

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

**1 and 2 October 2016**

**27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C**

*Habakkuk : 2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 94; 2 Timothy 2:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10*

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep.

We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community.

Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him.

*Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS*



Thank you to all the groups who helped with our celebrations last weekend. A magnificent effort by all concerned.

<b>Sunday 2 October</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> 5.00pm The Edge Group. P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass.</b> 7.00pm The Lounge Group. P/C	<b>Thursday 6 October</b>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b> 10.15am Beginners Bridge. M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C .
<b>Monday 3 October</b>	<b>10.30am Latin Mass.</b>	<b>Friday 7 October</b>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction</b> Our Lady of the7.00pm Art Exhibition. P/C Rosary
<b>Tuesday 4 October</b> <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b> 11.30am Cantabile Practice. Church 7.30pm Baptism Preparation. M/R 7.30pm Pastoral Care Committee.	<b>Saturday 8 October</b>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b> 10.00am Art Exhibition. P/C <b>4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions.</b> <b>5:30pm Vigil Mass.</b>
<b>Wednesday 5 October</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary.</b> 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	<b>Sunday 9 October</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> 10.00am Art Exhibition. P/C 11.00am Baptisms.

**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

**FATHERS' DAY APPEAL** Sincere thanks to all those parishioners who gave generously to the recent Fathers' Day appeal to help with the cost of caring for the retired and sick priests of the Diocese. The total amount raised from this parish was \$3,604. This is a significant increase over what we raised last year. Your generosity will be rewarded.

## 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.

## FILM NIGHT FOR CAMBODIA

A film night on Cambodia will be held in October to raise funds for the Bush School. A documentary on the life of a prominent conservationist, who lost his life fighting for the preservation of native forest in Cambodia, will be followed by Q and A session with host Julie McCrossin and a panel of Australians who have had extensive experience in Cambodia. More information in narthex or phone Doug on 47015459. Sat. 22nd October 7.30pm, Sassafras Room, Springwood Sports Club. \$20 pp, concession available.

**BRIDGE LESSONS** for beginners are being held in the Parish Meeting Room commencing at 10.30am to 12.30pm. For further information please contact 4753 6048.

**THANK YOU** for all the donations of used and unwanted glasses. We collected just over 200 pairs and they are on their way to be fixed and distributed to those in need.

## AS CATHOLICS WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

What do we believe and why do we do the things we do? As preparation for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 2016 there will be three one-hour sessions on prayer, the Sacraments and the Mass after 9:30 Mass on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> November from 11:00 until 12:00. If you are wondering what Catholics believe come along. Anyone interested is very welcome. These sessions will be in the parish meeting room.

**SHIRLEY KONZA:** After 65 years in Glenbrook, Shirley Konza has moved to 'Minchinbury Manor' Aged Care Facility, 57 John St. Rooty Hill. This has been a big change but it has brought Shirley a great opportunity to return to good health and activity. Shirley would like to be always regarded as a member of St Finbar's Community and hopes to visit as much as possible. Shirley's phone number is 98325819. For further information, Shirley's daughters Elizabeth 0405356514 or Tricia 47394688 / 0438242652 may be contacted. With thanks to all who have supported Mum over her months in hospital. It is greatly appreciated. She is now quite well and looking forward to increased mobility.

**Musical Delights CARERS WEEK EVENT** (Funded by CARERS of NSW on behalf of NSW Department of Family & Community Services) TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016. St Finbar's Parish Centre. Levy St Glenbrook. 10am – 2pm. An engaging morning of Music performed by students from St Columba's College Springwood, Claire Brown and others from St Finbar's Parish. These wonderful young people will entertain with a variety of songs and instruments. COME - RELAX - ENJOY. Morning Tea and Light Lunch. Craft exhibition by Carers and wider community. Wheel chair accessible. ALL WELCOME. For catering purposes RSVP 13/10/16. More information contact Kath 47392651, [ktierney@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ktierney@bigpond.net.au)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Frank Christensen (Margaret's husband), Janet Collins (Beth Madden's aunt) Elsie Fragar (friend of Margaret & Mike Rivas), Betty Grange and Arthur Auckett.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:** Noah Cariolato (student of St Columba's) 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:** Donald King, Barry Ward, Vincent Flynn, Kelvin Lawrence, Olive Power, Barnard Graham, Eugenia Bojec, Margaret Oxford, Stanislaus Lynch, Norman Bell, Phil Fehon, John McGregor, John Pain, Michele Kerzinger,

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# St. Finbar's Parish News

## 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 thing 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.


**Our Retreat commences on Saturday 15  
October from 9.00am—5.00pm and Sunday  
16 October from 9.30am Mass until  
4.30pm.**




### 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  
 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
 Office Phone: (02) 4739 8928  
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**Parish School:** Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean  
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### Next week's Roster: 8 and 9 October 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		Tom Torrance
1st Reading	John Killeen	Ann Keating	Carmel Higgins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Joe Grange	Elizabeth Konza	Irene Aligno
Intercession	Jacqui Visser	John Isaksen	Joanne Stubbs
It operator	Patrick Watson	Ellen Teece	Joseph Marceau
Music	M. Taylor & Matthew P		Naomi's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	Ann & Ray Keating	Dorothea Walsh
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Richard Mason Margaret Richards Anthony Toutounji Andrew Wilson	Kath & Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	John Mullane Juliana Khnouf Mari McDonald Gerard Egan Gary Pursehouse Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell & Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Anne King, Darren & Liz Dukes and Grace Buckley		
Church Care	Erika McNay, Margaret & Ian Dickson, Noreen Taylor & Heather & Steve Lee		
Garden Club Roster	Lucas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		



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