



# The Bairra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5TH & 6TH JANUARY 2019

Is 60:1-6; Ps 71; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Sunday 6th January <i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass
Monday 7th January	No Mass
Tuesday 8th January	No Mass
Wednesday 9th January	No Mass
Thursday 10th January	No Mass 11.00am Funeral for Joan Kelly 1.45pm Bridge P/C
Friday 11th January	No Mass 11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers
Saturday 12th January	No Morning Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions
Sunday 13th January <i>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass

## Reflection on the Gospel

*During January and early February, Fr Jolly will be in India for his annual holidays. We welcome back Fr Robert Anderson to our Parish for all the weekend Masses.*

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers,



probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem. They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child. Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth. As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

*Reflection by Fr Michael Tate*

### **NEW ROSTERS FOR 2019.**

We are in **urgent** need of Wardens & Sacristans, for 2019 Masses, specially for the 7.30am Mass. If you would like to help please contact the Parish Office on 47398928 or email secretary@stfinbars.org.au. Thank you.

*We are delighted to welcome Stephen Baird into our St. Finbar's Catholic Church Community. Stephen is going to be Confirmed at the Easter Vigil Mass.*

*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.*

# PARISH INFORMATION

**Sacraments**

Confessions: Sat 4.45-5.15pm  
 Baptisms: By Appointment  
 Weddings: By Appointment

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## ROSTER FOR 12TH & 13TH JANUARY 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Rodney Moffitt	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Andrew Duval
Junior Server	Katia Apps		Rocco Siciliano Emily Dowling Nicola De La Mare
Warden	Ken Schneiders & Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Kylie Mills
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Suzanne McGrath
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Allan Jones	Maura Williams	Carmel Higgins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dawn Willis	Andrew Teece	Richard Cutler
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Joanne Stubbs
I.T Operator	Kylie Mills	Ellen Teece	Jim McLoughlin
Musician			
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Margaret Richards	Kath Tierney Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	Avril Llewellyn Juliana Khnouf Gerard Egan Garry Pursehouse
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Anne King, Daren & Liz Dukes, Lynn Atkinson		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young & Beth Killeen		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Not available during January		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Deacon James Phelan, Chris Toohey (Mick Toohey's brother), Monica Pigott, Ron Aussel, Bev Palmer, Sarah Hurley (Dianne Pizarro's Mum), Maureen Streater (Vince Dobson's Sister), Shirley Glover, William (Bill) Waters and Patricia Flynn.

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

Elizabeth Ramsay, Sally Phoebus, Chris Paine, Mark Bates, Ryder Lopez, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Josephine Teece, Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, Jacqui Visser, Elise Doyle, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Little Majella and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

Geoff Shalala, Robert Clarke, Helen Morgan, Jonathan Murray, Christopher Appleton, Patrick Dempster, Francis Amaral, Geoffrey Clayton, Robert Pope, Phillip Dowding, Lyndsay Walmsley and Patrick Egan.