



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

4th Sunday of Lent Year B

10th & 11th of March 2018

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 136; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

		Reflection on the Gospel
Sunday 11th March	7.30am Mass	<p>To fully understand this week's gospel passage, it is important to take the first reading into consideration as well. The account from 2 Chronicles describes the way in which the people began to neglect their relationship with God. Despite prophets and messengers being sent to them, they turned their backs on God. At about this time the Israelites were conquered, the Temple in Jerusalem destroyed and the survivors taken into exile in Babylon. For many, this was seen as a punishment from God because of their neglectful and selfish behaviour. But the reading demonstrates God's infinite patience with humankind. God gives the people another chance and calls on them to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. God is willing to wipe the slate clean and start afresh. It is in this context that we must understand the gospel passage. In yet another attempt to demonstrate love and forgiveness, God's only Son – the Word made Flesh – is sent into the world to lead the people from darkness to light. Despite the many, many attempts by God to demonstrate love and foster a relationship with humankind, the people have repeatedly rejected the relationship with God and preferred to live a life of selfishness and darkness. Yet we see through both of these readings the unquenchable nature of God who keeps giving humankind one more chance. In our day to day relationships, it is true that we often seek to test the limits of the love that is expressed. Young people in particular often test the boundaries of their parents' love and the boundaries of others who care for them. It is often a test to reassure themselves of this love – will you still love me, even if I do this? Today's readings portray the people of God as adolescents constantly testing out the limits of God's love. In a remarkable act, God's own Son is sent into the world to die as a sign of the lengths to which God will go to assure humanity of the love that is theirs for the taking.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p>
4th Sunday of Lent. Year B	9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism	
Monday 12th March	9.00am Mass 9.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 7.00pm ME Oriental Dance Group P/C	
Tuesday 13th March	9.00am Mass	
Wednesday 14th March	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup 7.00pm Lenten Group M/R 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 15th March	9.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C	
Friday 16th March	9.00am Mass + Benediction 11.30 Cantabile Church 1.00pm Bowlers 7.15pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Mass	
Saturday 17th March <i>St. Patrick</i>	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 18th March 5th Sunday of Lent. Year B	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C	<p>HEALING MASS is on 9.00am this Thursday instead of 10.00am followed by morning tea.</p> <p>EASTER LETTERBOX DROP. Bundles of fliers advising the dates and times of the various ceremonies taking place at St Finbar's during Holy Week and at Easter are available in the narthex. Each bundle includes a map of the delivery area and the number of fliers to be delivered. Please take a bundle (or more) and enjoy some exercise in this beautiful autumn weather. If possible kindly deliver the fliers before Palm Sunday (25 March).</p>

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST. The Men's breakfast was held last Saturday. 56 men attended and it was another great success. Special thanks to the BBQ cooks, John De Mattia and Brian Egan, and to Lina Wiecek and her team in the kitchen, Tess and Fred Vella, Sue McGrath, Stella and Scarlett Jurd and Lorraine.



For those who attended or missed the breakfast, please note the next one is on Saturday, 26th May, 2018.

TIMEOUT TUESDAY: 20th March. St Finbar's Parish Centre 10am - 1pm. 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. EVERYONE most welcome, age is no barrier - from the young in age to the young in heart. "A LITTLE TIMEOUT, REFRESH - MAKING IS GOOD FOR YOU" So why not come and enjoy a great morning relaxing with wonderful company. For more information contact Kath 47392651 or email ktierney@bigpond.net.au

GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT. We regret to advise that the annual presentation of Music of J. S. Bach and Sacred Readings for Good Friday will not be held this year due to a clash of events.

Judy Burrett / Organ and Concert Committee

ST. FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB has space for 2 players in our Under 9's team (turning 9 this year).

No experience necessary

You can use your \$100 Active Kids Voucher to bring your fees down to just \$80 per child

Quality coaching

Training will be held at the Lapstone Netball Courts

Games are played at the same time every Saturday at the Lapstone Netball Courts

Plenty of parking available

We also have 1 spot left in our Division 4 Seniors team for anyone who might like to get back into social Netball – no training sessions, just turn up and play on a Saturday afternoon.

Please call Janette Ankers on 0438 672 040 if you are interested.

'LOVING LIFE, LIVING LOVE', part of the KERYGMA SERIES, an event aimed for teens and adults.

When: **Wednesday 21st March, Mass at 7pm followed by talk**

Speakers: **Simon and Madeleine Carrington**

Topic: Love, Relationships, Chastity, Online bullying, Protection against porn, the dangers of the internet, etc

Place: St. Padre Pio Parish, 34-38 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ena Baker, Fr Peter McGrath, Grace Buckley, Fr George O'Mara, Robert Sisson, Olive O'Neil (Cath Newton's mum), Robyn Kopp, Geoff Shalala and Yelica (Georgina Barisic's mother passed away last week in Croatia).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Elise Redymane, Fr. Chris de Souza, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Josephine Teece, Ken & Kathleen Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Ellen Moffitt, Jane Bloor, Ena Baker, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, 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 ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Harry Ragen, James Cottier, Vicki Noble, Catherine Smith, Robert Bunda, Anthony Clyne, John Everett, Tadeusz Opiel, Ruben Stanford, Dorothea Egan, May Hurry, Michael Cloran, John Burrett, Bill Elmer Taylor, Catherine McColl, Lance Baker.

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to love,
and then to
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*...saddest
journey of
the human
heart"*

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GARDENS FUNERALS**

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

Church Northern Stained Glass Window Funds Appeal:



Thank you to those parishioners who have already responded generously to the call. It is truly gratifying. It would be great if you could please let others know of the project and inspire them to help with the finance.

Completion Date Goal: August 2018

Design Concept:

A STAINED-GLASS WINDOW which would represent the creative and restorative power of God by using water, fire and nature elements. The symbols are to reflect the Old and New Testament, and the rejuvenation elements and epicormic growth that is seen in the Australian bush after bush fire.

THE THEME OF THE EXISTING 'BLUE' PART IS THAT GOD PROVIDES FOR HIS PEOPLE and it gives the viewer reminders of the creation story, the story of Moses striking the rock, and the life-giving waters of baptism.

THE THEME OF THE NEW PART OF THE WINDOW IS ONE OF RESURRECTION. The images provide suggestions of the wood of the Cross proceeding to the image of the glory of Christ's Resurrection and the light of Christ, the eucalypt tree, burnt from bushfire and the beginnings of regrowth and re-creation, the natural images of the risen sun, the light, bushfire, regrowth.

Finance Committee

SINCERE THANKS There are a couple of parishioners who help behind the scenes without any fanfare, responding promptly whenever they are called upon. One replaces taps and fixes water leaks. The other climbs inside the roof of the church to change blown light globes. Both these people use their talents for the good of the parish, and it is appropriate that parishioners thank them sincerely. God's blessings to you both.

LOST & FOUND This Weekend all the lost property in the church will be on display. Please take anything that belongs to your family. Thank you

FINBAR'S YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH FUNDRAISER: How long has it been since your car received a well deserved wash? We know it has been too long so bring your car to the Finbar's Youth Group Car Wash on the 11th of March at the 9.30am Mass. Park your car on the bottom oval before mass and return to a spotless car after, what more could you ask for? Our youth will be helping wash your cars and all money raised will go to supporting our youth here in the parish. \$10 per car and spots are limited so get in early. We look forward to seeing you and your cars on the day!

2018 WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES. The 2018 Walk For Justice For Refugees will be taking place throughout Australia on Palm Sunday (25 March). People from all groups, community organisations and the general public will join the Palm Sunday Walk, bringing banners and other messages of support in solidarity with refugees and people seeking asylum. For details of a rally near you, visit - <https://www.facebook.com/events/163333934168474/>

Charismatic Healing Mass followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry, Celebrant Fr. Hugh Thomas CSsR, Sunday 18 March 2018, 2:00pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All Welcome!

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

Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

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ROSTER FOR 17 & 18 MARCH 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 st Reading	Ralph Maples	Ann Keating	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Kylie Lane
Intercession	Reg Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operator	Henry Hanko	Ralph Maples	Amie Farrell
Music	Cantabile Group		Ruth's Group
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	Annis Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins Volunteer Please Volunteer Please Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Pia		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene & Bert Adamson		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Erika McNay, Margaret & Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Lee Jackson & Louise Heber		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh		

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