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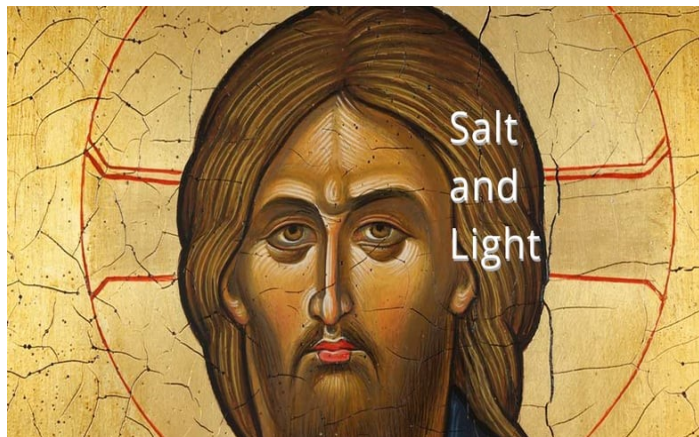
Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

4 and 5 February 2017

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

Isaiah 58:7-10; Ps 111; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

Gospel Reflection



Today, when we describe a person as being the 'salt of the earth' it's generally meant in a way that says the person is hard working, straight talking and pretty down to earth. It's usually meant as a compliment but sometimes can come across as a bit condescending when used inappropriately. When Jesus tells the disciples that they are salt of the earth and the light of the world he is really saying

'You are to be the salt of the earth; you are to be the light of the world.' It is more of a directive than an affirmation of them.

Today's first reading from Isaiah helps to shed light on Jesus' meaning in the gospel passage: 'Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn.' It sounds a lot like the message from the last judgment in Matthew 25 when the king says 'whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' It's a message of justice and right relationship not only with God but with one another also.

To be salt of the earth and light of the world means to be the one who puts their hand up and steps forward to speak for, work for and act for those who are the least in this world. To have the potential and resources to be a force for good in the world and not act on it is to be like salt that's used for salting the streets or a lamp that's under a tub.

Reflection by Greg Sunter.

Sunday 5 February 5th Sunday of Ord. time. Year A	7.30am and 9.30am Masses 10.30am Musicians Meeting. M/R 5.00pm The Edge Group. P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass. 7.30pm The Lounge Group. P/C	Thursday 9 February	No Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth dancers. P/C
Monday 6 February St Paul Miki	No Mass	Friday 10 February St Scholastica	No Mass 1.00pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 7 February	No Mass 7.00pm Netball meeting. P/C 7.30pm Baptism Preparation. M/R	Saturday 11 February	No morning Mass 8.00am Netball Registration. P/C 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 8 February	No Mass 9.00am Pastoral Care meeting. M/R 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 11.30am Cantible. Church 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 12 February 6th Sunday of Ord. time. Year A	7.30am and 9.30am Masses 11am 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

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.

ST FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB

Register now to play Netball this winter!

Register online at stfinbarsnc.nsw.netball.com.au or in the Parish Hall on Saturday 11 February from 9am - 12pm.

Seniors - \$200; Juniors (11 - 17) - \$180

Netta - \$155; PWD's - \$150

Proof of age required for all new players.

If you have any question please contact our Registrar, Jodie Eisenhuth, on 0417 771 673 or our Club Secretary, Janette Ankers on 0438 672 040.

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. For catering purposes anyone interested in coming is asked to put their name on the list at the wardens table.

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.



CARING FOR CARERS will resume TUESDAY 21st February. 10am - 12noon. St Finbar's Parish Centre Glenbrook. WHO IS A CARER? : those who care for loved ones, friends and the wider community.... Carers may care for a few hours a week or all day every day. Others who may be home alone or lonely and would enjoy a Cuppa and Chat are most welcome. This year we are venturing into 'sewing for the less fortunate' as well as patchwork, knitting, Crochet etc. for those interested in pursuing these activities. Some materials and a sewing machine will be available. Morning Tea provided. Come and enjoy, we look forward to seeing you. For more information please contact Kath 47392651 or ktierney@bigpond.net.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Dr. Patrick Cregan, Mary Ryan, Phil O'Donoghoe, 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: Ellen Moffitt, Pat Barrett, John Brown, Jane Bloor, Ena Baker, Charlie Buda, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Fr Mac, Madge Boylan, Grant Madden, Paul Clements (friend of Gwen Parker), Stan Currey, Pam Clyne, Tony & Jacqui Visser, Emma Gleeson, Robert Toirkens, Noah Cariolato (student of St Columba's), Shirley Konza, Joan Lohrey, John Camilleri, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, 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: Les Lemmon, Joan Whiting, Daphne Klein, John Nethery, Madge Meere, Beth Fehon, Cedric McNamara and Louise Marquardt.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN A LENTEN GROUP IN 2017. SIGN TODAY!

The program we are using this year is the 'Hope Lenten Program 2017-Wollongong Diocese' You can choose from these 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 **this weekend 4/5 February. If you are able to volunteer to lead a Lenten group, please contact Mila 47391470 or Margaret in the office.**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: About ten years ago, Claire Brown and I began preparing primary school children to lead the singing at Mass once a month.

Last year there were 13 in the choir and with 7 year Sixers leaving at the end of last year, I communicated with parents at St Finbars that unless new members came forward, the choir would discontinue in 2017. Sadly this did not happen.

So reluctantly, I have decided to finish this choir for now. I thank Claire for her wonderful support as well as the parents and children for their participation in this choir. Mary Lopez.

Thank you, Mary for all the expertise you provided the Children's Choir. We will miss their beautiful voices!

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.

WELCOME PICNIC: Our Annual St Finbar's Primary School Welcome Picnic 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



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.

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

Please pray for John Brown who is hospital in the Philippines. John's operation was successful and the surgeon is visiting to test if the implant is working. From Selina 2/2/2017



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Parish School: Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean
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ROSTER FOR 11 AND 12 FEBRUARY

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Rodney Moffitt	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Andrew Duval
Junior Server	Lara Selby Kate Hanigan		Volunteers please
Warden	Ken Schneiders Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Suzanne McGrath
1 st Reading	John Killeen	Ann Keating	Patricia Murnane
2 nd Reading	Joe Grange	Elizabeth Konza	Avril Llewellyn
Intercession	Reg Moore	John Isaksen	Erin Kelly
I.T Operator	Thais Turner	Ellen Teece	Joseph Marceau
Musician	Matthew & Michael		Naomi's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Diane Shatford	Dorothea Walsh Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Richard Mason Margaret Richards Anthony Toutounji Andrew Wilson	Jim Tierney Kath Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	John Mullane Juliana Khnouf Mari McDonald Gerard Egan Garry Pursehouse Volunteer please Volunteer please
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell and Robyn Flynn		
Children's Liturgy	Michele		
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Church Care	St Finbar's Playgroup		



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