



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

28 and 29 January 2017

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 145; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12



Reflection on the Gospel: Jesus doesn't start in a fantasy dream world of perfection. Jesus looks at the world as it often is for many people, perhaps for most people around the world: 'the poor in spirit', 'those who mourn', 'those who are gentle', 'those who hunger and thirst for justice'.

Jesus astonishes the crowd by saying that such people are 'Blessed'. How can this be? The answer lies in our Lord's emphasis on the new community he is establishing under the reign of God: what he calls 'the Kingdom of God'.

Those in such wretched circumstances *will* have things set right, but only if followers of Jesus do everything possible to lift the poor out of the poverty which crushes their spirit, do everything possible to comfort those who mourn, do everything possible to make sure the gentle

share the earth's resources, do everything possible to satisfy the craving for justice.

We could pause for a moment to pray the 'Our Father' pledging ourselves to help construct this new society where the Beatitudes can come true:

'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on *earth* as it is in heaven.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

<p>Sunday 29 January 4th Sunday of Ord. time. Year A</p>	<p>Thursday 2 February The Presentation of the Lord</p> <p>No Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth dancers. P/C</p>
<p>Monday 30 January</p> <p>No Mass 5.00pm SVDP meeting. M/R</p>	<p>Friday 3 February</p> <p>No Mass 1.00pm Bowlers. P/C</p>
<p>Tuesday 31 January St John Bosco</p> <p>No Mass</p>	<p>Saturday 4 February</p> <p>No morning Mass 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Wednesday 1 February</p> <p>No Mass 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 11.30am Cantible. Church 7.00pm Bridge. P/C</p>	<p>Sunday 5 February 5th Sunday of Ord. time. Year A</p> <p>7.30am and 9.30am Masses 10.30am Musicians Meeting. M/R 6.00pm Youth Mass.</p>

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

Congratulations to Frank and Kerrie Fitzpatrick as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this weekend. May God bless them with many more wonderful years together.

Notice to all Wardens: while Fr Jolly is away in India, would you please ensure the gates and church are alarmed especially 9.30am Mass. If you are unable to complete this task, please call Margaret 0401 664 550. Thank you

Thank you from the Di Nucci family: we wish to thank everyone for your support, love and help for the Funeral of our father Robert Pope. It was very much appreciated.

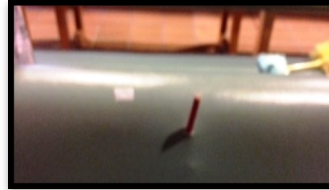
Repairs to Church cables and sockets: Over the past month or so, a huge amount of work has been done in the church to repair and/or replace damaged sound system plugs and cables. This work has been done by one parishioner on a voluntary basis at no cost to the parish. All parishioners, and especially those using microphones and the sound system, should be very grateful for the work done, and all are urged to take great care when plugging cords into sockets that no damage is done. The golden rule is: Don't force it in – have a close look and align it correctly.

NOTICE TO PARISH COMMUNITY- GRAFFITI DAMAGE

Please note that there has been considerable and continual damage to our church pews made by unknown individuals.

If any parishioner or parent observes this occurring please do not hesitate to bring it to Father Jolly's attention directly after Mass or to contact the office.

Below are photographs of the worst damage, however there are many areas of damage occurring to the seats throughout the church.



Rosters: The new rosters for February to July have been emailed. If you did not receive your copy, please contact the Parish office or leave a note with the Wardens and I will print one out for you and leave on the Wardens table. Margaret

Please pray for John Brown who is hospital in the Philippines and will be having an operation this weekend. We will keep you informed as information is supplied by his daughter, Celina.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Dr. Patrick Cregan, Mary Ryan, Phil O'Donaghoe, Robert Pope (Jean di Nucci's father), 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: John Brown, 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 Carliato (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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Richard Smith and Mark Devlin.

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WELCOME PICNIC:

Our Annual St Finbar's Primary School Welcome Picnic which is being held after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 26th February 10:30-12:30PM

There will be a free sausage sizzle provided. All welcome from the Parish to attend

You are invited to join a Lenten group in 2017.

The program we are using this year is the 'Hope Lenten Program 2017-Wollongong Diocese' Currently there are 3 groups;

- Thursday evening at 7.30pm Group leader Ann O'Connor
- Wednesday at lunch time 1pm Group leader Constance Colley
- Saturday Morning at 9 am Group leader Martin Rogers.

Group leaders will contact you regarding venues.

Please add your name and contact details to lists provided at the Wardens table in the Narthex next weekend 4/5 February.

If you are able to volunteer to lead a Lenten group, please contact Mila 47391470 or Margaret in the office.

Bridge is a skilful and fun card game suitable for people of all ages and abilities. It is reputed to be a great way of warding off dementia by keeping your brain cells active, and Glenbrook Bridge Club has members ranging in age from their teens through to spritely octogenarians.

The 8 weekly Bridge lessons will commence on Wednesday 22nd February at 7 pm and run for approximately 2 hours at St Finbar's Church Hall, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook.

The cost will be \$50 per person and includes a book and supper.

For details, call Frank on 47536048 or Carolyn on 47391805."

CALL FOR SACRISTAN AT 9:30AM MASS:

One of the very special ministries in the parish is that of Sacristan. The Sacristan works closely with the celebrant and prepares everything the celebrant needs to say Mass and puts everything away after Mass.

It is a privileged position that allows the volunteer to develop an intimate knowledge of the requirements for the celebration of Mass.

The parish currently has two vacancies for someone to fill the role of Sacristan at the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

You will only be rostered once a month and complete training and mentoring will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the parish office and Peter will get in touch with you.

OUR HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

requires 2 new volunteers to help with our group on Sunday mornings after the 9.30am Mass. You would be rostered on once a month to help set up and serve tea and coffee. Please contact Lina on 0414 323 265.

PIETY STALL: We need help with the Piety Stall on the Sundays 9.30am Mass. Contact Noreen 4739 8882.

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.


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

There is a musicians' meeting for Lent/ Easter on the 5th February, after the 9:30 Mass in the Meeting Room. All musicians are asked to attend to help organise the Lenten and Easter ceremonies. Thank you, Matthew.



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ROSTER FOR 4 AND 5 FEBRUARY

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Andrew Teece	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Patrick, Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Hannah Stanford Brendan Khnouf
Warden	Vince Dobson Allan Jones Lorraine Brown	Rodney Moffitt	Volunteer please
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1st Reading	Gerard Egan	Terry Keogh	Elizabeth Rowe
2nd Reading	Lukas Rajnoch	Andrew Teece	Greg Rowe
Intercession	Kristina Rajnoch	Annie Teece	Steve Newton
I.T Operator	Kylie Miles	Elizabeth Konza	Amie Farrell
Musician	Finbarr Choir		Jenny & Anne
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl Stanis Drobiszewski	Gott Family
Minister of Communion	Beth Gibbeson John Verhoeven Noreen Taylor Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara Reg Moore Volunteer please	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller Volunteer please	Stephen Brown Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher Volunteer please Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Volunteer please		
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