



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
**4th and 5th March 2017**  
**First Sunday of Lent, Year A**

Gen 2:7-9; Ps 50 ; Rom 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

## REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS:

Jesus was offered three shortcuts for his ministry. Firstly, exceptional powers to satisfy his own needs (bread out of stones). Secondly, when he needed to take risks, angels to keep him safe. Thirdly, when he wanted to change the world, absolute political power.

These were the Temptations of Christ, but also for us. If you or I are tempted to sin, we will find the marks of this threefold pattern. We want the whole world to change to satisfy us, or we want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed, or we want to exercise total power over others.



How can we try to follow Jesus without the shortcuts of the fantasy world which the Devil may offer? Note that Jesus resisted each temptation with: 'It is written'.

The forty days of Lent are a perfect opportunity to read what 'is written' in the Gospels about the episodes and pattern of the life of Jesus Christ.

We could pause for a moment to find what is written and to imitate what we find. That is how the Devil is defeated. *FR MICHAEL TATE*

**DIOCESAN WORKS FUND:** The Diocesan Works Fund Appeal raises necessary funds that support outreach services to people across Western Sydney. CatholicCare Social Services works with disadvantaged and marginalised people in our community, making a critical difference in the lives of tens of thousands of individuals, children and families from our community each year. Specific ministries supported by the DWF including Family Support Service, Neighbourhood Aid, Project Elizabeth and Financial and Family Counselling. The DWF also provides funds to the Ephpheta Centre which provides support to the deaf and hearing impaired.

Last weekend we held the second of our three DWF appeals for this financial year. Our quota for this appeal is \$7703. Those parishioners who were away last weekend are invited to contribute today. We were only able to raise \$3650 last weekend. Please give generously to sustain these good works of mercy. All deductions over \$2 are tax deductible. Please use the envelopes provided and drop it onto either collection plate or give it directly to one of the wardens.

<b>Sunday</b> <b>5 March</b> <b>1st Sunday of</b> <b>Lent. Year A</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses</b> <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>9 March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>1.30pm Bridge. P/C</b> <b>7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>6 March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	<b>Friday</b> <b>10 March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass &amp; Benediction</b> <b>1.00pm Bowlers. P/C</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>7 March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>11 March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>3:00pm Parents Prayer Group</b> <b>4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>8 March</b>	<b>8:00am Mass</b> <b>9:00am Pastoral Care M/R</b> <b>9.30am Playgroup. P/C</b> <b>11.30am Cantible. Church</b> <b>7.00pm Bridge. P/C and M/R</b>	<b>Sunday</b> <b>12 March</b> <b>2nd Sunday of</b> <b>Lent. Year A</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses</b> <b>11.00am Baptisms.</b>

**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

## **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.

## **PROJECT COMPASSION- Love your Neighbour**

Project Compassion Lenten envelopes and boxes are now available in the church Narthex. You are invited to take home an envelope or a box and fill it during Lent as a means of performing some sacrifice for 'your neighbour' during the penitential season. Please return them to the church on either Palm Sunday or Holy Thursday so they can be processed to the altar during Holy Thursday Mass as part of the parish offerings.

**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](http://stfinbarsnc.nsw.netball.com.au)

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

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

**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, 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:** Lewis Konza, Ellen Butcher, Hugh McDaid, Joan Morgan, William Chambers, Maree Bowden Joseph Loader and Irene Williams.

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GARDENS FUNERALS**

# Diocesan News

## **VARIETY CONCERT FOR CAMBODIA:**

A wonderful night of music, song and dance will be held in our Parish hall on Saturday 18 March, commencing at 7.30pm. Previous concerts have been greatly enjoyed by our enthusiastic audiences. Cost is \$20 pp, \$40 per family (concessions available). Supper is provided. To book phone Doug on 0403303943 or online <http://tinyurl.com/z9utmml>. Tickets are available at the door, see flyer in the Narthex.

## **SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2017 INFORMATION**

**EVENING** : On **Monday 13th March** we are holding an Information Night for the parents of children who wish to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation. The evening will be held in the Parish Centre from 7.30pm. Dates and requirements for participation in each of the Sacramental journeys will be discussed and distributed at this meeting. *Children need not attend.*

## **OUR BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS:**

Thank you to all who have continued giving their time looking after our beautiful gardens and lawns. However we have lost a few parishioners, due to other commitments and moving to different suburbs. Would you be willing to help out about 4 times a year??? Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY FAMILY FESTIVAL**, organised by the Life, Marriage & Family Office will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2-5pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. The Irish themed event will include live entertainment, food, rides for all ages and a historical display about the contribution the Irish have made to our Diocese. The event will also raise awareness about the World Meeting of Families taking place in Dublin next year and to raise funds for families to be able to attend. All are welcome! For more information check out:

[www.parralmf.org.au/St-patricks-day](http://www.parralmf.org.au/St-patricks-day)

**Call for Volunteers**: Anyone interested in volunteering to help in terms of running stalls, preparing food, crowd management and other duties please email [imf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:imf@parra.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8838 3441.



## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2017:**

### **"learning connected"**

This year from 5-11 March all 79 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The theme for the Diocese is "Learning connected". This theme builds on a key focus for Pope Francis in the recent encyclical *Laudato Si'*, "Everything's Connected". Pope Francis is calling on all Catholic communities, including schools, to recognise these connections. Catholic Schools Week strengthens connections between all those who have a stake in our schools—students, staff, families, priests, parishioners and members of the wider community—by showcasing our activities and actions. During Catholic Schools week, schools will be reaching out to their communities and showcasing connectedness.

It is important to celebrate and strengthen the close connections between school and parish, and it is for this reason that parishioners from St Finbar's are encouraged to connect with St Finbar's Primary School and visit us for the open classrooms followed by a Liturgy of the Word on Tuesday 7th March 2017 at 10.00am.

## **ST FINBAR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GLENBROOK**

St Finbar's Primary School Glenbrook provides a Catholic Education for children in Years Kinder to Year 6. We are enrolling now for 2018. All considering enrolment are invited to contact the school office on 4739 1796.

## **LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**


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

### **Mt Carmel Retreats**


Mar 24-26: Pathways on the Journey

Mar 31-Apr 2: Growing in Freedom

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### Sacraments

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

**Office Hours:** 8.30am - 4.00pm  
 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
 Office Phone: (02) 4739 8928  
 Office Fax: (02) 4739 8929

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**Parish School:** Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean  
 Phone: 4739 1796

## ROSTER FOR 11th & 12th MARCH

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	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 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Allan Jones	Mary Creenaune	Annis Nilsson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dawn Willis	Andrew Teece	Joe Lopez
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Richard Cutler
I.T Operator	Thais Turner	Ellen Teece	Joseph Marceau
Musician	Matthew and 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
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell and Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Anne King, Darren & Liz Dukes, Grace Buckley		
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