

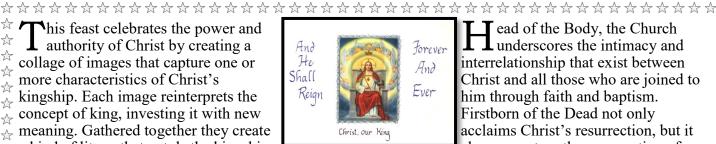
The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook 19 and 20 November 2016 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Year C

2 Samuel 5:1-3; Ps 121; Col 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

his feast celebrates the power and ■ authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.

hepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who ☆ place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a ☆ sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God ☆ acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned.



ead of the Body, the Church **L** underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of

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those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images.

The entire liturgical year is brought to completion **L** in the last words of the gospel:

'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Welcome to Fr Flor Apalias who is residing here at St Finbar's while assisting at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood.



First Holy Communion is on this weekend of 19th & 20th November, the Feast of Christ The King at the Vigil and 9.30am Masses. Congratulations to all the children on receiving the Holy Eucharist.

Sunday 20 November Christ the King	7.30 Mass 9.30am Mass with First Holy Communion. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C. 5.00pm The Edge Youth Group. P/C 6.00pm Youth/ Family Mass. 7.30pm Senior Youth Group. P/C	Thursday 24 November Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C. 3.30pm Children's Choir. 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
Monday 21 November The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am Fun Singers.10.30am Latin Mass. (final)5.00pm SVDP meeting.	Friday 25 November	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 1.30pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 22 November St Cecilia	9.00 Mass.	Saturday 26 November	9.00am Mass. 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 23 November	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 10.00am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 27 November	7.30 and 9.30am Mass 10.30am Musicians meeting. M/R 11.00am Baptisms.

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

SATURDAY 26 AND SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER:

We will be conducting our Parish Census. It is a small census so we can update our data base with correct addresses, phone numbers and emails. Cards will be on the seats, one per family. Place completed cards on either collection plate or leave with the wardens. Thank you for your co-operation.



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.

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.

THE MUSICIANS MEETING is on Sunday 27th November at 10.30am after the 9.30am Mass. All groups are asked to attend to discuss the Christmas Liturgies. Please make every effort to come and join in the meeting.

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

HOSPITALITY:

At St Finbars we are known for our hospitality. We have morning tea after the 9:30 Sunday Mass with the roster organized by Lena Wiecek, sausage sizzle and soups at the Family and youth Mass organized by the youth team and after the anointing Mass there is morning tea ably provided by Kathy King and Doris Field. For funerals we have a team organized and planned by Mairé Griffin. Many thanks to these wonderful workers; we really appreciate your generosity and the work of your team. If you would like to join the funeral hospitality team to help with serving and preparing sandwiches, slices and scones please contact Margaret Richards on 47396470 for more details.

ST FINBAR'S HISTORY AND STORIES FROM 1900 TO 2015 is



again on sale at the Wardens' table. **\$10** full colour 60pages. Good value!

The book is a compilation of all the Potted Histories that were published in the Parish Bulletin, as well as many more. Photos and images are included.

An extra item for that Christmas stocking!

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND (DWF) APPEAL STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Thank you to all parishioners who gave generously to this appeal last weekend. However our quota for this appeal is just over \$7,700 and we are still significantly short of this target. Envelopes for the appeal are still on the seats at Mass today. If you were not able to donate last week, please use them to donate to the appeal today, and place the envelopes on either collection plate. We rely on your generosity to help us reach our target.

CLOSING OF HOLY DOORS IN YEAR OF MERCY

Our Diocesan Way of Mercy pilgrimage concluded on Sunday 13 November with a ceremony at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. The ceremony commenced with the arrival of the Cross and Relics and Way of Mercy procession at 4.30pm. Vince Dobson represented our Parish at this special ceremony and was presented with the wonderful art work which is now in the Narthex.

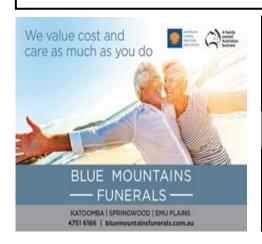
CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN MUSIC AND SONG AT ST. FINBARS

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.

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: Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, 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, Jan Smith, Colleen Nolan, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Maddison Farrugia, Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy and Ben Gibson.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Lillian Mitchell, Julie Stone, Joseph Redler, Joseph McGoldrick, Keith Trevenar, John Hennessy, Ida Brown, Marie Brooks, Myee Goymour, Raelene Baskett, Winifred Lawrence, Cecil White and Nicholas Haddock.



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Next week's Roster: 26 and 27 November 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Andrew Teece	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	Gerard Egan	Ann Keating	Martin Rogers
2 nd Reading	Julie-Ann McLoughlin	Terry Keogh	Hurley family
Intercession	Annie McLoughlin	Kevin Flynn	Patricia Murnane
Music	Matthew & Cantabile		Ruth's group
I.T Operator	Robyn Flynn	Andrew Teece	Susan Dowling
Presentation of the Gifts	Lee Family	Kay Whitty	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Julie Fehon Vince Dobson Georgina Barisic	Terry Madden Doris Field Rodney Moffitt	Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe
	Lorraine Brown Allan Jones Peter McMahon Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Greg Rowe Avril Llewellyn Todd Stanford Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Michele		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Bev Palmer, Tom Torrance & Gwen Parker		
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