

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

30 and 31 July 2016

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Ps 89; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.



Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died

to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

Reflection by *Dianne Bergant CSS*

**Fr Jolly returns very late on Wednesday (3rd August) night.
Morning Masses will resume on Friday 5th August at 9.00am.**

Sunday 31 July 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. <i>18th Sunday of Ord. Time, Year C</i>	Thursday 4 August <i>St John Vianney</i> NO MASS. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir. 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth dancers. P/C
Monday 1 August <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i> 10.30am Latin Mass.	Friday 5 August 9.00am Mass followed by adoration and benediction. 10.30am First Friday Visitations. 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
Tuesday 2 August NO MASS. 10.30am My Aged Care. M/R 11.00am Cantabile Practice. 7.30pm Baptism Preparation. M/R	Saturday 6 August <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i> 9.00am Mass. 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass.
Wednesday 3 August <i>St Dominic</i> NO MASS. 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 7 August <i>19th Sunday of Ord. Time Year C</i> 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 6.00pm Youth Mass.

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

ENVELOPE GIVERS A big thank you to all those parishioners who give to the parish by the weekly envelope system.

There are a couple of matters that are making the job of the Cashiers (volunteer parishioners) harder than it needs to be:

- 1 Please do not fold or crease any notes you put into the envelopes. Please keep them flat.
2. Please enter the amount contained in the envelope in the space provided. If you don't want others to see the amount, simply put the envelope on the plate face down.

Your attention to these two matters will make the job of the cashiers much easier.

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!

NEW ROSTERS: We have completed the new rosters from August to January 2017. I have sent out the rosters to those who have emails, however about 6 have been returned by the administrator as an incorrect address. If you have changed your email address please let me know. For those who do not have emails, printed copies are in the Narthex. Please make sure you collect all your new rosters as they are in separate envelopes. e.g. Readers, Welcomers etc.

TO JACQUI (VISSER) AND ELISE (DOYLE)
HAPPY 86TH BIRTHDAY FOR LAST WEEK.

*Happy
Birthday*

Ecumenical Dinner. Thursday 15th September 2016, 7-10pm.

Topic; **Christians of Iraq, Tragedies and the Search for Peace.** Archbishop Zaia.
Contact: 4739 5273 or 4739 5719.

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: Robert Toirkens, Stan Currey, 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: Frances Roberts, Leslie Cullen, Jeffery Plim, Marian Wiecek, Daisy Watterson, John Guerin, Gweneth Pinson, Carmel Harris, John Costello, Robert Murphy, Freda Weston, Eric Jeckeln, Reginald Hambilton, Michael Cahill, and William Mathew

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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:

World Youth Day celebrations began with the Opening Mass said by Krakow Metropolitan Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz. The Mass emphasised the culture of the host country, Poland!

Over the next three days, pilgrims will take part in morning catechesis with Bishops from around the world and have the opportunity to encounter the Vocations Fair and the Youth Festival program.

Catechesis is preached in different languages by Bishops from around the world who will teach and reflect with pilgrims on the beatitude; "Blessed are the merciful; for they shall receive mercy." (Mt 5:7), the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the XXXI World Youth Day in Krakow.

Catechesis sessions will take place across the city in churches and other chosen venues to ensure that all young people can participate.


The Youth Festival, a religious, artistic and cultural program takes place in the afternoons and evenings during the three days of catechesis, except during the main events. The Youth Festival is composed of open and free initiatives of an artistic, religious and spiritual character. This aspect of WYD gives pilgrims an opportunity to participate in concerts, exhibitions, workshops, sporting events, theatre events and many other activities.




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 6 and 7 August 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Paulina Grodzicki
Senior Server	Victoria De Mattia	Andrew Teece	Gary Pursehouse
Junior Server	Patrick, Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Hannah Stanford Brendan Khnouf
Warden	Vince Dobson Allan Jones	Rodney Moffitt	George Grodzicki
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Terry Keogh	Elizabeth Rowe
2 nd Reading	Julie-Ann McLoughlin	Andrew Teece	Greg Rowe
Intercession	Annie McLoughlin	Annie Teece	Steve Newton
I.T Operator	Jim McLoughlin	Margot Power	Sean Farrell
Musician	Finbarr Folk		TBA
Presentation of the Gifts	Ryan & Ahyiesha D'Souza	Maria Heinzl Stanis Drobiszewski	Gott Family
Minister of Communion	Beth Gibbeson John Verhoeven Noreen Taylor Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara Reg Moore Volunteer please	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller Volunteer please	Stephen Brown Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher Volunteer please Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Christyna		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance & Vicky Ang		
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