

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
**24 and 25 September 2016**  
**26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C**

*Amos 6:1,4-7; Ps 145; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31*

Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up?

The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes.

Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.

*Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS*



As we celebrate the Feast of St Finbar, we wish you a happy Feast Day and through the intercession of St Finbar may God bless us as a parish community.

## 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."

<b>Sunday</b> <b>25</b> <b>September</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>29</b> <b>September</b> <i>Sts Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</i>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b> 10.15am Beginners Bridge. M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C.
<b>Monday</b> <b>26</b> <b>September</b>	<b>10.30am Latin Mass.</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting. M/R	<b>Friday</b> <b>30</b> <b>September</b> <i>St Jerome</i>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction</b> 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>27</b> <b>September</b> <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b> 11.30am Cantabile Practice. Church	<b>Saturday</b> <b>1 October</b> <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b> 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5.30pm Vigil Mass.
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>28</b> <b>September</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary.</b> 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	<b>Sunday</b> <b>2 October</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> 5.00pm The Edge Group. P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass. 7.00pm The Lounge Group. P/C

**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

## 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.

## ART EXHIBITION

Supporting Black Dog Institute and mental health awareness.

### OPENING NIGHT: FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 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.

## 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.



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND ON SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER.

Clocks go forward 1 hour!

**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.

For your information: **Shirley Konza** has moved to "Minchinbury Manor", 57 John Street, Rooty Hill. Shirley's phone number (direct) 98325819.



**THE LOUNGE** was full of new people last weekend, despite the rain, with the newly Confirmed joining in the fun.

Our next exciting event is the relaunch of the **Edge 2.0** (primary school aged) youth group. Which starts again next Youth

Mass weekend - the **2nd of October** (the long weekend). Victoria DeMattia and Kara Cummins will be leading this group and will kick off with Glenbrook's first ever 'Colour Run' event.

The main aim of the Edge group is to help young people form some friendships which will encourage them to come to Mass and so they feel comfortable joining in with high school youth group when the time comes. They'll get a chance to participate in different aspects of the Mass if they'd like and become active members of the community from an early age. *The St Finbar Youth Team.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Elsie Fragar, (friend of Margaret & Mike Rivas), 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:** Denise Keys, John Mulholland, Fr Mac, Frank Christensen, Robert Toirkens, Stan Currey, Shirley Konza, John Camilleri, Carmel Quilty Malone, Pam Clyne, Emma Gleeson, 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:** Roch Cunningham, Mary O'Connor, Kathleen Rowe, Patricia Nagle, Thelma Dwyer, Thomas Beattie, Paul Morgan, Francis Luland, Anthony Cunningham, Rodney Mulvey, Kenneth Kelly and Joyce Richards.

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## OUR PARISH RETREAT 15 & 16 OCTOBER 2016

**A Sure Way to experience the Love of Jesus  
and the wonderful Gifts of God.**

### WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

Each of the seven sessions of our parish retreat gradually draws us into a deep intimate relationship with our God.

We see how limitlessly God loves us just as we are—no exceptions. We once again experience the exciting news of Vatican II that we are the People of God; we are the people of God's Kingdom!

Jesus came that we may have life and have it to the full. We learn just how desirable and comforting is this gift of a closer and more intimate life with Jesus. This great gift is freely offered to us. We just need to learn how to respond to the invitation of Jesus to receive his gift of this new life and intimacy; to experience this divine love.

We are guided to make this commitment to Jesus and to accept the gifts that flow from this intimacy. We experience for ourselves this loving presence of Jesus and that of the Holy Spirit.

Finally we learn how to continue to grow in the inner peace and joy of this newfound life. We begin to understand our new experiences and to grow in love with each other and with our parish community.

This newfound life of inner peace and joy is a natural progression towards a mature and loving friendship and dependence on our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Today there are over 200 million Catholics experiencing God's intimacy in this way.

**Why not join them in this exciting fulfilment of our Christian lifestyle.**

### WHO IS IT FOR?

This retreat is suitable for all who wish to:

- ♦ Explore the reality of God's love
- ♦ Enter a deeper relationship with Jesus
- ♦ Experience this new life that He has promised
- ♦ Become Spirit-filled Christians who do all things in love and enhance their parish communities.

Children of all ages will be catered for separately and will stage their own presentation on Sunday afternoon.


The success of these Parish Retreats is wholly due to the action of the Holy Spirit who comes among his people, empowers them with gifts and leads them to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus.



### THE 5C FUNDRAISER HAS BEGUN AT 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.



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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  
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### Next week's Roster: 1 and 2 October 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 Lorraine Brown	Rodney Moffitt	George Grodzicki
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Lukas & Kristina Rajnoch
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Gerard Egan	Mary Creenaune	Lukas Rajnoch
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Julie-Ann McLoughlin	Andrew Teece	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Annie McLoughlin	Annie Teece	Carmel Higgins
I.T Operator	Jim McLoughlin	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Musician	Finbarr Choir		Jenny's Group
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	School Holidays		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
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