

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

15 and 16 October 2016

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Exodus 17:8-13; Ps 120; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18: 1-8

Gospel Reflection

In the gospel of Luke, widows represent the lowly of society. They also are a measure of how the society is travelling. In the Old Testament, God commanded the people to care for widows, orphans and strangers. Widows, in particular, were to be cared for by the whole community. From that point on, the level of compassion within the society could be measured by the care extended to the widows. A number of the prophets point to neglect of the widows as a sign that the community has turned its back on the covenant with God. The gospel of Luke picks up this prophetic tradition and on several occasions uses widows as the key figures in stories or parables.

In this parable, the widow is petitioning her local judge for justice against towards the widow, but the judge fobs her off repeatedly. The widow, knowing that her cause is just, persists and finally wears down the judge.

Another feature of the gospel of Luke is that the lowly and poor – represented here by the widow – are those who recognise their own condition and call on the mercy of God to lift them up. Jesus says that God will see justice done to those who cry out for God's help. Jesus' final comment about finding any faith on earth is a reminder that human beings have a tendency to think they can solve all their own problems and forget that they need God's action in their lives. The faithful in the gospel of Luke are those who know that they are in need of God's mercy and love and call out for it.

Reflection by Greg Sunter.



Preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion will commence on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October. The Saturday session commences at 4.30pm and the Sunday session commences at 10.45am in the Parish Hall. Please note that 1 or both parents are required at each weekly session. Sessions continue for 3 weeks and the First Holy Communion will be on the weekend of 19th & 20th November, the Feast of Christ The King at the Vigil and 9.30am Mass.

Sunday 16 October 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 9.30am—4.30pm Parish Retreat. 5.00pm The Edge Group. P/C 6.00pm Youth/Family Mass. 7.30pm Senior Youth Group. P/C	Thursday 20 October 10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea. P/C 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir. 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
Monday 17 October St Ignatius of Antioch 9.00am Fun Singers. 10.30am Latin Mass.	Friday 21 October 9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 1.30pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 18 October St Luke 9.00am Mass. 10.00 Caring for Carers. P/C	Saturday 22 October 9.00am Mass. 4.30pm Session 1 Holy Communion. P/C 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass.
Wednesday 19 October 8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 10.00am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 23 October 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45am Session 1 Holy Communion. P/C 11.00am RCIA. M/R 1.30pm Bridge. 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.

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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, 23rd 30th October and 6th 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 18th 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. More information contact Kath 47392651, 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!!**

ALL SOULS DAY MASS. This year will be celebrated on Wednesday 2nd November, 2016 at 7.30pm. The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered for all the faithful departed with special remembrance of those whose funeral took place at St. Finbar's during the past year. Also invited to participate in the liturgy are parishioners who have lost a close relative during the past year and whose funeral was conducted outside the parish. A candle ceremony will be part of the celebration so if you would like your loved one remembered by lighting a candle (which your family member will place on the sanctuary during the Mass) please contact Jayne on 4739 6673 or 0404 051 394 before 28th October.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: John Mulholland, Ken Glover, Betty Grange, Christopher Hunt (Helen & Terry (dec) son), Frank Christensen (Margaret's husband), Janet Collins, Elsie Fragar (friend of Margaret & Mike Rivas), and Arthur Auckett.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Madge Boylan, Noah Cariolato (student of St Columba's), Denise Keys, 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: Monica Moffitt, Hope Williams, Bruce Macbeth, Johana Williams, Oliver Pinson, Margaret Corbin, Norval Thyrd (Jnr), Peter Jeans, Margaret Collins, Robert Weston, Maurice Scaramuzzi, Mary Murray, Margaret Plim, Thelma Taylor, Eileen Burrowes and Ted Kachel.

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LEURA MEMORIAL GARDENS FUNERALS

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MRS JUDY BURRETT HAS BEEN LEADING CANTABILE SINCE 2010. Starting from this month, she has decided to hang up her baton and resign from her leadership role, to spend more time with her family and grandchildren. Over the years, Judy has worked tirelessly to lead a small group of dedicated choristers whose aim was to bring beautiful sacred music to St Finbar's during Mass celebrations. Judy, thank you very much! The parish community really appreciates your hard work and dedication to our beloved choir.

I have volunteered to step into Judy's very big shoes to lead Cantabile so that our Parish can continue to experience the special reverence that music brings during Mass. It was not a decision that I took on lightly. Since I am only 18 years old, I hope that Judy, Claire, Mary Lopez, Mary Roddy and all choir members will continue to lend me encouragement, support and guidance. I would also like to extend a warm invitation to people of all ages and abilities, especially young people to join our group and to create a truly inclusive community choir. (Interested? Please contact me on 0421599079 or come to talk to me after Mass). Thank you, Matthew.

SOLAR PANELS You will no doubt have noticed the solar panels which have been installed on the roof of the parish centre. The cost of these is about \$11,500. We have so far collected nearly \$7,500 from individual donations and the 5c jar. This means we are still about \$4,000 short of our target. If anyone can help with a donation, no matter how large or small, towards this shortfall it would be very much appreciated.

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

FILM NIGHT FOR CAMBODIA

Our film night is next Sat. 22nd Oct. 7.30pm at Springwood Sports Club.

Support for the Bush School in Cambodia.

An interesting documentary on a prominent Khmer environmental activist will be followed by Q and A session with Julie McCrossin.

Tickets at door \$20/\$10. For info phone Doug on 47015459, mob 0403303943.



YOUTH NEWS:

Apparently there were lots of disappointed kids who missed out on our Edge 2.0 relaunch 2 weeks ago because of long weekend commitments.

We also had a number of HSC students attend. We wish them, and those that couldn't make it to the Mass, all the best for their exams. It was great to see so many take a break from their studies and other activities to come along! This weekend **5pm Edge 2.0** with Kara and Victoria: getting to know each game including action bingo! 6pm: **Youth Mass** with our famous youth band. 7pm: free sausage sizzle **7:30pm: Lounge** group for high school kids with more fun and great discussions planned expanding on the theme from last time "We are special because we are chosen, we are not chosen because we are special".


READING GROUP DISCUSSES THEOLOGY AND FAITH

The current topic is entitled "Fresh Perspectives" and is conversation on "Worship and the New Cosmology" by C Vincie.


Next meeting Thursday 27/10, .30pm.

Contact Jim Potts on 47352076.

Highly recommended; an excellent discussion group.



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Next week's Roster: 22 and 23 October 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Billy Instance Riley & Amie Farrell		Anna Santoro Mitchell Mathew
Warden	Reg Moore	Rodney Moffitt	Garry Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Margaret Dickson	Steve Newton
2 nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Rodney Moffitt	Trish Munane
Intercession	Jacqui Visser	Kevin Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
I.T Operator	Thais Turner	Andrew Teece	Susan Dowling
Presentation of the Gifts	Margaret Moore Jan de Bie	Rivas Family	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Julie Fehon Vince Dobson Georgina Barisic Lorraine Brown Allan Jones Volunteer please Volunteer please	Terry Madden Doris Field Rodney Moffitt Margaret Rivas	Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Avril Llewellyn Todd Stanford Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Ruth		
Cashier	Geoff Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Bev Palmer, Tom Torrance & Gwen Parker		
Church Care	Mary-Anne Stenning and Year 6		



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