium wall and niches. The parish Columbarium Committee will meet next week to plan out the process for parishioners to have access to the niches, and ultimately to transfer the ashes of their loved ones there. Parishioners will be kept fully informed of progress, and will soon be invited to purchase a niche.

BRICKS FOR THE COLUMBARIUM

Please note that the Parish is in need for ordinary common bricks to start building the Columbarium. Some of the Parishioners have already generously donated some. So if you have any unwanted bricks in your backyard and you are happy to donate them to the Parish, please ring the Parish Office on 47398928. Thanking you in advance for your generosity and support. May God bless you all.

Congratulations to the 10 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday and for the 4 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday the 20th of September.

May the Holy Spirit guide them and help them to grow in God's love.



FATHER JOLLY'S FAREWELL MASS

Last Sunday St. Finbar's Parish Community bid Father Jolly farewell as he moved to St. John XXIII Parish— Stanhope Gardens.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michael Taylor, Dunata Ryan, Rita Cloran, Maureen Hobbs, Douglas Nelson (son of Ron dec and Mary Nelson), Frances Glen, Adrian Willigers (Yvonne Etherington's Brother), Anne Smith, Greg Quilty and John Jennings.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Margaret Christensen, Andrew Bookallil (Margaret Rivas son), Angela Dengate (Jim Pope's daughter), Adam Carlyon (Theresa Luczak's Son in Law), Ryder Lopez, Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Joan Paine, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Pam Clyne, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, 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:

Rosina Merchant, Victorio Girgenti, John Nolan, Philomena Quinn, Ethel Cornish, Eileen Gillian, Sylvia Bourke, Maria Boehm, Marie Hill, Christopher McNamara, Mary Heaver, Grace Chambers, Roch Cunningham, Mary O'Connor, Kathleen Rowe and Patricia Nagle.

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Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

Pastoral Planning Plenary Council Engagement Sessions: 12 – 24 September

You are invited to join with others online to be informed about the next steps for the Plenary Council 2020. You will experience how to use a simple guide to animate your local community to engage with the Thematic Writing Papers, and to develop Good News Stories in the spirit of Plenary.

Please register for one of the following sessions:

Saturday 19 September at 2.30pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary19september>

Monday 21 September at 7pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary21september>

Thursday 24 September at 7pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary24september>

Life, Marriage and Family Office Pre-Marriage Weekends: 18 and 20 September

The Life, Marriage and Family Office will host another pre-marriage education course on the weekend of the 18 and 20 September 2020. Social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place, with other arrangements to be made if government requirements change. To view course dates for the remainder of 2020 and to book and pay for your preferred pre-marriage course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

Migrant and Refugee Sunday: 27 September

All are invited to celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday on 27 September. "Like Jesus Christ, Forced to Flee" is the theme for this year, and resources including videos, prayers and actions so that we can be in solidarity with migrants and refugees are available at www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice or through contacting Social Justice Coordinator Patrice Moriarty on patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org

ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre Staged Reopening

St Mary's Retreat Centre in Douglas Park, NSW, is commencing a staged re-opening of its facilities from 3 August, as a lead up to their advertised retreat program commencing on 2 October. As places will be limited for the time being, all appointments and visits will need to be booked through the Administrator: contact@towersretreat.org.au or phone (02) 4630 0233.

Saturday Session:

Please join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith before Saturday 11am and then join an online group discussion via Zoom from 11am. Register in advance for this meeting to receive the links for the presentation and meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/saturdaysessions19Sep>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about the presentation for this week and a link to join the meeting.

Saturday 19th September. A Mission of Justice and Mercy: Becoming a Church for Mission 2030. Fr Frank Brennan SJ 2017. Please contact Lisa Bright on lisa.bright@parracatholic.org if you cannot access the presentation to watch before Saturday 11am, or for further details or questions.

SATURDAY SESSIONS

GROW & SHARE FAITH

Watch the presentation
Join in the online conversation from 11:00am

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AND MERCY: BECOMING A
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Monday to Friday

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ROSTER FOR 26TH & 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Ethan Cameron		Keira Vermaak & Nicola De La Mare
Warden	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
1 st Reading	Allan Jones	Mary Creenaune	Avril Llewellyn
2 nd Reading	Philomena Watkins	Volunteer Please	Michelle Wilson
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Elizabeth Konza	Yvonne Scanlan
IT Operators	Pat Watson	Terry Keogh	Joanne Stubbs
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie & Jessica Doherty		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Michael Lloyd & John Killeen		

Readers and IT Operators.

Are urgently needed for the 7.30am Mass, if you can help please ring the Parish Office on 47398928 to let me know.

Thanking you all for your help and support. Juliana Khnouf

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