



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

4 and 5 June 2016

10th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

1 Kings 17:17-24; Ps 29 ; Galatians 1:11-19 Luke 7:11-17

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL.

It may be daring to say that Jesus did not bring the man back to life out of concern for the man. What do we read? 'When the Lord saw *her*, he felt compassion towards *her*' – not *him*! Who is this 'her' Jesus really focused on, the one he particularly saw in that little procession of mourners?

The 'her' was a widow in a patriarchal society. The dead son is not a youngster but a man. He is the breadwinner and protector for his mother. Without an able man in her household, she will be reduced to poverty and be very vulnerable.

We may say that Jesus restored the life of this man in order to restore the life of the mother. The Gospel emphasises this by telling us the purpose of this saving ministry of Jesus: 'He gave him to his mother.' She would now have enough to eat, and be able to live out her years in a secure household.

Can you see those who are vulnerable? Can you perceive how society is organised in such a way as to deny some people the necessities of life: food, shelter, health care, education, companionship? Does the seeing and perceiving send a shudder of compassion through your body, as it did for Jesus?

We could pause for a moment to ask for the grace to see how we might respond in life-giving ways to those who need to know that 'God has visited his people'.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

FINAL PLEA FOR DIOCESAN WORKS FUND

Many thanks to all those parishioners who have given generously to the DWF over the last two weekends. However we are still about \$3,000 short of our quota. Please help us to reach our target so we don't have to use our very scarce parish funds for this appeal. Please make sure you use an envelope from the seat or the Wardens' table and put on any collection this weekend.

Sunday 5 June <i>10th Sunday of Ord. Time, Year C</i>	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45am Session 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation. P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass. 7.00pm The Lounge. P/C	Thursday 9 June	9.00am Mass 9.30am Bridge Beginners. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir. 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
Monday 6 June	10.30am Latin Mass. 5.00pm SVDP meeting. M/R	Friday 10 June	9.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
Tuesday 7 June	9.00am Mass with Year 1. 11.30am Cantabile Practice. 7.30pm Pastoral Council meeting. 7.30pm Baptism Preparation. M/R	Saturday 11 June <i>St Barnabas</i>	9.00am Mass. 4.30pm Session 4 Sacrament of Reconciliation. P/C, M/R 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 8 June	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.00am Pastoral Care meeting. M/R 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 12 June <i>11th Sunday of Ord. Time Year C</i>	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45am Session 4 Sacrament of Reconciliation. P/C, M/R

WELCOME to all visitors to our church today. We extend 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 and Information pack.

St. Finbar's Parish News

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION will be held on the weekend of the 18th and 19th June 2016. Our third preparation session commences **this Saturday 4 June and Sunday 5 June**. Session times are 4.30pm on Saturday or 10.45am on Sunday. The sessions continue every weekend until the final session on Sunday 12th June. Please note, attendance of your child and one or both parents is required at each session, as is your attendance at Mass.

THE CHURCH CARE MINISTRY is appealing for much needed help from the younger parish community. Most of our groups consist of older members and we are in dire need of new younger people. Each group is rostered a turn, approximately once every nine weeks and if all members are present then the duration of the cleaning session is only about 1 to 1.5 hours. This voluntary role consists of a number of practical duties. Younger children are very welcome to come along with a parent. If you are new to the Parish and would like to get to know other parishioners then this is a great way to become involved.

Please contact Heather Lee on 4739 4906 leesj@tpg.com.au for further information.

Mass of Installation of Bishop Vincent Long: 16 June



The Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass of Installation of Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv as the fourth Bishop of Parramatta will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 16 June in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

Due to the large numbers expected, an outdoor screen will be provided at Prince Alfred Park across the road from the Cathedral.

It is recommended you bring a chair.

Watch the Installation live stream at www.parracatholic.org

Please keep Bishop Vincent and his future ministry among us in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Stephen Skinner, Ray Smith, Margaret McCusker, Anastasia Hudson (Mick Rivas's cousin), Nora Stapleton, Deborah Saporito, Constance Watson (Noreen Taylor's cousin) and Moira Thomson (Eileen Jones's aunt).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Carmel Quilty Malone, Pam Clyne, Emma Gleeson, Gloria Conliffe, Joanne Macrae, John Roebuck, Peng Lee, Fr Mac, Joan Lohrey, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Colleen Nolan, John Camilleri, Margaret Burley, Jan Smith, Steven McCormack, Maddison Farrugia, Ken & Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy, Ben Gibson and Ben McMahon.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Matilda Lutze, Susan Gibson, Maurice Whitford, May Brophy, Gregory Macquarie, Ellen Durham, Sarah Kleinmeulman, Monica Palmer, Terry Mooney, Philomena Owens, William Robb, Keith Tydeman, Daphne Dowding, John Shanahan, Laila Spedding, Jan Ciosmak, John O'Shea, Michael Glover, Valerie Ridings and Len Rivas.

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YOUTH MASS IS
ON THIS
WEEKEND AT 6PM
SUNDAY.

Lounge at 7:30pm - social evening.
Edge: will no longer run before the Youth Mass. It's been a fun 3 years and will be revisited when some of our Lounge members are old enough to lead this group.

We've been in contact with neighbouring parishes to see if there is an alternative for younger people. If Emu Plains gets their youth group happening we will certainly let you know.

Also if there is interest in getting the primary school kids together once a term (perhaps on a Friday afternoon after school) we will do that - please email us if this is something you would like to see happen. We want to still encourage primary school kids to develop friendships which will help them transition to the Lounge group.

In the mean time: if any young person wants to be involved in the Youth Mass please come to the church at 5:50pm so we can allocate responsibilities.

St Finbar Youth Team

PARISH INFORMATION

The new statue garden has been developed from the left over stone from the church construction (old Sydney Hospital). The front statue garden has a Mary McKillop rose and two grevilleas.

We also have John Paul 11 and St Bridget roses, both have fragrances. All work and plants have been donated and we thank all who contributed.

NEW ROSTERS:

As I am new preparing the new Rosters which commence in August, I am noticing several positions are vacant.

- We desperately need Senior Server's for the 7.30am Mass.
- We have vacant positions for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion at most Masses.

Thank you to those who have agreed to help out for the Cashiers Roster.

Please email me at secretary@stfinbars.org.au or phone the Parish Office 4739 8928 on Wednesdays to Fridays if you can help in any way.

Thank you, Margaret

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

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Next week's Roster at St Finbar's 11 & 12 June 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Rodney Moffitt	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Andrew Duval
Junior Server	Lara Selby Kate Hanigan		Christopher, Margaret & Nicolas Gott
Warden	Ken Schneiders Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Tom Torrance
1st Reading	Beth Culliver	Ann Keating	Carmel Higgins
2 nd Reading	Maureen Talk	Elizabeth Konza	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Irene Aligno
IT Operator	Jim McLoughlin	Elizabeth Konza	Joseph Marceau
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Gott Family
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Richard Mason Margaret Richards Volunteer please Volunteer please Volunteer please Volunteer please	Kath & Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	John Mullane Juliana Khnouf Mari McDonald Gerard Egan Gary Pursehouse Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Claire		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Anne King, Darren & Liz Dukes and Grace Buckley		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Huia Kingi & Jessica Doherty		
Music	<u>Vigil Mass:</u> M. Taylor & Matthew P		<u>9.30am:</u> Naomi's group



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