

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
12 and 13 November 2016
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Malachi 3:19-20; Ps 97; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature.

As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God.

Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive.



Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions.

It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation.

God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this end time with patient endurance of difficulties.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

PRACTICE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACE THIS SUNDAY (13TH) AT 3.30PM IN THE CHURCH. SEE YOU THERE!



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 13 November 7.30 and 9.30am Masses 11.00am Baptisms. 11.45am Session 4 Holy Communion. P/C	Thursday 17 November 9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C . St Elizabeth of Hungary 3.30pm Children's Choir. 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
Monday 14 November 10.30am Latin Mass.	Friday 18 November 9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 1.30pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 15 November 9.00 Mass. 10.00am Caring for Carers Christmas gathering. P/C	Saturday 19 November 9.00am Mass. 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass with First Holy Communion.
Wednesday 16 November 8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 10.00am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 20 November 7.30 Mass 9.30am Mass with First Holy Communion. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C. Christ the King 5.00pm The Edge Youth Group. P/C 6.00pm Youth/ Family Mass. 7.30pm 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



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

CARING FOR CARERS Christmas Morning Tea and others who would like to join us are MOST WELCOME. 15th November, 10am - 12noon. This will be our last gathering for the year. A craft morning with a Christmas theme. You may wish to share a memorable Christmas event as



we chat over a cuppa. Kath 47392651 or

ktierney@bigpond.net.au.

PHOTOS of the CARERS EVENT - 'Musical Delights' are in the Narthex

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.



PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY:

We are having our annual Christmas get together on Saturday 3rd December after the 5.30 Vigil Mass. We will have the party in the Parish

Hall. Please bring a plate to share.

LATIN MASS CEASING: After Monday 21st of November, the **Latin Mass** will be cancelled in our Parish. The presiding priests have decided to discontinue the Mass here to concentrate on other venues. Fr Jolly will commence a 9.00am Mass each Monday from the 28th November.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Soon, seven Year Six members of this choir will move on to High School, leaving just six enthusiastic members remaining. We need more singers to at least replace the Year Sixers who have been in this choir since Year Three. What's involved? Well we meet straight after school 3.15 every Thursday (school term) outside the Church for a play and some food. From 3.30 to 4.30pm, we prepare the music for the 9.30am Mass every fourth Sunday of the month.

This Choir leads the singing. It's a great opportunity for them to experience the joy that comes when singing together God's Praises. Come, see and hear this little group on Sunday 27th November, 9.30am Mass and perhaps your child might like to join us next year. Enquiries Mary Lopez 47 544955.



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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.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN MUSIC AND SONG AT ST. FINBARS

Music and Readings for Christmas -

St Finbar's traditional Christmas celebration anticipated by the entire community will be held this year on **Sunday 18th December at 7.30pm.** Massed Choir, Readings, Harp, Handbells and Brass. Join the great organ in singing carols with the choir and congregation, and rejoice in the Hallelujah Chorus with brass and timpani. Retiring collection – suggested donation: Families \$30, individuals \$10. Bring the family, friends and neighbours. Proceeds towards the upkeep of the organ.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND (DWF) APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

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.

(See his letter on the notice board).

He points out that more than 20,000 calls for assistance are made every year to 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 and the disabled.

Envelopes for this appeal are on the seats at Mass today. Please use them to donate to the appeal, and place the envelopes on the special collection plate. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. You will also note from the Bishop's letter that our quota for this appeal is just over \$7,700, and we rely on your generosity

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, Madge Boylan, Paul Clements (friend of Gwen Parker), Tony & Jacqui Visser, 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, Maddison Farrugia, Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy and Ben Gibson.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Betty Chapman, Kenneth Hepburn, Ludgardia Way, Amy Mood, Renee Belton-Webber, Helen O'Keefe, Brenda Amaral, John Howling, Kathleen Roberts, Marjorie Fitzgibbons, Sheila Hammerton, Beverley Pembroke, Mary McGee, Kevin Sharp and George Tinning.

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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
 Office Phone: (02) 4739 8928
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Next week's Roster: 19 and 20 November 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	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Volunteers Please		Andy Rogers Alex Walker
Warden	Richard Mason	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 st Reading	Ralph Maples	Maura Williams	Frank Fitzpatrick
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Pearse Cremin
Intercession	Duane Parslow	John De Mattia	Ruth Gott
IT Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Margot Power	George Grodzicki
Music	Matthew's group		Ruth's group
Presentation of the Gifts	Margaret Moore Jan de Bie	Rivas Family	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 Margaret Rivas	Therese Luczak Jean Di Nucci Annissa Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Margaret		
Cashier	Geoff Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena & Irene & Bert Aligno		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Sally Doyle, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young & Beth Killeen		



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