



# The Balfra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

10th & 11th February 2018

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 31; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

<b>Sunday</b> <b>11 February</b>  <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 11.00am Baptism 11.00am IT Developers Meeting M/R
<b>Monday</b> <b>12 February</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 2.00pm School Assembly & Information evening P/C 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>13 February</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>14 February</b>  <i>Ash Wednesday</i>  <i>Fast &amp; Abstinence</i>	<b>9.15am Ash Wednesday Mass</b> 9.30am Playgroup 11.30 Cantabile Church 6.00pm Lenten Group M/R 7.00pm Bridge P/C <b>7.30pm Ash Wednesday Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>15 February</b>	<b>10.00am Healing Mass</b> 10.00am Bridge lessons M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Ladyrith Dancers P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>16 February</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.30am Robert Sisson Funeral 11.00am Barnardos Fashion Parade P/C 7.15pm Stations of the Cross <b>7.30pm Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>17 February</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>18 February</b>  <i>First Sunday of Lent. Year B</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group

*We welcome Father Jolly back this weekend after his retreat and holiday in India. Weekday Masses will commence on Monday the 12th of February*

## Reflection on the Gospel

It is hard to imagine a person in 1st Century Palestine who would be more of an outcast from society than the leper. Unfortunately, any form of skin disease was categorised as leprosy (known as Hansen's disease today). It was regarded as one of the greatest forms of uncleanness and seen as a physical manifestation of God's punishment on the person.



For a person like this to even approach Jesus is a huge risk and an enormous act of faith. He trusts that Jesus will not reject him like everybody else in his life has done. His request to Jesus is almost a demand; it is certainly filled with an utter conviction of Jesus' ability and good will: 'if you want to, you can cure me'. Jesus' reaction is one of equally strong emotion – he is so moved by this man's plight that he reaches out his hand and touches the man. To touch a person with leprosy was to break every rule of the clean/unclean social structure that dominated Jewish society. In this one action, Jesus challenges the entire basis on which Jewish society is constructed – the purity code. For Jesus to touch this man, according to the purity code, is to become unclean himself. But Jesus ignores these social rules and responds out of love and heals the man with word and action. However, Jesus knows that if the man is to be accepted back into society he needs to conform to the rules that dominate his world. He must present himself to the local priest who is the only one with the authority to declare someone cured of their disease and thus able to become ritually clean and welcome back into worship and back into everyday life.

*Reflection by Greg Sunter*

**OLD BLESSED PALMS.** Any palms that you have from previous Palm Sundays can be left in the basket in the Narthex until this Sunday the 11th of February. The palms will be burnt and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday 14th February. Thank you

**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.

## ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

**TIMEOUT TUESDAY:** Third Tuesday of the Month. St Finbar's Parish Centre. 10am - 1pm. DO YOU WANT A BREAK? Adult conversation and interactions? If You wish to observe or be involved in new skills such as Crocheting, Knitting and Patchwork etc Or just want a 'chinwag' this is the group for YOU especially CARERS. We are fortunate to have been donated two Sewing Machines, Materials and various other items and there are willing hands to learn these new skills. A delicious morning tea will be provided. So why not come and enjoy a great morning relaxing with wonderful company. On TUESDAY 20th February. For more information contact Kath 47392651 or ktierney @bigpond.net.au

*A Funeral Mass will be held for Robert Sisson on Friday the 16th of February at 10.30am. Please note that there won't be a Benediction after the 9.00am Mass on that day.*

**FRIDAY EVENINGS IN LENT.** Are you looking to do something extra this year in preparation for Easter? Come and join us for the Stations of the Cross followed by Mass, every Friday evening during Lent at 7.15pm at St Finbar's. Everyone is most welcome. This will be held in addition to the usual Friday 9am Mass followed by adoration and Benediction.

**PRE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES FOR COUPLES INTENDING TO MARRY IN 2018**  
The Life, Marriage and Family Office are again offering Pre Marriage preparation courses for couples intending to marry in 2018. Please check the notice board for a copy of their brochure entitled "Pre Marriage Preparation". Couples are invited to book online to attend either a weekend course or individual couple preparation. The website for online booking is [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp). For more information please check the website [info@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:info@parra.catholic.org.au) or ring on 0288383460.

**FOR YOUR DIARY - SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2018:** St. Finbar's Sacramental program Information Evening is on Monday the 5th of March 2018 at 7.30pm. All Parents who will have children participating in one of the Sacramental programs in 2018 need to attend the meeting.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Will be held on Saturday 2nd of June at 2:30pm with the preparation meetings will start on Saturday 5th of May.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Will be held on Sunday the 2nd of September at 6:00pm with the Bishop attending. The Confirmation preparation meetings will start on Saturday the 28th of July.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion:** Will be held on Sunday the 25th of November during the 9.30am Mass. The Holy Communion preparation meetings will start on Saturday the 20th of October.

**CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS** followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry, Celebrant Fr. Adam Crouch MGL, Sunday 18 February 2018, 2:00pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome!

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Olive O'Neil (Cath Newton's mum), Robyn Kopp, Joy Serne', Geoff Shalala, Terence McGrath, Anne Bell, Jack Mullane (John's Father), Lynette Fernandes (Ahyiesha D'Souza Mum), Cliff McHardy.

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

Josephine Teece, Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Lyn Downes, Ellen Moffitt, Jane Bloor, Ena Baker, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, Pam Clyne, Jacqui Visser, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, John Roebuck, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Shirley Glover, Little Majella and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

Mark Devlin, Joan Whiting, Daphne Klein, Ben Gibson, John Nethery, Margaret Meere, Beth Fehon and Cedric McNamara.

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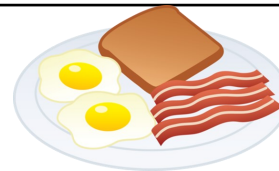
# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## **ST FINBARS MENS BREAKFAST. Date - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018.**

**Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am - Venue - Parish hall**

The parish is holding our next men's breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. It is an informal gathering with no agenda. Just a hearty breakfast and great conversation. We invite all male parishioners (any age) and any of their neighbours and friends. For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Please add your name the list on the warden's table. Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775



## **PROJECT COMPASSION - FOR A JUST FUTURE**

Project Compassion Lenten Envelopes and Boxes are available in our Parish this weekend. Please take one home today.

**LOCKING THE HALL DOOR** The lock on the hall door near the top of the ramp is a very peculiar lock. It can only be locked from outside with a key, but if anyone uses the door it immediately causes the door to be unlocked. Thus it cannot be locked and then closed as this causes it to unlock. Likewise, once it is locked, no one can exit via that door without causing it to unlock. Would all users of the hall please make sure it is properly locked before departing so our insurance remains valid.

**WALKING NETBALL** – This is a new initiative we are hoping to promote. If there is anyone who might have played in the past and would like to be part of WALKING NETBALL, or would like to know more about it, you can contact Carmel Higgins on 47391239. For 2018 it will only be of 4 week duration as it is a pilot programme. CARMEL HIGGINS.

**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL (was known as DWF appeal):** The next Catholic Foundation appeal will be held in this parish on the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> February. This appeal raises funds for the Diocese to support various needy groups in our area. This is an excellent way for us to express our Catholic faith so that we might be counted as one of the generous servants praised by Jesus: "...and he who received five talents came forward bringing five more, saying Master, you delivered me five talents – here I have made five talents more..." (Matt 25:20-21)

## **ST. FINBAR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL TOUR DATES FOR 2018**

Sunday, 4 March, 2018 at 11:00am / Thursday, 8 March at 2:00pm

Wednesday, 4 April at 9:30am

Wednesday, 2 May at 9:30am

Thursday, 7 June at 2:00pm

If you are interested in attending one of the above tour dates, please give us a call on 4724 3600 or send us an email at [stfinbars@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stfinbars@parra.catholic.edu.au) to book in. We welcome all enquiries and are accepting enrolments for all students K-6.

## **BARNARDOS WESTERN REGION AUXILIARY LADIES FASHIONS—FASHION PARADE & SALE WITH LUNCH *DRESSES, SKIRTS, SLACKS, BLOUSES ETC – SIZES 8-24***

A "SELLOUT" SUMMER SALE **DISCOUNTED** 30%-50%

Where: St. Finbar's Church Hall –Glenbrook

When: Friday 16th February at 11:00am. Garments ready for inspection from 10am

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Inquiries : Julie 47395969 or Jill 47394945 Proceeds to aid Barnardos Australia the Children Charity

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

**Office Hours:** 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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## ROSTER FOR 17 & 18 FEBRUARY 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Rodney Moffitt	Dawn Willis
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji & Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers, Emily Dowling & Alex Walker
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maire Griffin	Maura Williams	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Kylie Lane
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Jesse Mowbray
IT Operator	Henry Hanko	Ralph Maples	Amie Farrell
Music	Cantabile		Ruth's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	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 Annis Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins Volunteer Please Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Christyna		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene & Bert Adamson		
Church Care	Kath & Jim Tierney, Eileen Jones & Gwen Cullinan		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Lee Jackson & Louise Heber		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Rodney Moffitt & Michael Lloyd		

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