

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

6 and 7 August 2016

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Wisdom 18:6-9; Ps 32; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48

WELCOME HOME FR JOLLY

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself.

Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the



context within which our lives unfold.

However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined.

As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our

trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Sunday 7 August 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. <i>19th Sunday of Ord. Time, Year C</i>	Thursday 11 August <i>St Clare</i> 9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir. 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth dancers. P/C
Monday 8 August <i>St Mary Of The Cross</i> 10.30am Latin Mass.	Friday 12 August 9.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction. 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
Tuesday 9 August 9.00am Mass. 11.00am Cantabile Practice. 7.30pm Pastoral Council meeting. M/R	Saturday 13 August 9.00am Mass. 3.00pm Parents Prayer Group. 4.30pm Preparations for Confirmation Session 1. P/C 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass.
Wednesday 10 August <i>St Lawrence</i> 8am Mass followed by the Rosary. 9.00am Pastoral Care . M/R 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 14 August <i>20th Sunday of Ord. Time Year C</i> 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45am Preparation for Confirmation Session 1. P/C 11.00am Baptisms.

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

myagedcare.gov.au Information Morning

Thank-you to the 36 of us who attended the very informative talk from Hermine and Abbi from the Department of Health and Ageing. They took us through a brief outline of the steps to accessing a homecare package. They also explained some of the steps taken by the Government to keep as many of us in our homes as long as possible. We are very grateful they made their time available to us at St Finbars. There are some postcards in the Narthex with phone numbers and the website address for those who were unable to attend. Many thanks to all those who helped with the planning and catering for the morning.
Margaret Richards

NEW ROSTERS: The new rosters from August to January 2017 are now essential. If you did not receive yours or 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.

AUGUST - PRAYER & MEDITATION AFTERNOON FOR PARENTS

The next Parents' prayer & meditation afternoon will be held at St Finbars on Saturday 13th August from 3-4pm. All children are welcome and will be minded in the adjacent parish hall.

Please contact Annemaree Baird (0412 942 299) if you would like to attend.

Any new young parents, couples and parishioners are most welcome.

If you are able to join the roster to babysit our children during this time, it would be greatly appreciated—just let Fr Jolly know.

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. See poster on notice board for further details.

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: Frank Christensen, 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: Ute and Karl Moll, Mark Roebuck, Maree Whitton, Anne Griffin, Marion Nardi, Norma Bardwell-Cook and Alban O'Loughlin.

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St. Finbar's Parish News

OUR PASTORAL CARE FREEZER HAS DIED The sad news is that our Pastoral Care freezer has died. This means we do not have the capacity to store meals that parishioners cook for those people in need. In order to remedy this situation, and to keep this very active ministry running, we need to replace the freezer. It needs to be an upright freezer which has easy access to the meals, and quotes obtained for a new one put the cost at about \$1400.

Does someone have a spare upright freezer in good condition that they would be prepared to donate? Or would you be prepared to donate some money towards the purchase of a new freezer? Whatever help you can give will be very much appreciated.

Please contact Margaret in the Parish Office to let her know how you can help.

FR MAC UPDATE: Fr Mac has moved to Our Lady of Consolation at Rooty Hill. His address is 32 Evans Road, Rooty Hill NSW 2766. Phone 02 9832 5412 (Switchboard).

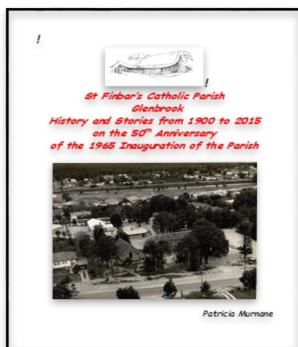
If you intend to visit, please check before you go in case he is having treatment.

Thank you for your understanding and please continue to pray for him.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Children who have made their First Holy Communion and Reconciliation are invited together with their parents to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The sessions commence on Saturday 13 August at 4.30pm and Sunday 14 at 10.45am in the Parish Center. If you require any information please contact the Parish Office or email Jim and Julie-Ann at jimnjuls@tpg.com.au to enrol your child.

YOUTH NEWS: Just a quick reminder that Youth Mass is on this Sunday 6pm, with a World Youth Day (review) Lounge afterwards for the high school kids.

CARING FOR CARERS MORNING TEA - with a touch of CRAFT. This is also open to others who are interested. Relax in a warm and comfortable atmosphere with those who like to chat over a cuppa and maybe do some craft. TUESDAY 16th August 10am - 12noon St Finbar's Parish Centre. Kath 47392651




ST FINBAR'S HISTORY AND STORIES FROM 1900 TO 2015


is now on sale at the Wardens' table. **\$10** full colour 60pages. Fifty copies have been printed. If more are required, then we can easily place another order.

The book is a compilation of all the Potted Histories that were published in the Parish Bulletin, as well as many more to 2015.

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Sacraments

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

Office Hours: 8.30am – 4.00pm
 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
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Parish School: Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean

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Next week's Roster at St Finbar's 13 and 14 August 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		Suzanne McGrath
1st Reading	John Killeen	Ann Keating	Patricia Munane
2 nd Reading	Joe Grange	Elizabeth Konza	Avril Llewellyn
Intercession	Reg Moore	John Isaksen	Erin Kelly
It operator	Thais Turner	Ellen Teece	Joseph Marceau
Music	M. Taylor & Matthew P		Naomi's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Margaret Richards Anthony Toutounji Andrew Wilson Volunteer please	Kath & Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	John Mullane Juliana Khnouf Mari McDonald Gerard Egan Gary Purchasehouse Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Claire		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell & Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Anne King, Darren & Liz Dukes and Grace Buckley		
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