

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
**8 and 9 October 2016**  
**28th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C**

2 Kings 5:14-17; Ps 97; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19



**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you salvation.'

So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was made whole.

Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'.

This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is dis-eased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.

*Reflection by Fr Michael Tate*

**On Wednesday 12 October at 11.00am there will be a Funeral Mass for Mr Ken Glover.** All parishioners are invited to attend. **Choir for Ken Glover's Mass.** A group of singers to lead the music at this 11.00am Mass, is invited to prepare at 10.00am on Wednesday 12th in the Church. Please bring a black folder for the music which will be provided. Thank you. Enquiries Mary Lopez 47 544955.



**CATHOLIC MISSIONS:** In the poorest and most disadvantaged communities of Cambodia, and other developing countries all across the world, children are always the most vulnerable. Many cannot attend school because they have to care for their younger siblings while their parents work long hours to earn barely enough to survive. Some children are even forced to work themselves to help support the family. Illiterate and with no formal education, these precious children have very little opportunity to ever break the vicious cycle of poverty that has entrapped their families for generations. Thanks to the support of Catholic Mission, Sister Eulie Desacula from the Daughters of Charity has initiated the innovative Mobile Tuk-Tuk Education Centre which proactively goes out to the children from disadvantaged communities and gives them an education they would otherwise never achieve. Sadly, there are still countless children who are not receiving an education, and Sister Eulie urgently wants to increase the number of communities they visit and do it more frequently, so she can reach as many children as possible. With your help, we can give life and a new future to the children in Cambodia and all around the world. **PLEASE DONATE THIS WEEKEND.**

<p><b>Sunday</b>  <b>9 October</b>  <b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b>  <b>10.00am Art Exhibition. P/C</b>  <b>11.00am Baptisms.</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday</b>  <b>13 October</b>  <b>9.00am Mass.</b>  <b>10.15am Beginners Bridge. M/R</b>  <b>1.00pm Catechist meeting. M/R</b>  <b>1.30pm Bridge. P/C</b>  <b>3.30pm Children's Choir.</b>  <b>7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C</b></p>
<p><b>Monday</b>  <b>10 October</b>  <b>10.30am Latin Mass.</b>  <b>5.00pm SVDP meeting. M/R</b></p>	<p><b>Friday</b>  <b>14 October</b>  <b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction</b>  <b>1.30pm Bowlers. P/C</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b>  <b>11 October</b>  <b>9.00am Mass.</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday</b>  <b>15 October</b>  <b>9.00am Mass.</b>  <b>9.00am- 5.00pm Parish Retreat</b>  <b>St Teresa of Jesus</b>  <b>4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions.</b>  <b>5:30pm Vigil Mass.</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b>  <b>12 October</b>  <b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary.</b>  <b>9.00am Pastoral Care meeting. M/R</b>  <b>11.00am Funeral Mass for Ken Glover.</b>  <b>7.00pm Bridge. P/C</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b>  <b>16 October</b>  <b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b>  <b>9.30am-4.30pm Parish Retreat.</b>  <b>5.00pm The Edge Group. P/C</b>  <b>6.00pm Youth/Family Mass.</b>  <b>7.30pm Senior Youth Group. P/C</b></p>

**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

## ART EXHIBITION

Supporting Black Dog Institute and mental health awareness. **SUN: 10 – 4pm-** entry \$5 plus Devonshire Tea available with proceeds going to Deaf & Blind Children North Rocks.

## 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 Sundays 30th 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.

## PHOTOS FROM THE ECUMENICAL DINNER 2016

are on display in the Narthex. If you would like a copy, please contact Gideon Goosen 47395273.

**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)

## SISTER ANNE FROM THE SISTERS OF CHARITY:

As Christmas is fast approaching we again think of the farmers families who are going through tough times. Sister Anne asked for donations for the farmers wives and was truly thankful for all the donations she received from us. She is now requesting that the children be looked after for Christmas. Any toys would be suitable from babies to teens. There will be a box in the Narthex for the donations.

**URGENT CALL FROM THE IT TEAM:** Once again I make an appeal for new members for the IT team. We desperately need new operators, as our current operators also work in other ministries such as Readers, Wardens, Special Ministers of Religion and Senior/Junior Servers. It is not possible to perform two ministries at the one Mass. A number of operators have had to 'double' and 'triple up' in order to service their rostered Mass. In the not too distant future the Mass you attend may have to be celebrated without IT, unless an operator from the congregation, who does not have other commitments, is forthcoming. All that is required is the ability to concentrate on the Mass for the hour. Full support and training is available. Please contact Jayne 4739 6673 or 0404 051 394 if you would like to join this team.

**GARDEN ROSTER:** thanks to those who regularly arrive to attend to our beautiful grounds. However we are in desperate need for extra volunteers with summer approaching. Please consider this worthwhile Ministry and contact the Parish Office if you can help **once every 2 months!!**

**NEW CLEANING ROSTERS:** for those who do not have emails the new cleaning roster is available in the Narthex

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ken Glover, Christopher Hunt (Helen & Terry (dec) son), Frank Christensen (Margaret's husband), Janet Collins, 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), Madge Boylan, 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, Joan Lohrey, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Colleen Nolan, Jan Smith, Steven McCormack, Maddison Farrugia, Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy, and Ben Gibson.

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Ingrid Frank, Patrick Fitzgerald, Dr Harry Harris, Betty Smith, Fredrick Pay, Olive Dickinson, Jeffrey Hunt, Imelda Critchley, Francis O'Hare, Maria Obbens, John Webber, Michael Harris, Julie Grech, Verlie Gapps, Terrence Judge, Robert Agnew, Ronald Groves, Peter Smith, Danny McGrath, Kevin Taylor, Nellie Stanborough, Christine Frewer, Reginald Bailey and Rose Barrett.

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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 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.

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


**Please register on the form in the Narthex!**

**NEXT FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER THE SISTERS FROM BELARUS** are attending Mass here at 9.00am. They are bringing goods from their Convent in Belarus to sell. The sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent have been rendering spiritual, social and financial assistance to the sick and the suffering who stay at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs, the boarding home for mentally challenged adults, the rehabilitation center for mentally challenged children, the municipal hospital No.2, and a TB clinic for more than fifteen years. Please support the sisters!

**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.



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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  
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### Next week's Roster: 15 and 16 October 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	David Shatford	Gary Clune
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Terry Keogh	Hurley Family
Intercession	Margaret Moore	Kevin Flynn	Erin Kelly
IT Roster	Yvonne Etherington	Patrick Watson	George Grodzicki
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & family
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 Annis Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Margaret		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene & Burt Aligno		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Wayne & Leesa Gillard		
Garden Club 22 October 2016	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh Weekend of 22 and 23 October 2016		



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