



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

12th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year A

24 and 25 June 2017

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 68, Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Reflection on the Gospel

Our Gospel reads: '...not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.' But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, *our* moment of death. Now, that *would* be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.



One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?

So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

NEW ENVELOPES New envelopes are available in the Narthex this weekend. Please make sure you collect your set and commence using them from **next weekend**.

Forms are also available for any parishioner who would like to contribute to the parish on a regular basis. Such contributions can be by weekly envelope, or by monthly credit card or by monthly direct debit. Please complete a form and give it to one of the Wardens and everything will be organized for you.

There is also a list for you to register your need for a tax receipt for any 2016/2017 deductible donations. Receipts will be available next weekend at the Wardens' table.

For any further information, please contact Peter in the Parish office.

Sunday 25 June, 12th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass. 11.00 am Baptism	Thursday 29 June Sts Peter and Paul.	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7:30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
Monday 26 June	9.00am Mass.	Friday 30 June	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 10.30am Funeral Mass for Emma Gleeson.
Tuesday 27 June	9.00am Mass.	Saturday 1 July	9.00am Mass. 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 28 June St Irenaeus	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 2 July 13th Sunday of Ordinary time Year A	7.30am Mass. 9.30am Mass. 10.30am Morning Tea for Margaret Rivas. P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C

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



Celebrating birthdays at St. Finbar's Playgroup.
Please come and join us for a morning full of fun every
Wednesday at 9.30 to 11.30 except on School Holidays.
Just turn up; all are welcome.



These are our Parish Pastoral Council members: Fr Jolly Chacko, Vince Dobson, Carl Moll, Colleen Fuller, Donna McFadzean, Jesse Mowbray, Jim McLoughlin, John de Mattia, Martin Rogers and Ann O'Conner.

**A FUNERAL MASS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 30TH JUNE FOR EMMA GLEESON 10.30AM.
ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

Thank you for all the beautiful food that was provided for the Vocation Prayer night last Friday evening. The night was a great success. The soups, cakes and slices were gratefully accepted and all were eaten!!!

EAST AFRICA FOOD CRISIS APPEAL 2017

23 Million people are currently on the brink of famine in South Sudan and other areas of East Africa. Caritas Australia and their partners are delivering life-saving food and water to countries most in need. Caritas is one of the largest grassroots humanitarian networks in the world and is currently providing emergency food, water and basic care to those facing starvation and malnutrition. As followers of Christ we are compelled to respond and act when our sisters and brothers are suffering, recognising Christ in those without food. Envelopes for donations are available from the Narthex.

CAN YOU HELP: The Sunday hospitality groups needs 2 more people— men or women to help with Sunday hospitality once a month.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Emma Gleeson, Baby Valentina Twyford, Father Maurice McNamara, Peter O'Keefe, Robert Toirkens (Jacqui and Elise's brother), Esme Baxter, Allison Boath, Rhonda Smith, Sophie Taylor, Madge Boylan, Patricia Young, Geoffrey McNay, Joseph Ryan, Monica Barron, Ben Gibson and Bohuna Jarosoua (Mila's friend).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Lyn Downes, Ellen Moffitt, Pat Barrett, Jane Bloor, Ena Baker, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, Stan Currey, Pam Clyne, Emma Gleeson, Tony & Jacqui Visser, Jan Smith, 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: Betty Pain, Mario Carboni, Edward Cornish, Therese Dupressoir, Roger Chambers, Patricia Goldhawk, Arthur Plevy, Mazelle Montgomery, Mary Robb, Valma Davenport, Christopher Robinson, Grace Farrell, Bernard Wilson, Michael Kelly, Dr. Charles Kerry, Jessie Clayton, Helen Sheehan and Ron Chapman.

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DO YOU KNOW: WHY WE HAVE DIFFERENT POSTURES AT MASS?

According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, No. 43, the postures adopted by the people at Mass are the following:

The faithful should stand from the beginning of the Entrance hymn to the end of the Collect, for the Alleluia before the Gospel, while the Gospel is proclaimed, during the profession of faith and the prayer of the faithful, from invitation (pray brethren), before the prayer over offerings until the end of the Mass except at the places indicated below.

The faithful should sit while the readings and the responsorial psalm are proclaimed and for the homily and while the preparation of the Gifts at the offertory is taking place, and as circumstances allow, they may sit or kneel while the period of Sacred Silence or the reflection song after the communion. The faithful should kneel during the consecration from the epiclesis to the mystery of faith. The faithful are to kneel after the singing of the holy, holy until after the great Amen, except when prevented on health reasons. Those who do not kneel ought to make a profound bow when the priest genuflects after the

consecration. The faithful are encouraged to kneel after the Lamb of God.

The standing is a natural gesture of respect toward authority. This is why the congregation stand for the entrance, exit and proclamation of the Gospel. Standing expresses the holy freedom of God's Children. Sitting is the posture of the teacher and presider thus the bishop in a Mass can sit on his chair while he teaches or preaches on the other hand it is a sign of deep listening and paying attention and that is the reason why the faithful sit while the readings are read and the homily is delivered. Kneeling is a sign of intense personal and communal prayer, as we see Jesus do it at the Garden before his arrest then we see St. Stephen do before succumbing to martyrdom. We also find Saints Peter and Paul using this Posture for ordinary prayer and meditation Acts 9.24, Ephesians 3.14. Today it is a sign of profound respect and adoration before the almighty we humble ourselves before the Lord knowing he is our Lord and Master

Margaret Rivas had been a part of our parish for many years and she continues to remain that way. Margaret has worked with the parish for the last 12 years as the Parish Secretary.

In this period, I am sure all of you have come in contact with her in one way or another and have experienced her dedication to work, her great sense of hospitality and helpful and friendly nature. As age is catching up, she has come to the conclusion that she needs to retire and cannot continue in her role as Parish Secretary. I have experienced her great support and dedication to her work, to the parish and to all the priests with whom she worked. I take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Margaret for her dedicated service. To say thank you to her we will have a grand morning tea after the 9.30 Mass next Sunday 2nd July. Please bring a plate to share if possible.


Congratulations to Juliana Khnouf our new secretary, one of parishioners. Welcome Juliana!

CAN YOU HELP? RESERVE SCRIPTURE TEACHERS NEEDED!


We urgently need Scripture Teachers in reserve - to teach our faith when one of the team is sick or on leave. Half-hour lessons in local schools - activity books and curriculum provided.

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 Baptisms: By Appointment
 Weddings: By Appointment

Office Hours: 8.30am - 4.00pm

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

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ROSTER FOR 1 AND 2 JULY 2017

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Patrick, Alex, Johnny McLoughlin		Hannah Stanford, Brendan Khnouf
Warden	Vince Dobson, Allan Jones	Rodney Moffitt	Volunteer Please
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Mary Creenaune	Martin Rogers
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Greg Rowe
Intercession	Reg Moore	Annie Teece	Kristina Rajnoch
I.T Operator	Jayne Mason	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Musician	Finbarr Choir		Jenny & Anne's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Allen & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh Margaret Christensen
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
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell & Robyn Flynn		
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