



# The Barra

14 and 15 January 2017

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Ps 39; 1 Cor 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

We find in the gospel when John the Baptist declares, 'there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world'. It is the sin 'of the world' that Jesus takes away; that is, all humankind.

This was a tough concept for the Jews whose relationship with God was grounded in the concept of being the 'chosen people'; a people set apart.

It continues to be a difficult concept for many Christian people today who struggle with the notion that God's love and mercy are so extravagant that they are poured out for absolutely anyone and everyone.



Some Christians like to maintain an 'us and them' approach to their faith and think that if you're not one of 'us' then salvation will be denied by God.

The role of John the Baptist in this passage is to be a witness; to point to Jesus and say 'He is the one!' Lots of us need the affirmation and direction provided by another person before we are ready to commit to a new direction in our lives.

John gives the crowd confidence and effectively hands over to Jesus the authority that the crowd had perceived in him.

*Reflection by Greg Sunter*

Sunday	15 January	7.30am & 9.30am Masses	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Monday	16 January	No Mass	
Tuesday <i>St Anthony</i>	17 January	No Mass	
Wednesday	18 January	No Mass	9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge
Thursday	19 January	No Mass	1.30pm Bridge
Friday	20 January	No Mass	1.00pm Bowls
Saturday <i>St Agnes</i>	21 January Reconciliation	No Morning Mass 4.45pm to 5.15pm 5.30pm Mass	
Sunday	22 January	7.30am & 9.30am Masses	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**We welcome back Fr Robert Anderson to our parish for all the weekend Masses.**

- URGENT REQUESTS:** we need a **Warden** for the 1st Sunday of the month and a **Sacristan** for the 3rd Sunday of the month both at the 9.30am Mass. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.
- Please consider helping with our **PIETY STALL** at the Sunday 9.30am Mass. Contact Noreen 4739 8882.
- ONE MORE:** we also need a Sacristan to help for Funeral Masses, please call the Parish Office.
- LAST ONE:** our Hospitality Ministry needs 2 people to join the group, only once a month!!! Please call Lina 0414323265.

**FRESH PERSPECTIVES:** Conversation on "The Heart of Christianity" by M. Borg. Meets 4th Thursday of each month (earlier this January). Next meeting, 19 January, 7:30 pm. Inquiries: Jim Potts 47352076.

**ROSTERS:** The new rosters for February to July will be available next week. They will be sent via email, and for those without emails printed copies will be in the Narthex.

**DURING JANUARY AND EARLY FEBRUARY,** Fr Jolly will be in India for his annual holidays so we welcome Fr Robert Anderson for our weekend Masses. Please note that all **weekday Masses are cancelled for period 10 Jan.—17 Feb. inclusive** with exception of Australia Day when Mass will be celebrated at 12.00noon.

**ST FINBAR'S PARISH** will be hosting a Men's Breakfast on Saturday 4th March in the Parish Hall from 7.30am to 9.00am. All men are invited to attend, and more details will follow.

**Sacraments**

Confessions: Sat 4.45-5.15pm  
 Baptisms: By Appointment  
 Weddings: By Appointment

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**MASS TIMES AT LOCAL PARISHES**

<u>EMU PLAINS</u>	<u>SPRINGWOOD</u>	<u>PENRITH</u>
MONDAY @ 9.00AM <u>NO TUESDAY MASS</u> WEDNESDAY @ 9.00AM THURSDAY @ 9.00AM FRIDAY @ 9.00AM SATURDAY @ 9.00AM	MONDAY @ 9.30AM TUESDAY @ 9.30AM WEDNESDAY @ 9.30AM <u>NO THURSDAY MASS</u> FRIDAY @ 9.30AM <u>NO SATURDAY MORNING MASS</u>	MONDAY @ 9.30AM TUESDAY @ 9.30AM WEDNESDAY @ 9.30AM THURSDAY @ 9.30AM FRIDAY @ 12.00 NOON SATURDAY @ 9.00AM

**Roster for 21 and 22 January 2017**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Volunteers please		Andy Rogers Alex Walker
Warden	Reg Moore	Rodney Moffitt	Garry Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Allan Jones	Maura Williams	Ruth Gott
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Geraldine Lohan	Martin Rogers
Intercession	Reg Moore	John De Mattia	Annis Nilsson
I.T Operator	Henry Hanko	Andrew Teece	Sean Farrell
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Rivas Family	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Julie Fehon Georgina Barisic Lorraine Brown Allan Jones Peter McMahon Volunteer please Volunteer please	Marcia Pereira Terry Madden Doris Field Rodney Moffitt	Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Avril Llewellyn Todd Stanford Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	School holidays		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Tom Torrance & Lina Wiecek		
Church Care	Erika McNay, Margaret & Ian Dickson, Noreen Taylor & Heather & Steve Lee		