



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

14th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year A

8 and 9 July 2017

Zechariah 9:9-10; Ps 144, Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Reflection on the Gospel

When we hear the term, *yoke*, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term.

The yoke of a rabbi was his interpretation of Torah (the Law); his teaching. Disciples who followed a rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments.



This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people.

Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder my yoke and learn from me because my yoke is easy.'

The yoke of Jesus *was* easy: Love God and love your neighbour.

Compared to the 613 *mitzvot* (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

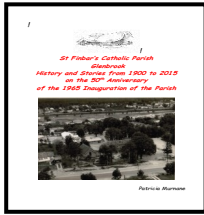
ENVELOPE 72 : Would the parishioner with envelope 72 please contact the parish office so your contributions can be entered correctly into our database. I think I may have accidentally given you a different set of envelopes to those you have been using. Peter

Sunday 9 July, 14th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	7.30am Mass. 9.30am Mass. 11.00am Baptisms.	Thursday 13 July	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7:30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
Monday 10 July	9.00am Mass.	Friday 14 July	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction. 1.00 pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 11 July St Benedict	9.00am Mass. 7.30pm PPC meeting. M/R	Saturday 15 July St Bonaventure	9.00am Mass. 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 12 July	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.00am Pastoral Care meeting. M/R 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 16 July 14th Sunday of Ordinary time Year A	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. 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

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.



ST FINBAR'S HISTORY AND STORIES FROM 1900 TO 2015 is again on sale at the Wardens' table.

\$10 full colour 60pages. Good value!

The book is a compilation of all the Potted Histories that were published in the Parish Bulletin, as well as many more. Photos and images are included.

An extra item for that Xmas stocking!

CARING FOR CARERS Morning Tea: **TUESDAY 18th July 10am -12noon** St Finbarr's Parish Centre Glenbrook. Are you looking for 'Time Out'? We enjoy a morning of sewing, knitting, crocheting and patchwork. This group is open to anyone who would benefit from a cuppa, chat and maybe from one of the activities. For more information please contact Kath 47392651 or ktierney@bigpond.net.au.



The Lounge was on again last Sunday Night, after the Youth Mass. Celebrating Aboriginal culture for NAIDOC week, the youth used the dot painting technique to express their own community and faith in the St Finbars Parish. A variety of images and discussions came from the final banner, which all collaborated on.

The next youth night is on the third Sunday of the month after the Youth Mass, as is the norm. So any high schoolers are welcome to come, since fun activities and events are always happening at The Lounge.

The Finished painting



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: Jean McMillan, Kathryn Hazell, Harry Taylor, Aloysius McGlynn, Mildred Jordan, David Aitken, Kathleen O'Conner, Ric Baradinsky, Danielle Archer, Leon Smith, Lorraine Grant, Jack Roles, Garry Thew, Thomas Boyle, Scott Grzonkowski, Geraldine James (Boyle), John Kelly, Margaret Frost, Kim Nolan.

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DO YOU KNOW: THE MEANING OF THE PREFACE OF THE MASS?

Traditionally the Eucharistic Prayer is divided into the people's part and priest's part. The Preface is a central part of the Mass and the first half of the Eucharistic Prayer. For many years the Preface was sung so the people could hear, while the priest's prayers were silent. Pope Pius X encouraged the people to follow the priest's prayers too. The Preface is meant to rouse us while we stand, just before normally we kneel for the priest's prayers. The word Praefatio simply means "The Prayer" speaking in front of the face of God. It begins with "lift up your heart" and the people respond "we lift them up to the Lord". The Preface may change from day to day, but always has 3 parts. The first part of this prayer always begins "it is truly right and just to give thanks to the Lord". This is the heart of our relationship with God. Giving thanks is the true meaning of Eucharist. Then the middle part of the prayer lists some of the reasons why it is truly just

and right to give thanks. It is right to thank him for he has given us saints, for the blood of the martyrs, for his marvellous works of creation and for redeeming us. Then the last part of the prayer always begins with "and so, or therefore, or since He has done these wonderful things, therefore we join the angels in praise". This section introduces the Holy, Holy, Holy (The Sanctus). The Holy, Holy, Holy part of the Preface is a song of praise and this song of the angels is joined by that of the crowd at Jesus' entry to Jerusalem "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord". There we see the praising song of angels joins the human praise. Thus the whole universe is giving thanks and praise to God. Heaven and earth are full of his glory; we give him glory and thank him for his creation and his incarnation, for making the heavens then for coming to Jerusalem. The Preface also explains what follows in the Eucharistic Prayer.

Thank You

For all the wonderful people who contributed to my special morning tea last weekend. Kathleen, Noreen, Maire, Ros, Sue, Margaret R, Carmel, Trish, Vicki and all who bought a plate to share. Sorry if I forgot anyone, but I truly thank you all! I have mixed emotions about leaving, I am very happy to begin a new chapter in my life, but I will miss the daily dealings with the wonderful people of St Finbar's Parish. I thank all the people who sent their apologies due to prior commitments. Also the many gifs of flowers, cards and well wishes. Thanks again to Fr Jolly for the inspiration he has given me and to all the parishioners since his arrival here.



My final day will be Friday 14 July.

May God bless you all, Margaret




NEW ENVELOPES


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

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.



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 Baptisms: By Appointment
 Weddings: By Appointment

Office Hours: 8.30am - 4.00pm

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ROSTER FOR 15 AND 16 JULY 2017

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Rodney Moffitt	Dawn Willis
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers Alex Walker
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Maura Williams	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Eileen Jones	Geraldine Lohan	Kylie Lane
Intercession	Reg Moore	John De Mattia	Trish Murnane
IT Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Ralph Maples	Amie Farrell
Music	Mary L & Michael T		Ruth's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Rivas Family	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley John Killeen Jacqui Visser Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher Volunteer please Volunteer please	Terry & Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Margaret Rivas	Therese Luczak Jean Di Nucci Annisia Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Cashier	Geoff Shalala and Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena and Irene & Bert.		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Erika McNay, Margaret & Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans, Helen Keogh & Annissa Nilsson		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Lee Jackson & Louise Heber		



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