



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12TH & 13TH JANUARY 2019

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 103; Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Sunday 13th January <i>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass
Monday 14th January	No Mass
Tuesday 15th January	No Mass
Wednesday 16th January	No Mass 6.15pm Bridge P/C
Thursday 17th January <i>St. Anthony</i>	No Mass 1.45pm Bridge P/C
Friday 18th January	No Mass 11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers
Saturday 19th January	No Morning Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 20th January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 12.45pm Bridge P/C

Reflection on the Gospel

During January we welcome back Father Robert Anderson to our Parish for all the weekend Masses.



What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity. His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.'

Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you."

Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity? We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

THE NEW ROSTERS FOR 2019. Have been sent out this week to those who have emails. If you don't have an email, I have left a copy for you on the Warden's table to collect. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested to become a Warden or a Sacristan for the 7.30am Mass. Thank you for all your help and support.

Catholic Care is having a Community Conversation with Refugees.

If you would like to attend please put your name on the sheets provided at the Warden's table. If you would like to be a group leader, please put a star next to your name. For more information please check the notice board.

Follow our pilgrims attending World Youth Day Panama!

The Diocese's World Youth Day 2019 will take place from the 15th of January to the 1st of February 2019. The Diocese of Parramatta has 171 pilgrims attending. Please remember to pray for the pilgrims. Follow the pilgrim's progress online at parrayd.org

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains: 20 January.

We will be celebrating a special Mass on Sunday 20 January known as Santo Niño Holy Mass and celebration according to the Filipino tradition (English language). The Mass will take place at St Canice's Church, Katoomba at 12.00 pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

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 19TH & 20TH JANUARY 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Rodney Moffitt	Volunteer Please
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji & Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers Ann & Alex Walker
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 st Reading	Volunteer Please	Ann Keating	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Annisia Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
I.T Operator	Henry Hanko	Robyn Flynn & Terry Keogh	Amie Farrell
Musician	No Music	In	January
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & Family
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Jean Di Nucci	Therese Luczak Annisia Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena and Irene & Bert Aligno		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie and Jessica Doherty.		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Not available during January		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joan Kelly, 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, Lesley Whitford, Lachlan Turnbull, Doris Gibson, Darcie Pizarro, James Mulvey, Maureen Ingram, Catherine Hagen, John Castor, Daniel O'Keefe, Marie Boyle, Thelma Johnstone and Guisppe Nardi.