

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

22 and 23 October 2016

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Eccles 35:12-14, 16-19; Ps 32 ; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-

Gospel Reflection

This Gospel passage is about the way in which we come before God in prayer. It is the tax collector, whose simple prayer is 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,' who goes home at rights with God. In this simple prayer, the tax collector recognises that he is not in right relationship with God and asks for God's mercy. This is a hallmark of the lowly and outcast in the gospel of Luke: they recognise their need and seek God's forgiveness and mercy. The model of faith that is depicted over and over again in this gospel is the one who recognises their need for God's loving mercy and asks for it. We are repeatedly reminded that God's mercy, forgiveness and abundant love are constantly out-flowing towards us and all we have to do is humbly desire and welcome them.

Humility is at the heart of this parable. The Pharisee is representative of those who are assured of their own rightness but who rely on comparison with others to make themselves feel righteous and justified. The actions of this man were not limited to Pharisees alone, nor are they limited to a particular time and place. This man's attitude of asserting his own faithfulness and religious observance by comparison with others can be easily seen in the world today. All faiths seem to be afflicted with these characters who assure themselves of their own 'goodness' by railing against those who are different. But, as the parable assures us, it is the humble who are exalted by God.

Reflection by Greg Sunter



Preparation for the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will continue each Saturday and Sunday. The Saturday session commences at 4.30pm and the Sunday session commences at 10.45am in the Parish Hall. Please note that one or both parents are required at each weekly session. First Holy Communion will be on the weekend of 19th & 20th November, the Feast of Christ The King at the Vigil and 9.30am Masses.

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	Thursday 27 October 9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C . 3.30pm Children's Choir. 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
Monday 24 October 10.30am Latin Mass. 5pm Vinnies meeting M/R	Friday 28 October 9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 1.30pm Bowlers. P/C <i>Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles</i>
Tuesday 25 October 9.00am Mass. 7:30pm Parish Finance Cttee M/R	Saturday 29 October 9.00am Mass. 4.30pm Session 2 Holy Communion. P/C 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass.
Wednesday 26 October 8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.00 am Pastoral Care M/R 10.00am Playgroup. P/C 11am Funeral for Daphne Grange 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 30 October 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45am Session 2 Holy Communion. P/C 11.00am RCIA. M/R

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.

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 is a box in the Narthex for the donations.

GARDEN ROSTER: Thanks to those who regularly arrive to attend to our beautiful grounds. 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—**only 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.

A small framed photo of your loved one could also be placed on the sanctuary before the commencement of Mass.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL Many thanks to all those parishioners who gave generously to the recent Catholic Missions appeal held in our parish. We raised \$3,526.60 which has been forwarded to Catholic Mission for distribution to those in great need. May God bless you all.

IT TEAM VACANCIES

The call is still out for new faces to join the team that presents the slides on the computer screens at all weekend Masses. Training will be given and you will be mentored by an experienced operator until you are confident to do it on your own. Is this a Ministry that you could do? Please contact Jayne Mason on 0404 051 394 and have a chat with her about it.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The most recent meeting was held on 4th October. The following items are some of the many discussed at this meeting:

- ♦ Parish Retreat and its importance
- ♦ Mercy Cross visit to our parish and possible incorporation of St Teresa's prayer into some of our liturgies
- ♦ Solar panels installation
- ♦ Interfaith Group gathering
- ♦ Parish Assets register
- ♦ Use of AV screens during Mass
- ♦ Celebration of a parishioner's 100th birthday
- ♦ Parish Christmas lunch planned for 4th December
- ♦ Panning for 2017 and Pastoral Council priorities

Parishioners are invited to contact Vince Dobson, Chairperson of the Pastoral Council if they want to follow up with any of these items (4739 1376).

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Parishioners and visitors are advised that low gluten hosts are always available at Holy Communion. At weekend Masses, Fr Jolly will have these hosts and you need to advise him when about to receive Holy Communion that you want to receive a low gluten host. At all other Masses, please advise the Sacristan before Mass and Fr Jolly will know to have a low gluten host for you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Daphne Grange (Joe's sister), Annette Hennessy, John Mulholland, Ken Glover, Betty Grange, Christopher Hunt (Helen & Terry (dec) son), Frank Christensen (Margaret's husband) and Janet Collins.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Tony & Jacqui Visser, Madge Boylan, Noah Cariolato (student of St Columba's), Denise Keys, Fr Mac, Robert Toirkens, Stan Currey, Shirley Konza, John Camilleri, Carmel Quilty Malone, Pam Clyne, Emma Gleeson, Joanne Macrae, John Roebuck, Joan Lohrey, Colleen Nolan, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Jan Smith, Steven McCormack, Maddison Farrugia, Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy and Ben Gibson.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Kathleen Graham, Peter Brown, Edna Helm, William Brownlow, May Graham, Carlyle Murray, Baby Peter Shatford, Lorna O'Neill, Alice McGregor, Ann Walker, Rubena Appleton, Michael Drinkwater, Ottilia Gyucha, John Guinney and Rocco Galderisi.

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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 \$8,000 from individual donations and the 5c jar. This means we are still a little more than \$3,500 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. Meanwhile, keep those 5c coins (and other larger coins as well) coming into the jar each week.

PLAYGROUP PARENTS/CARERS

9:15-11:30 Wednesdays in 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

THEOLOGY AND FAITH READING GROUP

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

Next meeting Thursday 27/10, 7.30pm.

Contact Jim Potts on 47352076.

Highly recommended.

RETREAT THANKS

The parishioners of St Finbar's thank the United in Love Prayer Group for conducting the very successful retreat in the parish last weekend. We thank them for all the preparation they did, for the talks and the music they provided and for the prayers they offered for us, especially in praying over us individually that we might receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We also whole-heartedly thank all those who cooked or otherwise provided the food and drink that kept us all sustained over the two days, and for those who helped clean up after the event.

Art Exhibition Thank You

A big thank you goes to the parishioners who supported the art exhibition and to their many compliments. I'm happy to announce that it was successful on several levels. The exhibition allowed the dissemination of information on the Black Dog Institute and local mental health services; the donation of \$2,455 (after overheads) to the Institute's continuing research of depression and bi-polar; and, the selling of 20 paintings and 30 cards, which the artists truly appreciated. Beth Gibbeson.



Youth News

It was great to see so many young people involved last week in the Youth Mass and Youth Groups - see photo. Next Youth Mass is the 6th November - there are only a few left for the year so put

them in your calendar.

Thanks, as always, for your support,
The St Finbar Youth Team


St Finbar's Primary School:

We would like to invite members of the Parish to join us at our school Bingo night. It is next Friday 28th October at 6.30pm. BYO drinks and snacks. There will be a BBQ on the night as well.




DO YOU KNOW IT IS ONLY 65 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS?

Our current roster for all liturgies finishes on the 29th January 2017. I will start processing the next roster in the next few weeks. If anyone would like to volunteer to join our many ministries, please contact me at the Parish Office 47398928 or email secretary@stfinbars.org.au. Also, if you wish to change your commitment in the current roster please also contact me. Thank you, Margaret



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 Baptisms: By Appointment
 Weddings: By Appointment

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Parish School: Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean
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Next week's Roster: 29 and 30 October 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Victoria De Mattia	Andrew Teece	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Volunteers please		Volunteers please
Warden	Lorraine Brown, Vince Dobson, Allan Jones	Rodney Moffitt	George Grodzicki
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 st Reading	John Killeen	David Shatford	Richard Cutler
2 nd Reading	Joe Grange	Margaret Dickson	Stan Callaghan
Intercession	Jacqui Visser	Rodney Moffitt	Briony Mowbray
I.T Operator	Patrick Watson	Jemmy Brickwood	Amie Farrell
Presentation of the Gifts	Sandra & Chris O'Meara	Maria Heinzl Stanis Drobiszewski	Dorothea Walsh
Minister of Communion	Julie Fehon Vince Dobson Georgina Barisic Lorraine Brown Allan Jones Peter McMahon 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	Carolyn		
Cashier	Ruth Gott & Margaret Christensen		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Lyndel & Martin Rogers		
Church Care	Julie Fehon, Tania Walker, Janette Ankers, Lynda Flavell, Kylie Lane		



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