

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

29 and 30 October 2016

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Ps 144; Paul 1:11-2:2; Luke 19: 1-10

The change of seasons is always an opportune time to marvel at the magnificence of the natural world of which we are a part.

Its colours, its textures, its smells all reflect the limitless imagination of the creator. Perhaps the most marvellous feature of the world is the interconnectedness of all the elements of which it consists. Somehow the spirit of the creator is manifested through each and every aspect of this universe. And we are part of it all. The universe may be as a grain in the balance or a drop of morning dew, but each grain and each drop contains within it the possibilities of the future.

Offering hospitality is a profound social act.

When we offer hospitality, we invite another into our world, into our lives.

We shift our attention from our own cares and concerns to the needs and comfort of the other. By the act of hospitality we transform strangers into friends and intimates, just as Jesus did with Zacchaeus. The hospitality that Jesus offers dissolves all constraints. Relationships disregard the biased measures of propriety, forging bonds of reconciliation and issuing everyone an invitation to intimacy. The hospitality that Jesus offers recreates the world from one of insider versus outsider to one of universal inclusivity. Sinners become friends, the lost are found, and all are restored to the rightful place as children not merely of Abraham but of God. The creativity of the creator is matched by the compassion of the re-creator.

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

On Tuesday 1st of November the church celebrates the Feast of All Saints. It is our Catholic tradition that on this date the whole community gathers together to celebrate our union with the saints as a church and also to seek their intercession. In this regard, you are all invited to participate in the Eucharist and to make this possible, there will be two Masses in the Parish at 9.15am and another at 7.30pm for those who are working. Fr Jolly.



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 30 October 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45am Session 2 Holy Communion. P/C 11.00am RCIA. M/R	9.00am Mass Thursday 3 November 1.30pm Bridge. P/C . 3.30pm Children's Choir. 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
Monday 31 October 10.30am Latin Mass.	Friday 4 November St Charles Borromeo 9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 10.30am First Friday Visits. 1.30pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 1 November All Saints Day 9.15am School Mass. All invited 7.30pm All Saints Day Mass.	9.00am Mass. 3.00pm Prayer Group for young parents. P/C Saturday 5 November 4.30pm Session 3 Holy Communion. P/C 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass.
Wednesday 2 November All Souls Day 8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 10.00am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm All Souls Day Remembrance Mass.	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45am Session 3 Holy Communion. P/C 11.00am RCIA. M/R Sunday 6 November 5.00pm The Edge Youth Group. P/C 6.00pm Youth/ Family Mass. 7.00pm Senior Youth 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

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.

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE 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.

NOVEMBER is the month we especially remember our departed brothers and sisters, parents and family members. Please pray for them and remember them in the Masses.

AUSTRALIAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION: In the AFA stand at the left door is an article "The History of Marriage in Australia". Well worth a read. Joe Lopez 47 544955.

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.

SOLAR PANELS The 96 solar panels are now fully installed and we are producing much of our own electricity. The total cost was \$11,500 and this was approved by the Parish Finance Committee. We expect to recoup the cost over about five years and then we will be set up in the longer term to save significant electricity costs for the parish. In addition we will be acting as good stewards for our environment by becoming a lot less reliant on electricity produced from fossil fuels. Many thanks to all who have so far contributed over \$8000 towards the cost. Please continue bringing your 5c and 10c coins or more to raise the remaining amount.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE This committee met during the week and reviewed the financial management of the parish. The Committee also approved the printing another 50 copies of the Parish History. We have now reduced the parish loan to the point where our monthly interest payment is less than the repayment of the principal, and the gap will increase the more we can pay off the principal. Any parishioner who wishes to serve on the Finance Committee is invited to contact Fr Jolly with their expression of interest, setting out what talents they can bring to the Committee.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Ida Watson-Will (friend of the Rivas family), 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: Archibald Johnson, Charles Breese, Betty Baker, Allan McMillan, David Hancock, Amanda-Jane Oxford, Anna Vella, Virginia Criswick, Charlie Psaila, Alice Cleary, Julie Young, Scott Blondahl, Kathleen Grange, Marjorie Gormly, Ian Robinson, Gerard Vandeweyer, Julia Barakat, Andrew Pallett and Pat Hazelton.

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LEURA MEMORIAL GARDENS FUNERALS

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TRIBUTE TO ANNETTE HENNESSY.

The recent death of Annette has prompted me to acknowledge the great contribution Annette has made to St Finbars Catholic Church Glenbrook. Annette took on the mammoth job of making all the Linen cloths, covers and drapes required for the new church to be opened in 1995. Annette was always happy sitting at her sewing machine where she created many Decorative, Artistic and Professional Ceremonial garments. Listed a small sample,
Tabernacle inner and outer covers, in white, red, and purple. Funeral Palls by two, Benediction Cope, Humeral veil, Ceremonial Copes in Red and Purple including Stoles. Drapes for the Cross, Ambo, Altar in ceremonial colours, Garments for Children's Choir, RCIA. All her work is still in use, she refused any public acknowledge of her contributions and all work was voluntary. Annette and Jayne Mason, later took on the job of designing and making over 30 Alb's for Male and Female Junior and Senior Servers, all shapes and sizes. Annette's sewing room took on the look of a factory production line producing a very processional finish. Annette really enjoyed sewing and walking, unfortunately she hasn't been able to do either for some time now.
May you rest in peace Annette we will miss you.
Marie Hurley

DO YOU KNOW IT IS ONLY 57 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

2017 Calendars

The 2017 religious calendars featuring beautiful artwork are now available at the Wardens table at the modest price of \$6 Franciscan and \$9 Columban.



Happy Birthday to Beryl Callaghan. We hope you enjoyed your special day.

CARERS WEEK EVENT. On Tuesday 18th October the Parish Hall was a buzz with 65 people, who attended a MUSICAL DELIGHTS CONCERT in a very relaxed atmosphere, as a part of NATIONAL CARERS WEEK. Young talented people from St Columba's College Springwood, their Music teacher George Cayas and From St Finbar's Claire Brown, her Nephew Jackson and the Phillips Family entertained with a variety of Classical music and songs from 50/60 era. How fortunate we were to have Avril Llewellyn to MC this wonderful event. Morning Tea and Light Lunch were served by dedicated ladies who worked tirelessly to bring so many delicious choices to the table. Around the hall were displayed many beautiful exhibits of craft lovingly made by CARERS and the wider community. To all these wonderful people my grateful thanks for making this day a great success. Kathleen Tierney

*Our Parish Retreat weekend.
A beautiful spiritual time for all concerned.*



GINGERBREAD EVENING

When: Saturday 10 December


Time: 4.15pm – 5.30pm for family groups or 6.45pm – 8.30pm strictly no children aged under High school age (BYO drinks & nibbles)

Place: Parish Hall; Cost: \$40 per kit

If you would like to join in the fun please pick up a booking form from the Warden's Table.

NOVEMBER - PRAYER & MEDITATION AFTERNOON FOR PARENTS - DATE CHANGE TO 5 NOVEMBER


The next Parents' prayer & meditation afternoon will be held at St Finbar's on Saturday 5 November from 3-4pm. All children are welcome and will be minded in the adjacent parish hall. Also, please make a note of our December date: our final prayer meeting for 2016 will be Saturday 10 December. We'd love to see you there. Please contact Annemaree Baird 412942299 if you would like to attend. **Any new young parents, couples and parishioners are most welcome.** If you are able to join the roster to babysit our children during this time, it would be greatly appreciated—just let Fr Jolly know.



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Baptisms: By Appointment
Weddings: By Appointment

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Next week's Roster: 5 and 6 November 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Paulina Grodzicki
Senior Server	Victoria De Mattia	Carl Moll	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		Tom Torrance
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Mary Creenaune	Erin Kelly
2 nd Reading	Julie-Ann McLoughlin	Andrew Teece	Hurley Family
Intercession	Reg Moore	Annie Teece	Steve Newton
I.T Operator	Bernadette Shalala	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Presentation of the Gifts	Allen & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Volunteer please
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	Danielle		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell and Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance & Vicky Ang		
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