



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
25th and 26th February 2017
Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

Is 49:14-15; Ps 61; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS:

Our Lord is telling us: 'Do not be worried about *your* life and ordinary food *you* are to eat, nor about *your* body and ordinary clothes *you* will wear. But you are to worry about *others*, others without adequate food or clothing.'

And we know from later in this gospel that this will have eternal consequences: 'I was hungry and you gave me (or didn't give me!) food to eat. I was naked and you gave me (or didn't give me!) clothes to wear.' Our eternal destiny depends on our provision of the necessities of life for *others*.

The Sermon on the Mount is a constitution for a new society. We are to direct our energies to be absorbed in the needs of others. Set your hearts on this. The priority is to create this sort of society:

the Kingdom of God on earth. Within that social structure you will find that you will be looked after. Within that way of human beings relating to each other, you will not need to worry about your own basic situation.

But, do we, do I, *really* believe that I can rest secure knowing that my 'Heavenly Father' (the name Jesus uses), that this Heavenly Father knows what my basic needs are and will prompt others to provide for me if I can't manage myself?

To be frank, this is hard, or perhaps it is just that I would hate that dependence on others. But then the Church gives us a first reading which brilliantly correlates with this passage and teaches us another way of thinking about dependence - dependence on a mother's love.

Fr Michael Tate

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND: Today we are holding the second of our three DWF appeals for this financial year. Our quota for this appeal is \$7703. The fund provides financial support for the not-for-profit services run by our Diocese, including those that provide meals, counselling and employment opportunities for people less fortunate than ourselves in our local area. Please give generously to sustain these good works of mercy. All deductions over \$2 are tax deductible. Please use the envelopes provided.



RON AUSSEL: Ron is one among the rare ones and the only known one in our parish community who has reached 100 years of age in relatively good health. Ron made it to 100 on the 14th February. To celebrate his life in the parish community and to thank God for the gift of Ron in our parish, Fr Jolly together with the Parish Council invites all parishioners to join the 9.30am Mass this Sunday, followed by a grand morning tea in the Parish Hall.

Sunday 26 February 8th Sunday of Ord. time. Year A	7.30am and 9.30am Masses 11.00am Baptisms. 11.00am Ron's Morning Tea. P/C	Thursday 2 March	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
Monday 27 February	9.00am Mass 5.00pm St Vincent de Paul M/R	Friday 3 March	9.00am Mass 10.30am First Friday Visits 1.00pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 28 February	9.00am Mass.	Saturday 4 March	7:30am Men's Breakfast P/C 9.00am Mass 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Ash Wednesday 1 March	9:30am School Mass 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 11.30am Cantible. Church 7:30pm Mass 7.00pm Bridge. P/C and M/R	Sunday 5 March 1st Sunday of Lent. Year A	7.30am and 9.30am Masses 6.00pm Youth Mass

WELCOME all visitors to our church today. We extend our 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

ASH WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday this year occurs next Wednesday, 1st March. This is the first day of Lent, and our preparation for the magnificent feast of Easter should commence on that day. There is Mass at 9:30am (at which the School will be involved) and at 7:30pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of both Fast and Abstinence.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Our 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 coming is asked to put their name on the list at the Wardens' table.

PRAYERFUL SILENCE IN THE CHURCH

There have been a number of parishioners who have commented on the fact that people do not show sufficient respect for the Blessed Sacrament when they enter the church.

It would be appreciated if parishioners did their talking outside the church, and that once they enter the church they maintain a prayerful silence in the presence of the Lord.

Likewise, after Mass, be mindful of those wanting to continue in prayer and wait until you are outside the church before engaging in conversations.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

NETBALL Registrations are about to close for the St Finbar's Netball Club winter competition. Please contact Janette Ankers on 0438 672 040 or visit stfinbarsnc.nsw.netball.com.au

THE FOLLOWING MINISTRY VACANCIES AT THE 9:30AM AM MASS ARE IN NEED OF YOUR HELP:

- **HOSPITALITY** requires 2 new volunteers to help. You would be rostered on once a month to help set up and serve tea and coffee. Please contact Lina on 0414 323 265.
- The **PIETY STALL** needs one or two helpers. Please contact Noreen on 4739 8882 and she will be happy to assist you to settle in and help you wherever possible.
- **SACRISTANS** are needed. 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.

BRIDGE LESSONS The 8 week series of Bridge lessons commenced on Wednesday 22nd February at 7 pm and runs for approximately 2 hours each week at St Finbar's Church Hall, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook. The cost is \$50 per person and includes a book and supper. Frank: 4753 6048 or Carolyn: 4739 1805

MCCARTHY CATHOLIC COLLEGE McCarthy is now enrolling for 2018. There is an Open Evening on Wednesday 8th March from 4pm to 7pm where you can meet the Principal, tour the College and Trade Centre and collect enrolment packages. Presentations will be held at 4:15, 5:15 and 6:15. Contact 4735 3211 or visit www.mccarthymuplains.catholic.edu.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Ben Gibson, Charlie Buda, Dr. Patrick Cregan, Mary Ryan, Phil O'Donoghoe, Robert Pope (Jean di Nucci's father), Coral Darr, Peter May, Patrice O'Neill, Betty Grange, Daphne Grange (Joe's sister), Annette Hennessy, John Mulholland and Ken Glover.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Patricia Young, Ellen Moffitt, Pat Barrett, John Brown, Jane Bloor, Ena Baker, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Fr Mac, Madge Boylan, Grant Madden, Robert Toirkens, Stan Currey, Pam Clyne, Tony & Jacqui Visser, Jan Smith, Emma Gleeson, John Camilleri, Shirley Konza, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, John Roebuck, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Shirley Glover and Cliff McHardy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: William Wilson, Petrus Zwegers, William Cummins, Michael Yabsley, Eunice Shaw, Brett Hopson, Margaret Feld, Gloria Miles, Mary Mulvey and James Hurley.

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LETTER FROM THE VICARS GENERAL

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Re: Royal Commission Case Study 50 –
Catholic Church Authorities

On Tuesday, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv gave evidence at the final hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Case Study 50.

Bishop Vincent's evidence was deeply moving and a powerful testimony to the genuine determination he will show as leader of this Diocese to strengthening our child protection policies and procedures.

The Diocese of Parramatta has a deep empathy for survivors of abuse and will, as Bishop Vincent said, seek to "attain justice and dignity for them."

Mindful of the hurt and pain caused by abuse, the Diocese of Parramatta, on behalf of the Catholic Church, again offers its sincerest apology to all survivors of abuse. We are deeply sorry for the damage that has been done to the lives of victims of sexual abuse and their loved ones.

Should any parishioner require any further information or need assistance with safeguarding matters, please contact the Diocesan Office for Safeguarding & Professional Standards: 02 8838 3419 or safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au.

For more information about the Royal Commission please call 02 8838 3470 or visit www.safeguarding.org.au.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev Peter G Williams, VG EV
and
Very Rev Christopher De Souza VG EG PP

Diocese of Parramatta

PROJECT COMPASSION- Love your neighbour

Project Compassion Lenten envelopes will be available in all parishes from next weekend, 1st Sunday in Lent.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

There are opportunities available during Lent for all parishioners. Details are as follows:

Lenten Retreat Day for Families: 5 March

Families of all ages welcome! 11am Holy Mass followed by BYO picnic. Afternoon program begins at 1.30pm with Input for Adults and Program for children; 3pm Prayer followed by afternoon tea. Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Free event but registration is essential at trybooking.com

Retreat for Mature Catholic Women - 10-12 March

Feeling on the Fringe of the Church? Retreat led by Andrea Dean. Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Early bird registration: \$420, includes course, individual sessions, accommodation, linen and all meals. Registration details: Andrea on 0487 388 873.

Mt Carmel Retreats

Sat 4 March: Finding Jesus in the dark side of life

Mar 24-26: Pathways on the Journey

Mar 31-Apr 2: Growing in Freedom

Contact 87953400 or visit carmeliteretreats.com.au

Formation for Young Adults


Sunday 19th March at Schoenstatt Centre, Mulgoa. For details contact 4773 8338

24 Hours for the Lord: Living Water


It begins with Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Centre at 6pm on Friday 24th March. It involves reflection and music every hour for 30minutes followed by time for silent prayer. It concludes with Holy Mass at 5pm on Saturday 25th March. Contact 4773 8338

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

The monthly Diocesan publication, Catholic Outlook, will cease in the printed form with the March edition. It appears the costs of maintaining the printed publication are too great for the Diocese to continue bearing. There will likely be an electronic version from April, but this has not yet been confirmed. It is also possible that the Outlook will be combined with another publication.



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 Baptisms: By Appointment
 Weddings: By Appointment

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Parish School: Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean
 Phone: 4739 1796

ROSTER FOR 4th & 5th MARCH

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
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	David Shatford	Pearse Cremin
2 nd Reading	Eileen Jones	Margaret Dickson	Ruth Gott
Intercession	Reg Moore	Rodney Moffitt	Martin Rogers
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 Kylie Mills Volunteer please Volunteer pleaseE
Children's Liturgy	Christyna		
Cashier	Geoff Shalala & Erica McNay		
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