

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
**5 and 6 November 2016**  
**32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C**

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 16; 2 Thess 2: 16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Life after death, in one form or another, is a common belief of most of the major faiths of the world. It is certainly a basic tenet of Christian faith. Because the gospels record Jesus as speaking about an afterlife, we tend to assume that this was a common belief of his time. However, within the different groups of Judaism, there was significant diversity of belief about this point. While the Pharisees believed in resurrection, the Sadducees did not. The Sadducees, whose name means 'righteous ones' were an elite group within the Jewish faith. They were purists in their adherence to the Torah and their rejection of any later teachings or writings – this actually put them in conflict with the Pharisees, although the two groups are often portrayed in the gospels as being united against Jesus. Today's gospel passage depicts an attempt by the Sadducees to ridicule belief in an afterlife by questioning Jesus about an extremely exaggerated scenario.



The reply Jesus gives largely ignores the farcical nature of the question. Rather, Jesus makes clear that the resurrected life is not merely an extension of the earthly life. The things that are of concern in this world are not an issue in the next. Through death and resurrection, life is changed, not ended. This idea can be challenging at a time when we are mourning the loss of a loved one, yet we are called to respond to that challenge with a genuine hope and trust in the life that goes on in a different way. Jesus, in fact, dismisses the whole idea of death as an ending by saying that to God all people are alive, whether on earth or in the resurrection.

*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.

<b>Sunday 6 November</b> 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45am Session 3 Holy Communion. P/C 11.00am RCIA. M/R 5.00pm The Edge Youth Group. P/C 6.00pm Youth/ Family Mass. 7.30pm Senior Youth Group. P/C	<b>Thursday 10 November</b> <b>St Leo the Great</b> 9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C . 3.30pm Children's Choir. 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
<b>Monday 7 November</b> 10.30am Latin Mass. 5.00pm SVDP meeting. M/R	<b>Friday 11 November</b> <b>St Martin of Tours</b> 9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 1.30pm Bowlers. P/C
<b>Tuesday 8 November</b> 9.00 Mass. 7.30pm Baptism Preparation. M/R 7.30pm Pastoral Council Committee.	<b>Saturday 12 November</b> <b>St Josaphat</b> 9.00am Mass. 4.30pm Session 4 Holy Communion. P/C 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5.30pm Vigil Mass.
<b>Wednesday 9 November</b> <b>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b> 8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.00am Pastoral Care meeting. M/R 10.00am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	<b>Sunday 13 November</b> 7.30 and 9.30am Masses 11.00am Baptisms. 11.45am Session 4 Holy Communion. 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

## **DO YOU KNOW IT IS ONLY 50 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS?**

Our current rosters for all liturgies finish 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](mailto: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.

## **CARING FOR CARERS**

Christmas Morning Tea and others who would like to join us are MOST WELCOME. On the 15th October, 10am - 12noon. This will be our last gathering for the year. A craft morning with a Christmas theme. You may wish share a memorable Christmas event as we chat over a cuppa. Kath 47392651

## **NOTICES FOR THE BARRA:**

Please be aware that any notices for the Barra for that weekend must be provided by Thursday lunchtime. If any are received after that time they will go in the following weekend. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **PLAYGROUP/PARENTS AND CARERS MORNING TEA**

9:15-11:30 Wednesdays at 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.

## **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.

## **FINAL PRAYER & MEDITATION**

### **AFTERNOON FOR PARENTS**

### **DATE SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER**

The next Parents' prayer & meditation afternoon will be held at St Finbar's on Saturday 10 December.


All children are welcome and will be minded in the adjacent parish hall. We'd love to see you there. Please contact Annemaree Baird 0412942299 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.


**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 or any amount you can afford. Thank you.

## **NEPEAN HOSPITAL MASSES:**

Nepean Hospital Masses are every Friday at Midday. If in need of a Catholic Chaplain whilst a patient is in hospital phone 47343150 or requiring a Priest urgently for an Anointing, phone 47342000 and request switch board or the nurse on duty to contact the Catholic Priest.



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**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.

**NOVEMBER MASS** offering envelopes are available on the Wardens table. All names will be written on the wall in the narthex.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** The Book of Remembrance is on permanent display in the Sanctuary during the month of November. Parishioners can add the names of any family members or loved ones who have passed to eternal life since last November. Please do not enter any names that are already in the book.

## **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 Sunday 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.

## **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

## **DIOCESAN WORKS FUND (DWF) APPEAL ON 12<sup>TH</sup>/13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Bishop Vincent asks all Catholics to give generously to sustain the good works of mercy the Diocese carries out to provide education, meals, counselling and employment opportunities for those in our community most in need. He points out that more than 20,000 calls for assistance are made every year CatholicCare and the Ephpheta Centre, and that the DWF supports both these diocesan entities that offer help to:

- Refuges
- Youth
- Single mothers
- The disadvantaged
- The elderly
- The indigenous
- The deaf
- The disabled

All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible, and some envelopes will be available at the Wardens' table this weekend for those that can't be here on 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>.

## **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.

**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:** Grant Madden, 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:** Banda Nassif, Toubai & Toney Maussia, Rose Hannigan, Genevieve Donnelly, Elizabeth Rynne, Agnes Gregory, Clive McInnes, Ludo Bos, Lena Hughes, Monica Roebuck, Michele Tagg, Kevin O'Neill, Gregory Kelly, Therese Voorn, Patrick Broughan, Lorraine Tolhurst, Patrick Field, and Alma Melville.

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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: 12 and 13 November 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Rodney Moffitt	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Andrew Teece	Andrew Duval
Junior Server	Lara Selby Kate Hanigan Joshua Toutounji Dominic Scanlan		Volunteers please
Warden	Ken Schneiders Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Suzanne McGrath
1st Reading	Allan Jones	Ann Keating	Carmel Higgins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dawn Willis	Elizabeth Konza	Martin Rogers
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	John Isaksen	Irene Aligno
It operator	Thais Turner	Ellen Teece	Joseph Marceau
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Ann & Ray Keating	Dorothea Walsh Margaret Christensen
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	Claire		
Cashier	Joe Grange and Ken Townsend		
Hospitality	Anne King, Darren & Liz Dukes and Grace Buckley		
Church Care	Kathy King, Kath & Jim Tierney, Eileen Jones & Gwen Cullinan		
Garden Club	Paul Gatt & Annissa Nilsson		
Music	Vigil Mass: M. Taylor & Matthew P		Mass 9.30am: Naomi's Group



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