

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
10 and 11 September 2016
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14; Ps 50; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

The God who spoke to Moses is pained by the depravity of the people yet moved to show them mercy. Who could ever have imagined such a God? The God depicted in the gospel actually searches for what is lost. He seems to abandon the safe ones for the sake of the one who has strayed. She goes to great lengths to find one coin. As a spurned yet loving father, God patiently waits until we come to our senses. Who could ever have conceived of such a God?

Our God seems consumed with an insatiable desire to re-establish a relationship with us after we have turned our backs on God, have chosen to commit our loyalties elsewhere, have thoughtlessly wandered off into danger that threatens our well

being, not God's. What is it about us that makes us so desirable? The answer has less to do with us than with the magnanimous character of God. It is almost as if unconditional love is not simply a characteristic of God, but God's very essence and no human frailty or depravity can change this.

Paul insists that it is through Christ that all of this is accomplished. It is through the sacrifice of Christ that the depraved are forgiven, that sinners are saved, that the lost are found. It is through Christ that we are sought by God, and Christ is the very gift of mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the celebration of our return.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

THE MERCY PRAYER

"Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I will never be suspicious or judge by appearances, but always look for what is beautiful in my neighbours' souls and be of help to them; that my ears may be merciful, so that I will be attentive to my neighbours needs, and not indifferent to their pains and complaints, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I will never speak badly of others, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all; that my hands may be merciful and full of good deeds, that my feet may be merciful, so that I will hasten to help my neighbour, despite my own fatigue and weariness; that my heart may be merciful, so that myself will share in all the sufferings of my neighbour."

Sunday 11 September 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 11.00am Baptism. 2.30pm Sydney Welsh Choir.	Thursday 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows NO MASS TODAY 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 1.30pm Hymn practice . Church 3.30pm Children's Choir. 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
Monday 12 September 10.30am Latin Mass. 5.00pm SVDP meeting. M/R.	Friday 16 September Sts Cornelius & Cyprian NO MASS TODAY 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
Tuesday 13 September St John Chrysostom NO MASS TODAY	Saturday 17 September NO MASS THIS MORNING. 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass.
Wednesday 14 September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross NO MASS TODAY 9.00am Pastoral Care meeting. M/R 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Hymn Practice. Church	Sunday 18 September 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass and Special Lounge Event where the newly Confirmed members of our parish are invited.

M/R Meeting Room P/C Parish Centre (Hall)

WELCOME 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 Pack.

St. Finbar's Parish News

THANK YOU for the donations for our new freezer. It has arrived and a new roster is being compiled. Thank you to all who are on the roster and if you would to join us in providing food to people in need, please contact Margaret 4739 6470 or call the Parish Office 4739 8928.

WE NEED YOU! St. Finbar's team of Scripture Teachers is in desperate need of more members. We provide 30-40 minute lessons for the children in our local primary schools. It is very rewarding and a wonderful way of increasing our faith. Can you help us? Please call Beth on 4739.8577 or Georgina on 4739.9065.

RCIA NEWS: Time to really think about Rite of Christian of Adults. Would you like to share your faith with others at regular gatherings? Would you like more information on what Catholics believe? Would you like to be a Catholic and a member of our faith community? For 2016/2017 RCIA will be structured around sharing our knowledge and understanding of being a Catholic Christian. If you want to know more about being part of this most rewarding ministry please contact Margaret Richards 47396470 or the parish office 47398928

CARING FOR CARERS Morning Tea - with a touch of Craft. This is open to those interested in a relaxed morning doing Christmas Craft. **TUESDAY 20th September.** St Finbar's Parish Centre. 10am - 12noon. Kath 47392651 **MUSICAL DELIGHTS 'Carers Week Event' 18th October** - more details next week so keep this Date free for a very engaging experience.

PLAYGROUPO/PARENTS AND CARERS MORNING TEA

9:15-11:30 Wednesdays St Finbar's Parish Centre. All welcome for a play and cup of tea/coffee. Meet local families in a relaxed and warm environment. Come for just an hour or stay longer and bring a piece of fruit for children to share. Morning tea provided for adults. Gold coin donation. Contact Gabrielle Lynch for any enquiries 0481150022

COMING EVENTS Please note the following dates for coming events:

- * Weekend 24th and 25th Sept: Celebrating the Way of the Cross being in our Parish
- * Fri 7th Oct: Opening Night for Art Exhibition
- * Weekend 15th and 16th Oct: Parish Retreat

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Beverley Jeffries (Melissa McDonald's mother) Margaret Lewis, Betty Grange, Tony Ryder (Sally Phoebus' father), Pining Brown, Patricia Fullerton, Hugh Keavy, John Joe Grieve, Joan Herbert, and Mary Robb.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Frank Christensen, Robert Toirkens, Stan Currey, Shirley Konza, Fr Mac, 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: Bernadette Grieg, Barbara Fisher, Frank McSweeney, Barbara Short, Alexandra Jankowski, Cecilia Mitchell, Stephanie Webber, Edward Parslow, Dorothy Luland, John Gillian, Margaret O'Hare, Paul Moore, Margaret Hunt and Marie Lutton.

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St. Finbar's Parish News

THE 5C FUNDRAISER IS COMING TO ST FINBAR'S!



We have had a quote of \$11,000 to install a 10KW Solar System on the roof of the Hall. This system will generate 43 - 48kwh of power during the summer months, which will nearly cover the amount of power required, and 25kW of power in the winter. This system will power our Hall, Office and Church.

We are looking to raise \$5,000 through sponsorships from our Parishioners. If you can help with whatever amount please contact the Parish Office. To raise the remaining \$6,000 we are launching the world's easiest fundraiser. All you need to do is simply start collecting your 5c pieces and drop them at the Warden's Table at any Mass commencing this weekend onwards - that's it.

THE WAY OF MERCY

Dear friends and parishioners, the Way of Mercy is centred upon the journey of a large Cross of Mercy, accompanied by a relic of St Mary of the Cross and a letter penned by St Teresa of Kolkata. It is an initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta. The cross and relics are hosted in turn by different parishes, communities and schools.

Our parish is hosting the Mercy Cross and relics of the saints on the weekend of 24th and 25th September. Nearby parishes are joining us on that weekend including Emu Plains, Glenmore Park and Warragamba-Luddenham. Our school children will highlight the Corporal Works of Mercy through a special drama. Our parish youth will lead us in worship through their singing and prayers.

Our representatives and travelling mercy team will help us to reflect further. Our hospitality team will certainly look after our hunger and thirst needs.

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2016:

✚ 3.30pm arrival of the Relics and the Cross

Welcoming the Cross and the community—prayers and worship reflections.

Enactment of the corporal words of mercy. Confessions will be available by Priests from other Parishes.

✚ Hymns will be sung by the Youth Groups.

✚ 5.00pm short break .

✚ 5.30pm Mass.


✚ 6.45pm Movie of the life of St Teresa of Kolkata.

✚ At the conclusion of the movie, supper will be served in the Parish Hall.


Let us come together as a community to experience the mercy of God in our lives and to show our spirit of mercy to others.



A very big thank you to all the people who donated the much needed glasses. They will be transported, repaired and finally given to those who require help.



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Sacraments

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

Office Hours: 8.30am - 4.00pm
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Parish School: Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean
 Phone: 4739 1796

Next week's Roster: 17 and 18 September 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 st Reading	Ralph Maples	Ann Keating	Stan Callaghan
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Hurley family
Intercession	Duane Parslow	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Elizabeth Konza	George Grodzicki
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Kay Whitty	Dorothea Walsh
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett John Killeen Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher Volunteer please Volunteer please	Terry & Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Volunteer please	Therese Luczak Jean Di Nucci Annissa Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Lauren		
Cashier	Joe Grange and Ken Townsend		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene and Bert Aligno & Maggie Trevena		
Church Care	Marie Hurley, Carolyn Duval, Maria Cummins, Margaret & Michael Richards		



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