

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
**13 and 14 August 2016**  
**20th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C**

*Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10; Ps 39; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53*

As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world.



Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we may have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow.

*Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS*

**Monday 15 August is the Feast of The Assumption. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and therefore we are required to attend Mass. We have 2 Masses, one at 9.15am with the School and one at 7.00pm.**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>14 August</b> 20th Sunday of Ord. Time, Year C <b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> 10.45am Preparation for Confirmation Session 1. P/C <b>11.00am Baptisms.</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>18 August</b> <b>10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea.</b> 12.30pm SRE meeting. M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir. 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth dancers. P/C
<b>Monday</b> <b>15 August</b> The Assumption 9.00am Fun Singers. <b>9.15am School Mass, all welcome</b> <b>10.30am Latin Mass.</b> 5.00pm SVDP meeting. <b>7.00pm Mass.</b>	<b>Friday</b> <b>19 August</b> <b>9.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction.</b> 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>16 August</b> <b>9.00am Mass.</b> 10.00am Caring for Carers. P/C 11.00am Cantabile Practice. 7.30pm Finance Committee meeting. M/R	<b>Saturday</b> <b>20 August</b> St Bernard <b>9.00am Mass.</b> 4.30pm Preparations for Confirmation Session 2. P/C <b>4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions.</b> <b>5:30pm Vigil Mass.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>17 August</b> <b>8am Mass followed by the Rosary.</b> 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	<b>Sunday</b> <b>21 August</b> 21st Sunday of Ord. Time, Year C <b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> 10.45am Preparation for Confirmation Session 2. P/C 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 5.00pm The Edge. P/C <b>6.00pm Youth &amp; Family Mass.</b>

**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

# St. Finbar's Parish News

## YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

CCSS Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for widowed men and women whether or not they are a parent.

**Next gathering:** Tuesday 16th August. **Venue:** DAC, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

## THE YASAWA ISLANDS.

You can help! We are collecting old, damaged and un-needed prescription or reading glasses to deliver to the people of the Yasawas. Donated glasses are cleaned, repaired by experts who have volunteered their time to the cause.

The chain is composed of 20 or so sparsely populated and surprisingly barren islands. There are no roads, cars, banks or shops, and most of the locals live in small remote villages, surviving on agriculture and tourism for their livelihoods. Many of them have major problems with their eye sight and cannot afford glasses.

They will be delivered by one of our staff (Ros) who will take the glasses to Broken Hill where they will be fixed and then taken to Fiji.

Please place glasses in the box in the Narthex. Thank you.

***The glasses will need to be donated before 18th September, thank you.***

**FRESH PERSPECTIVES:** "Are you interested in a monthly meeting based on prior reading and reflection, then group discussion, of a book (not a novel)? First meeting and first book (Worship and the New Cosmology by C. Vincie) to be discussed Thursday 25 August, 7:30pm. Inquires and copy of the book - Ph: Jim Potts, 47352076"

**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, Margaret Lewis, 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, Thomas Byrne, Bernardina Bruinsma, James Rowe, John Gersbach, Leslie Slater, Annia Audet, Winifred Coyle and John Cloran.

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# St. Finbar's Parish News

**OUR PASTORAL CARE FREEZER IS NOW ON IT'S WAY.** Thank you to those people who have generously donated money towards a new freezer for our Pastoral Care. We are now able to purchase a brand new freezer. Your generosity is outstanding. Thank you again, from the Pastoral Care team.

**OUR THANKS** also go the parishioner who was responsible for the donation of our beautiful new Lectionary (Book of Gospels) it is very much appreciated.

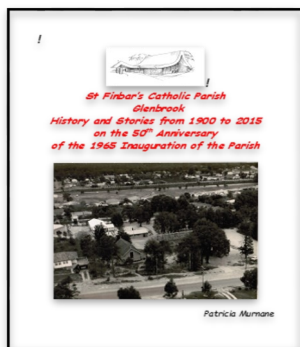
**PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Children who have made their First Holy Communion and Reconciliation are invited together with their parents to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The sessions commence on Saturday 13 August at 4.30pm and Sunday 14 at 10.45am in the Parish Centre.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



**YOUTH NEWS:** The Lounge enjoyed a great evening last Sunday with the Tonight Show Live with Liam J - hearing about World Youth Day. With Confirmation classes starting this weekend we will be inviting newly Confirmed kids to a special edition of the Lounge on September 18th ... more details to follow.

A seniors night out will be held at Penrith Rock Climbing on the 28th August. If you want details please email or message Natalie: [natalie.darbyink@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.darbyink@gmail.com)

**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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## PARISH INFORMATION

### **Sacraments**

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

**Office Hours:** 8.30am – 4.00pm  
 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
 Office Phone: (02) 4739 8928  
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### Next week's Roster at St Finbar's 20 and 21 August 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Rodney Moffitt	Paulina Grodzicki
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Andrew Teece	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Isaiah & Xavier Soriano		Andy Rogers Alex Walker
Warden	Richard Mason	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maire Griffin	Maura Williams	Trish Hurley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Peter Hurley
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Jesse Mowbray
Music	Vigil Mass: Cantabile & Michael T		9.30am No Music
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & family
IT Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Ellen Teece	George Grodzicki
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett John Killeen Jacqui Visser Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher Volunteer please	Terry & Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Volunteer please	Therese Luczak Jean Di Nucci Annisia Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Margaret		
Cashier	Peter McMahon and Ken Townsend		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena & Irene & Bert Aligno		
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