

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
17 and 18 September 2016
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Amos 8:4-7; Ps 112; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16: 1-13

Gospel Reflection

We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts

to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

Reflection by Greg Sunter.

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 I myself will share in all the sufferings of my neighbour.”

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.	Thursday 22 September	9.00am Mass. 10.15am Beginners Bridge. M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 1.30pm Hymn practice . Church 3.30pm Children's Choir. 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
Monday 19 September	9.00am Fun Singers. 10.30am Latin Mass. 5.00pm SVDP meeting. M/R.	Friday 23 September <i>St Pius</i>	9.00am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
Tuesday 20 September <i>Sts Andrew</i> <i>Kim Tae-gon,</i> <i>Paul Chong</i> <i>Ha-san</i>	9.00am Mass 10.00am Caring for Carers. P/C	Saturday 24 September	9.00am Mass. 3.30pm Celebration of the Way of the Cross. 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass. 6.30pm Movie and Supper. P/C
Wednesday 21 September <i>St Matthew</i>	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 25 September	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 11.00am Baptisms.

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

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

PLAYGROUP/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.

BUSH SCHOOL, CAMBODIA.

A small committee of volunteers assist in the planning and fundraising for the school. We have an important film night planned for Saturday 22nd October. We urgently need new members of the committee to support this event. If you are able to help, please contact Doug on 4701 5459 or 0403303943.

NOW IT IS URGENT: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.

YOUTH MASS IS ON THIS WEEKEND 6PM.

All year 6 and those newly confirmed are invited to Mass and the Lounge youth group afterwards 7:30-8:30pm. The Lounge will be a fun social event to give the new participants a chance to get to know some new people and encourage them to come back when they are in high school.

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 on notice board in the Narthex. Keep this Date free for a very engaging experience.

ART EXHIBITION

Supporting Black Dog Institute and mental health awareness.

OPENING NIGHT: FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER

7 pm - 9 pm Entry \$20 - canapés, bubbles, guest speaker, lucky door prize, raffle.

SAT & SUN: 10 - 4pm- entry \$5 plus Devonshire Tea available with proceeds going to Deaf & Blind Children North Rocks.

BRIDGE LESSONS for beginners will be held in the Parish Meeting Room commencing Thursday 22 September at 10.30am to 12.30pm and for the following seven Thursdays. For further information please contact 4753 6048.

"If you have seen or picked up a pair of **glasses** left at one of the pews after Sunday (11th September) Mass, it has a metallic frame, could you please contact Jenny Phillips on 0402 406 117"

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Arthur Auckett, Beverley Jeffries (Melissa McDonald's mother), Margaret Lewis, Betty Grange, Tony Ryder (Sally Phoebus' father), and Pining Brown.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: John Mulholland, Fr Mac, Frank Christensen, Robert Toirkens, Stan Currey, Shirley Konza, 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: Fred Clinton, Thomas Charles, Baby Amber Jane Jenkins, Pamela Cottee, Rosina Merchant, Vic Girgenti, Philomena Quinn, Ethel Cornish, Eileen Gillian, Sylvia Bourke, Maria Boehm, Marie Hill, Christopher McNamara, Mary Heaver and Grace Chambers.

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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. Of course any 10c or 20c are also accepted.

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.

MUSIC AND THE WAY OF MERCY: ---9.30 Mass Sunday 25 th

Final practice on Thursday 22nd at 1.30pm in the Church. At present we have seven in this choir. You are welcome to join us this Thursday.

The practice advertised for next Wednesday evening has been cancelled due to the lack of support on Wednesday 14th.


Enquiries email mary.josephine.lopez@gmail.com



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 Baptisms: By Appointment
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Next week's Roster: 24 and 25 September 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Billy Instance Riley & Amie Farrell		Anna Santoro Mitchell Mathew
Warden	Reg Moore	Rodney Moffitt	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Margaret Dickson	Steve Newton
2 nd Reading	Maureen Talk	Rodney Moffitt	Patricia Munane
Intercession	Margaret Moore	Kevin Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
IT	Robyn Flynn	Andrew Teece	Susan Dowling
Presentation of the Gifts	Lee Family	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & family
Minister of Communion	Julie Fehon Vince Dobson Georgina Barisic Lorraine Brown Allan Jones Margaret Rivas 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	School Holidays		
Cashier	Geoff Shalala & Erika McNay		
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