



# The Barra

21 and 22 January 2017

## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Ps 26; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Matthew 4:12-23

In today's gospel passage we see the importance that the gospel of Matthew gives to portraying Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture. Throughout this gospel, the author is at pains to demonstrate that Jesus fulfils prophecy. The purpose in doing this was not only to tie Jesus into the prophecies of the Messiah but to demonstrate that Jesus was part of God's plan all along. This gospel was written at a time when there were growing tensions between early Christian communities and mainstream Jews. By highlighting the fulfilment of scripture, the author attempts to firstly reassure the Christian community in the face of aggression and resentment from the mainstream Jews and secondly, challenge those who oppose the Christian sect to see this movement as just another thread in the ancient story of their people.



Having established the credentials of Jesus, the gospel writer then provides a summary of the teaching that will be played out in the gospel, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Repent had a far more powerful meaning than what we tend to ascribe to it today. Much more than simply being sorry, repent carried with it a sense of turning one's life around; making amends for past failures; and choosing a whole new direction for one's life. Literally, it meant a 'change of mind'. To demonstrate the urgency and strength of this teaching, Jesus calls his first four disciples who immediately drop what they are doing and set out on a new life with him. These disciples are the first of many to 'repent' and turn their lives around.

Reflection by Greg Sunter.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22 January</b>	<b>7.30am &amp; 9.30am Masses</b>	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A</b>
<b>Monday</b>	23 January	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	24 January	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>	25 January	<b>No Mass</b>	9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Australia Day</b>	26 January	<b>12 Noon Mass</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	1.30pm Bridge
<b>Friday</b>	27 January	<b>No Mass</b>	1.00pm Bowls 11.30 Cantabile in Church
<b>Saturday</b> <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	28 January <b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> <b>4.45pm to 5.15pm</b> <b>5.30pm Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29 January</b>	<b>7.30am &amp; 9.30am Masses</b>	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A</b>

**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.

**ROSTERS:** The new rosters for February to July have been emailed. For those without emails, printed copies are in the Narthex.

**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.

### HOW WILL YOU PREPARE FOR EASTER THIS YEAR?

**Lent** - the season of preparation for Christ's Resurrection at Easter, is for many Catholics a special time of prayer, fasting and renewed spiritual focus.

**Lenten Group** offers you an opportunity to explore the message of Jesus with others, to relate it to your own experiences and thereby to express it more fully in your daily life.

We invite you to join a Lenten Group and to journey to Easter with other members of our Parish Family. **We also need people willing to lead a group.** If you are interested, please call Mila on 4739 1470. It is a very rewarding way to prepare for Easter Season. More details about forming the groups later.

### LENTEN RETREAT. "How Matthew's Gospel Speaks to 21st Century Concerns". Saturday 18th Feb.

At St Andrew's hall. 9.00-2.30pm. See notice board. Presenters: Dr Laurie Woods (ACU, Biblical Scholar) and Carolyn Craig-Emilsen (Spiritual Director and Retreat Leader) To register phone: 47395273

**Sacraments**

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

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 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mary Ryan, Robert Pope (Jean di Nucci's father), Phil O'Donoghoe, Coral Darr, Peter May, Patrice O'Neill, Daphne Grange (Joe's sister), Annette Hennessy, John Mulholland, Ken Glover and Betty Grange.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:** Jane Bloor, Ena Baker, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Fr Mac, Madge Boylan, Grant Madden, Paul Clements (friend of Gwen Parker), Stan Currey, Pam Clyne, Tony & Jacqui Visser, Noah Cariolato (student of St Columba's), Robert Toirkens, Shirley Konza, Joan Lohrey, John Camilleri, Carmel Quilty Malone, Emma Gleeson, Joanne Macrae, John Roebuck, Jan Smith, Colleen Nolan, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Maddison Farrugia, Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy and Ben Gibson.

<b>Roster for 28 and 29 January 2017</b>
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Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Rodney Moffitt	Paulina Grodzicki
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Andrew Teece	Andrew Duval
Junior Server	Billy Instance Riley & Amie Farrell		Anna Santoro Mitchell Mathew
Warden	Chris O'Meara Ken Schneiders	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Suzanne McGrath
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Allan Jones	Ann Keating	Joe Lopez
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dawn Willis	Terry Keogh	Richard Cutler
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Kevin Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
I.T Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Jemmy Brickwood	Joseph Marceau
Presentation of the Gifts	Lee Family	Ann & Ray Keating	Dorothea Walsh Margaret Christenson
Minister of Communion	Beth Gibbeson John Verhoeven Noreen Taylor Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara Reg Moore	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller Margaret Rivas	Stephen Brown Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher Volunteer please Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	School holidays		
Cashier	Geoff Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs & Martin and Lyndel Rogers		
Church Care	Julie Fehon, Tania Walker, Janette Ankers, Lynda Flavell & Kylie Lane		