



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
Fifty Years as a Parish in the Lower Blue Mountains

6/7 February 2016

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Is 6:1-8; Psalm 137; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Gospel Reflection

As Lent approaches, we are called to reflect on our sins and to acknowledge that we need Jesus to save us. In today's Gospel, Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore so he can preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Seemingly at random, he has selected the boat of the fisherman Peter.

Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and pay out his fishing nets. Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! Out of some interest or good nature he had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this country bumpkin is trying to tell him how to fish! Just to prove Jesus wrong, Peter agrees to go through the futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish.

Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies – 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man'. Like Isaiah, he recognises that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, 'Do not be afraid,' and calls Peter to follow.

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity.

But that's no excuse! During Lent, let us acknowledge our sins and pray for God's help.

*Reflection by Greg Sunter,
Brisbane Catholic Education*

Fr Robert Anderson will say two Masses on
Ash Wednesday, at 9.15am (School Mass) and 7.30pm.

Ash Wednesday is a day of both Fast and Abstinence

We also sincerely thank Fr Robert for saying Mass for us over the past few weeks.

Fr Jolly will be back with us for Masses next weekend.

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.

Sacraments

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

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St. Finbar's Parish News

LITURGICAL ROSTERS

For those people who do not have email, copies 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.

CARING FOR CARERS will resume TUESDAY 16th, 2016 10am - 12 noon St Finbar's Parish Centre. 'Let's get Crafty' Why not learn something new in 2016?. This is open to ALL who would like to enjoy a morning relaxing doing something for YOU even if it is just having a cuppa & chat. Perhaps you have a craft you may like to share with others. More information contact Kath 47392651

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS: St Finbar's **Youth Masses** resume this Sunday at 6pm. A big thank you to Fr Bob Anderson who has agreed to say this Mass for us.

The Edge Group for primary school students will only run on 1st Sunday of each month this year. The first session, at 5pm, will be a Star Wars themed social introduction to our theme for the Year of Mercy.

The Lounge Group for high school students will run on both first and third Sunday evenings after Mass. The first session will feature a big welcome for all those in year 7.

The youth leaders are all pumped up and ready to go. See you all there. *St Finbar's Youth Team*

HOW WILL YOU PREPARE FOR EASTER THIS YEAR? We invite you to come to Mass on Ash Wednesday and to join a Lenten Group. In this way you can 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. This will be the **LAST** opportunity to sign up to join a Lenten Group. *Contact Mila 4739 1470*

Parents with young families' prayer group / bible study for Saturday 13 February from 3-4pm
(Enquires Annemarie Baird 0412 942 299).

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS: Low gluten hosts are always available to those receiving Holy Communion.

On Sundays and major feast days, the celebrant will always have low gluten hosts—just receive Holy Communion from him and ask for a low gluten host. On other days, please notify the Sacristan before Mass starts so that the celebrant can have a low gluten host ready for you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Warwick Grange (Gerard Egan's cousin), Dela Baron (Erika McNay's mother), Patrick Walsh, Lachlan Throughgood, Bernard Manning (Pat), Bishop Kevin Manning's brother and Fr Brian Larkey

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Fr Mac, Joan Lohrey, Marcia Pereira, Matthew Jacka, Jim Daley, Fr Max Barrett CSSR (Jim's brother), Colin Haywood, Roslyn Agar, Colleen Nolan, 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: Les Lemmon, John Nethery, Margaret Meere, Beth Fehon and Cedric McNamara.

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PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion campaign for 2016 has been launched in our Diocese by Fr Peter Williams, Diocesan Administrator. He urges us to support the "learning more, creating change" theme that emanates from Pope Francis, who says that "education is an act of hope". Our support for this Project is a great witness to the Year of Mercy.

Every family in the parish is asked to take home a Project Compassion box from the church Narthex and, during the weeks of lent, please fill the box and return it to the church on Palm Sunday. All monies will be forwarded to Caritas to support their initiatives to help those most in need, those who desperately need our acts of Mercy.

IT NEWS

IT Operator Workshop

On Saturday 20th February at 10.30 an IT operator workshop will be conducted in the church. All new IT operators, current operators and any parishioner, who would like to join this ministry are invited to attend. Enquiries Jayne 4739 6673.

Sunday 7 February	7.30am, 9.30am & 6pm Masses. 5pm Edge Youth Group P/C 7:30pm Lounge Youth Group P/C
Monday 8 February	10.30am Latin Mass.
Tuesday 9 February	<u>NO MORNING MASS</u> 11.30am Cantabile practice. Church 7:30pm Adult Education P/C
Wednesday 10 February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<u>9:15AM & 7:30PM MASSES</u> 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 9:30 Pastoral care M/R 7.00pm Bridge. P/C
Thursday 11 February	<u>NO MORNING MASS</u> 9:30am Bridge P/C 11am Catechists M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir Practice. Church 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
Friday 12 February	<u>NO MORNING MASS</u> 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 13 February	<u>NO MORNING MASS</u> 11am Baptism 3pm Parents Prayer Group P/C & M/R 3.30pm RCIA. W/S 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 14 February	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 11am Baptisms

WHAT ARE THE GOSPELS?

A repeat of Gideon's November talk on Tuesday 9th February 2016, 7.30pm - 9.00pm in St. Finbar's Parish Hall. Refreshments will be available. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

This began 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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ST FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB

SFNC is currently taking registrations for the 2016 Winter Competition and are seeking additional players for the following age groups:

Under 11's - players born in 2005

Under 13's - players born in 2003/04

Under 15's - players born in 2001/02

Under 18's - players born in 1998/99 & 2000

Senior players - born in, or before, 1997

We also have a dedicated team for our PWD's (Player With Disabilities) who are seeking additional players.

To register, simply go to www.stfinbarsnc.nsw.netball.com.au and click on the 'Register now' tab.

Roster for 13/14 February 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	Kate Hanigan Lara Selby		Christopher, Margaret & Nicolas Gott
Warden	Ken Schneiders Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Suzanne McGrath
1st Reading	John Killeen	Ann Keating	Patricia Murnane
2nd Reading	Joe Grange	Elizabeth Konza	Avril Llewellyn
Intercessions	Reg Moore	John Isaaksen	Erin Kelly
I.T Operator	Thais Turner	Elizabeth Konza	Pat Watson
Musician	Mary L & Michael T		Finbarr Folk
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Gott Family
Minister of Communion	Thea Robertson Sybil Mason Margaret Richards Brian Robertson Richard Mason Volunteer Please Volunteer Please	Kathy Tierney Ann Keating Gwen Cullinan Jim Tierney	Juliana Khnouf Mari McDonald Gerard Egan John Mullane Volunteer please Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Michelle		
Cashier	Ken Townsend, Peter McMahon		
Hospitality	Anne King, Darren & Liz Dukes, Grace Buckley		
Church Care	Schneiders Family, Tania Walker, Janette Ankers, Lynda Flavell		



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