

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

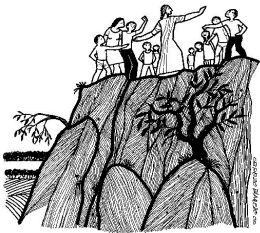
Fifty Years as a Parish in the Lower Blue Mountains

**30 and 31 January 2016**

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 70; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

## Gospel Reflection



This week's gospel completes the event in Nazareth that began last week with Jesus' declaration of mission. The initial response of the crowd is one of astonishment and approval. However, the people have largely missed the point of Jesus' teaching. When he declared that he had come to proclaim liberty to captives and to set the downtrodden free, Jesus probably didn't expect his audience to just say, 'Oh, that's nice!' The message he preached, and the message that flows throughout the Gospel of Luke, calls for a fundamental conversion of heart; a change to a life motivated by compassion for the lowly. When the people so obviously missed his point, Jesus virtually dismisses them by saying that 'no prophet is ever accepted in his own country'.

To make his point even further, Jesus then cites instances where two of the great prophets of Jewish tradition responded to the needs of pagans from Sidon and Syria rather than the needs of Israel. The two people helped are also very significant. Widows held a special place in Jewish tradition: God entrusted all widows to the care of the whole town. Whenever widows are named as being in need, it is a comment on the society as a whole neglecting its duty of care. Lepers were regarded as absolutely unclean and outcast by virtue of their condition (something that perhaps has never really changed). For Jesus to remind the people of these events is a great reprimand to them.

He is, in effect, saying to them, 'if you can't accept my message I will take it to the pagans; the gentiles; and the socially unacceptable.' Is it any wonder that they tried to lynch him on the spot?

*Reflection by Greg Sunter*

Fr Robert Anderson will say Mass on **Ash Wednesday** the 10th February.

We will have two Masses **9.15am (School Mass) and 7.30pm.**

**WELCOME** to all visitors to our church today. We extend our warm greetings to you. If you are new to St Finbar's and wish to join our Parish we welcome you too. Please make yourself known to our friendly Wardens after Mass so we can give you our St Finbar's Parish Welcome and Information pack."

### Sacraments

Confessions: Sat 4.45-5.15pm

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# St. Finbar's Parish News

## LITURGICAL ROSTERS

All rosters have been sent out last Friday to those who have emails. Please contact the Parish Office if there are any problems with any of the rosters. We will do our best to accommodate all, but please be aware that it is difficult at times to perform miracles.

For those people who do not have emails I have printed out copies that are located in the Narthex. I have not addressed them to anyone in particular, so please take a copy of the roster you have agreed to carry out.

Thank you all so very much.

**CONCERT ON SATURDAY MARCH 12 2016:** There will be a concert on Saturday March 12 in our Parish Hall as a fundraiser for the Bush School, Cambodia. It would be very much appreciated if the parish's hospitality groups, as well as other interested parishioners, could donate some sandwiches, slices or other finger food for the occasion.

The committee hopes that, as well, this function will also provide an enjoyable social evening for St Finbars parishioners. Kind Regards, Doug Frewer

**Secret Catholic Code words:** "Recessional" the ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by the parishioners trying to beat the mob to the car park.

**HOW WILL YOU PREPARE FOR EASTER THIS YEAR?** We invite you to join a Lenten Group and to journey to Easter with other members of our Parish Family. It is a very rewarding way to prepare for Easter Season in this Holy Year of Mercy. Material for individual sessions is provided. This weekend 30 January - 31 January will be the **LAST** opportunity to sign up to join a Lenten Group.

**Pope Francis during Ecumenical Week.** Recently during the ecumenical celebration of Vespers in the Papal Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, which marked the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Pope Francis asked for "forgiveness for the behaviour of Catholics towards Christians of other Churches which has not reflected Gospel values" during the course of history and invited "all Catholic brothers and sisters to forgive other Christians who may have offended them recently or in the past".

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Dela Baron ( Erika McNay's mother) , Lachlan Throughgood, Bernard Manning (Pat), Bishop Kevin Manning's brother, Patrick Walsh, Fr Brian Larkey, Johanna Kasyus (Tony and Jacqui Visser's sister) and Marilyn Barry (Gary Pursehouse's sister).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:** Joan Lohrey, Greg Bookallil (Margaret's son) Marcia Pereira, Matthew Jacka, Jim Daley, Fr Max Barrett CSSR (Jim's brother), Colin Haywood, Roslyn Agar, Colleen Nolan, Anne Tucker (Sacramental Co-Coordinator from St Nicholas Parish), John Camilleri, Margaret Burley, Ray Smith (husband of Jan), Steven McCormack, Maddison Farrugia, Ken & Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy, Peter van de Weyer, Ben Gibson and Emma Gleeson.

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Richard Smith, Mark Devlin, Joan Whiting and Daphne Klein.

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# This week at St Finbar's

## IT NEWS

During January the IT team has been diligently recruiting new members, as a number of former operators and developers have now left this ministry. We are pleased to inform you that we now have 5 training operators and 1 new developer, who is already on the roster. Over the next few months these operators will be training on the job, so to speak. We ask that you please give them your patience and prayers during this training period. Whilst the task is not difficult it requires much concentration on the Mass and the Music and these people need your encouragement to obtain their confidence. Should any parishioner wish to join our team, please contact the office or Jayne 4739 6673

**DEAR PARISHIONERS**, as the co-ordinator of the Sisters of Charity, Remote and Rural Ministry, I lead a team of dedicated women and men who support people in NSW, who may be struggling as a result of drought, fire, floods and financial difficulties.

Such situations seem to be ongoing. Inspired by the enthusiasm of my cousin Pat, you, the members of this parish, have been most generous in supporting our ministry. Thank you.

I look forward to delivering your donations to people in the country areas during the year. Wishing you God's blessing,  
*Sister Anne Mayberry R.S.C*

<b>Sunday 31 January</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b>
<b>Monday 1 February</b>	<b>10.30am Latin Mass.</b>
<b>Tuesday 2 February</b> <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	<b><u>NO MORNING MASS</u></b> 11.30am Cantabile practice. Church
<b>Wednesday 3 February</b>	<b><u>NO MORNING MASS</u></b> 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C
<b>Thursday 4 February</b>	<b><u>NO MORNING MASS</u></b> 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir practice. Church 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
<b>Friday 5 February</b> <i>St Agatha</i>	<b><u>NO MORNING MASS</u></b> 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
<b>Saturday 6 February</b> <i>St Paul Miki</i>	<b><u>NO MORNING MASS</u></b> 3.30pm RCIA. M/R <b>4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions.</b> <b>5:30pm Vigil Mass.</b>
<b>Sunday 7 February</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> 5.00pm The Edge. P/C <b>6.00pm Family / Youth Mass</b>

## **WHAT ARE THE GOSPELS?**

Gideon Goosen is giving a repeat of his November talk on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
7.30pm - 9.00pm in St. Finbar's Parish Hall.  
Please join us for an informative talk on the Gospels.  
Refreshments will be available.

## ★ **CHILDREN'S CHOIR:**

★ This begins on **Thursday, 4th February** and is open to children who love to sing (in tune?) and are in grades 3 to 6, boys and girls. Children come to the Church straight after school for a play and something to eat / drink till 3.30pm when the music proper lesson begins. Parents pick up their child at 4.30pm. This choir sings **once a month** on the **4th Sunday at the 9.30am Mass**. Claire and I look forward to new families and familiar faces experiencing the joy that comes from being in a choir that sings God's praises. Enquiries, Mary 4754 4955.



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**LEURA MEMORIAL GARDENS FUNERALS**

## Roster for 6 and 7 February 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Peter McMahon</b>	<b>Rodney Moffitt</b>	<b>Paulina Grodzicki</b>
<b>Senior Server</b>	<b>Victoria De Mattia</b>	<b>George Bryan</b>	<b>Gary Pursehouse</b>
<b>Junior Server</b>	<b>Patrick, Alex &amp; Johnny McLoughlin</b>		<b>Hannah Stanford Brendan Khnouf Riley McKenzie</b>
<b>Warden</b>	<b>Vince Dobson Allan Jones</b>	<b>Rodney Moffitt</b>	<b>George Grodzicki</b>
<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Carmel Dobson</b>		<b>Tom Torrance</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gerard Egan</b>	<b>Terry Keogh</b>	<b>Elizabeth Rowe</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Julie-Ann McLoughlin</b>	<b>Andrew Teece</b>	<b>Greg Rowe</b>
<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Annie McLoughlin</b>	<b>Annie Teece</b>	<b>Steve Newton</b>
<b>I.T Operator</b>	<b>Robyn Flynn</b>	<b>Margot Power</b>	<b>Joseph Marceau</b>
<b>Musician</b>	<b>Finbarr Choir</b>		<b>Jenny &amp; Anne's Group</b>
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	<b>Ryan &amp; Ahyiesha D'Souza</b>	<b>Maria Heinzl Stanis Drobiszewski</b>	<b>Dorothea Walsh</b>
<b>Minister of Communion</b>	<b>Beth Gibbeson John Morrow John Verhoeven Noreen Taylor Chris O'Meara Reg Moore John Brown</b>	<b>Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller Volunteer please</b>	<b>Stephen Brown Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher Volunteer please Volunteer please Volunteer please</b>
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>Christyna</b>		
<b>Cashier</b>	<b>Ann Keating, Pat Bell and Robyn Flynn</b>		
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance &amp; Vicky Ang</b>		
<b>Church Care</b>	<b>Leesa &amp; Wayne Gillard, Mary &amp; Joe Lopez</b>		



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