

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

23 and 24 July 2016

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Gen 18:20-32; Ps 137; Col 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

In today's gospel, Jesus provides his disciples, and all Christians, with a model for prayer. In keeping with this modelling by Jesus, it is significant that the Lord's Prayer, or Our Father, is the common prayer of all Christians, regardless of denomination.

The parable and teaching that follow the Lord's Prayer make clear the particular purpose of prayer that Jesus was highlighting – prayer as petition. In this instance, Jesus assures us that if we pray for what we need with conviction and confidence, then God cannot fail to respond to our prayer.

Jesus in fact encourages us to be demanding and persistent in our prayer. However, the parable used to demonstrate the persistent nature of prayer is not focused on demands for selfish purposes, but rather on the neighbour who needs



**Give us
this day
Our
Daily
Bread!**

assistance in fulfilling his obligations of hospitality to a traveller.

He is not waking his neighbour in the middle of the night to ask for bread for himself; he asks for bread to give to his guest. He asks for help to fulfil his duty and responsibility. This gives us

something of an idea about how we might focus our prayer. Praying for a pony or new bike isn't quite in the same league!

The final element of the gospel passage provides us with a description of God's love and care by something of a negative comparison: if human parents would not do harm instead of good to their children, God is even less likely to act like this towards us.

It's a bit of an odd way around of saying that God's love is greater than anything within our experience or imagination.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

NEW PARISHIONERS

New envelopes are always available for any parishioner who would like to start contributing to the parish via the envelope system. Forms are also available for parishioners who would like to donate via direct debit or by a monthly credit card deduction.

Sunday 24 July <i>17th Sunday of Ord. Time, Year C</i>	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 11.00am Baptisms. 3.00pm Concert "The Peaceable Kingdom".	Thursday 28 July	NO MASS. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir. 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth dancers. P/C
Monday 25 July <i>St James</i>	10.30am Latin Mass.	Friday 29 July <i>St Martha</i>	NO MASS. 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
Tuesday 26 July <i>Sts Joachim and Anne</i>	NO MASS. 11.00am Cantabile Practice.	Saturday 30 July	NO MORNING MASS 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5.30pm Vigil Mass.
Wednesday 27 July	NO MASS. 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 31 July <i>18th Sunday of Ord. Time Year C</i>	7.30am and 9.30am Masses.

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

We have noticed that there is some damage to our pews in the church. It looks like the damage is being caused by pencils being dug into the leather thus creating holes. Would all parents please be aware of your children and ask them to refrain from causing any more damage. Thank you!

WORLD YOUTH DAY BEING CELEBRATED IN THE DIOCESE! SUNDAY 31ST JULY

You are welcome to 'WYDinSync', a Mass and catered celebration led by Bishop Vincent.

Location is Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Greystanes (Old Prospect Road) 6pm Mass followed by a procession to the on-site hall: Hot food, music and celebration, faith witness from the Bishop and past pilgrims, footage from pilgrims in Poland and live cross-over to the Krakow Mass.

Kindly RSVP to assist hospitality and food prep.

RSVP NOW with numbers attending to Fr Paul Roberts via connect@ifm.org.au

Some exciting music events will be happening in St Finbar's Church in July.

"THE PEACEABLE KINGDOM", described as divine choral (Academy Singers) and organ music will be directed by distinguished musician Paul Terracini with guest soloist and accompanist Amy Johansen, one of Australia's finest concert organists.

A real treat, not to be missed.

Tickets available at the door: \$25 Adults, \$20 Conc., \$5 children.

3pm Sunday 24th July.

On the following Saturday **30th July** a **Mid-Winter Carol Service**

("Christmas in July") will be presented by the Royal School of Church Music with host presenter Leigh Hatcher from radio and TV.

This will be in the form of a workshop commencing at 1.15pm in the Church.

Cost: \$20 RSCM choristers or members, others \$25.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Pining Brown, Patricia Fullerton, Anne Tucker (Sacramental Co-Coordinator at St Nicholas of Myra), Hugh Keavy, John Joe Grieve, Joan Herbert, Mary Robb, Margaret Burley, Lucy Dunne, Stephen Skinner, Ray Smith and Margaret McCusker.

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

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Mabel Barry, Ruby Howling, Doris Ball, Peter Roebuck, Arthur Hibberd, Paul Treble, David McSorley, Bernard Wilson, Dr Christopher Kohlenberg and Anni Grundschoettel.

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to love,
and then to
part is the..."*



*...saddest
journey of
the human
heart"*

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WHILE FR. JOLLY IS AT WYD THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES.

Springwood Mass times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 9.30am.

Emu Plains Mass times: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday at 9.00am.

Penrith Mass times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 9.30am. Friday at 12.10pm and Saturday at 9.00am.

WYD NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

DAY THREE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Work continued for our pilgrims at schools in Panglao Island continuing to help out wherever needed.

St Augustine's Academy has been slowly rebuilding after the devastation of the 2013 earthquake and pilgrims have been painting classrooms in the new buildings constructed after the 2013 earthquake. Across the road at Panglao Central Elementary, the pilgrims assisted with painting and maintenance around the school.

At Doljo Elementary, students are helping with gardening.

Pilgrims are also helping with feeding programs



for malnourished children.

At both Panglao Central Elementary and Bolod Elementary, volunteer parents visit every day and cook food for the 30 to 40 children at each school. Pilgrims have been helping these parents out with this program by cooking

and serving food.

Pilgrims ended the day with a dinner. The dinner demonstrated the friendship that has developed between the two Dioceses.

In a speech to pilgrims, Bishop of Tagbilaran, the Most Rev Leonardo Y Medroso DD said pilgrims had followed the call to be merciful 'You have made known God's mercy on you and extended that gift of mercy to others,' he said.



Our pastoral care upright freezer has died. At the moment we are sharing with the youth group.


However, we really need our own thanks to the many people who supply meals to the housebound and needy.

If anyone has an upright freezer they no longer require AND IS IN WORKING ORDER, would you please contact the parish office and we will gladly collect it from you. Thank you.


ROSTERS: our new rosters for the next 6 months are almost complete. We have several vacancies for Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion. The Vigil Mass requires new Ministers for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays and the 9.30am Mass on all Sundays of each month. Please contact the office or email your preferences.

myagedcare.gov.au Information Morning

What are the services available to help in our daily lives? How are they arranged and what costs are involved? Following the visit from Catholic Care Services and the questions that were asked we have arranged for a visit from myagedcare.gov.au on Tuesday 2nd August session beginning at 10:30. Please come with your questions about aged care. A delicious morning tea will be provided, and the company is always friendly. Looking forward to seeing you Margaret Richards 47396470



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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 30 and 31 July 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Rodney Moffitt	Paulina Grodzicki
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Ruth Gott
Junior Server	Volunteers please		Volunteers please
Warden	Reg Moore	Rodney Moffitt	George Grodzicki
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Allan Jones	Ann Keating	Joe Lopez
2 nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Terry Keogh	Richard Cutler
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Kevin Flynn	Joanna Stubbs
Musicians	M. Taylor & Mary L		No Music this morning
I.T Operator	Jayne Mason	Jemmy Brickwood	Amie Farrell
Presentation of the Gifts	Lee Family	Ann & Ray Keating	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Vince Dobson Georgina Barisic Lorraine Brown Allan Jones Volunteer please Volunteer please Volunteer please	Terry Madden Doris Field Rodney Moffitt Volunteer please	Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Avril Llewellyn Todd Stanford Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell and Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs & Martin and Lyndel Rogers		
Church Care	Mary-Anne Stenning and School Group		



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