



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

13th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year A

1 and 2 July 2017

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Ps 88, Rom 6:3-4,8-11; Mt 10:37-42

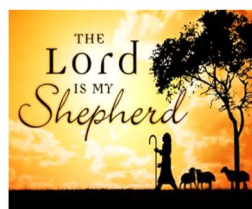
Reflection on the Gospel

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God.

Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down.

As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family.



The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives.

As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life.

We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

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.**

Sunday 2 July, 13th Sunday in 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	Thursday 6 July	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7:30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
Monday 3 July St Thomas	9.00am Mass. 5.00pm SVDP meeting. M/R	Friday 7 July	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction. 10.30am First Friday Visits. 1.00 pm Bowlers
Tuesday 4 July	9.00am Mass. 7.30pm Baptism Preparation. M/R 7.30pm PPC meeting.	Saturday 8 July	9.00am Mass. 3.00pm Parents Prayer Group. P/C & M/R 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 5 July	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 9 July 14th Sunday of Ordinary time Year A	7.30am Mass. 9.30am Mass. 11.00am Baptisms.

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



The Lounge Youth Night was on Sunday 18 July and the cold winter night didn't stop everyone gathering for a fun time full of games, discussions and supper. The youth band also participated last Friday night at the Holy Hour for Vocations, which went well and it was another great job from the band and singers. Next Youth Mass is this Sunday 2nd July, followed by The Lounge Youth Night. New high school students are always welcome to join in the fun.

THE NEW ROSTERS from August 2017 to January 2018 have been sent out to those who have emails. If you did not receive yours for your ministry and you do have an email address, please contact the Parish Office, and one will be sent to you. If you do NOT have an email, please take a copy from the table in the Narthex. Thank you once again, Margaret.



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

29 June 2017

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

The news that Cardinal Pell has been charged on summons with historic allegations of sexual offences is receiving significant media attention at this time.

I understand that such a development may cause deep upset and pain and it may challenge our faith. I share these thoughts and feelings with you.

If needed you may wish to seek pastoral support from your Parish Priest or obtain professional counselling which is available through CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta on Ph: (02) 8822 2222.

Out of respect for the people involved in this matter, and the criminal justice process, it is not appropriate for me to comment further at this time.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.
Bishop of Parramatta**

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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 Jarosova (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, 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: Michael Wilburg, Charley Allen, Dr Christopher Kohlenberg, John Bowden, Eliza Nolan, Helen Lum, Kathleen Higgins, John Coyle, Pining Brown, Raymond Heaver and Joan Sisson.

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DO YOU KNOW: WHY DOES THE PRIEST MIX A LITTLE WATER WITH THE WINE IN THE CHALICE?

As the priest (or Deacon) adds a few drops of water to the wine he says "May we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity". The action thereby symbolizes the union of Our Lord's divine and human natures. In the mystery of the incarnation, Jesus Christ, true God became true man.

From the wounded side of Jesus flowed blood and water. Through this Jesus grants us his saving benefits especially to the worshipping Eucharist community present. And it is through the Eucharist that the faithful share in the divine life and love of Jesus who became human for our salvation.

NEW ENVELOPES

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

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 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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Office Hours: 8.30am - 4.00pm

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ROSTER FOR 8 AND 9 JULY 2017

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		Christopher, Margaret & Nicolas Gott
Warden	Ken Schneider's Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Susanne McGrath
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Ann Keating	Carmel Higgins
2 nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Elizabeth Konza	Erin Kelly
Intercession	Volunteer please	John Isaksen	Irene Aligno
I.T Operator	Henry Hanco	Ellen Teece	Jim McLoughlin
Musician	Te Deum		Naomi's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Kay Whitty	Schneiders family
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Margaret Richards Anthony Toutounji Andrew Wilson Volunteer Please	Jim Tierney Kath Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	John Mullane Juliana Khnouf Mari McDonald Gerard Egan Garry Pursehouse Volunteer please Volunteer please
Cashier	Joe Grange & Ken Townsend		
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Hospitality	Anne King, Darren & Liz Dukes, Grace Buckley		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Kim Instance & Jessica Doherty		
Garden Club	Team 1: Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh		
Piety Stall 9.30am Mass	Noreen Taylor		



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