



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

16th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year A

22 and 23 July 2017

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 85; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

## Reflection on the Gospel

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the oc-



casation of generosity and forgiveness. There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive.

The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the Psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

*Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS*

### Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

Early-bird registration has now opened for the largest gathering of young Catholics since World Youth Day Sydney in 2008! Bishop Vincent & Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate the young heart of the Church, with 15,000 others, at this year's triennial ACYF being hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney (December 7-9) at Sydney Olympic Park. Here is how to register:

**Student in our Catholic System**— Speak to your REC

**Student in State School System**— Contact Catholic Youth Parramatta

**Over 18 years of age**—Register as an individual

**Visit [www.acyf.org.au](http://www.acyf.org.au)** now to secure the \$250 early-bird rate before August.

<b>Sunday 23 July, 16th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A</b>	<b>7.30am Mass. 9.30am Mass. 11.00 am Baptisms</b>	<b>Thursday 27 July</b>	<b>9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7:30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C</b>
<b>Monday 24 July</b>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b>	<b>Friday 28 July</b>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction. 1.00 pm Bowlers. P/C</b>
<b>Tuesday 25 July St James Apostle</b>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b>	<b>Saturday 29 July St Martha</b>	<b>9.00am Mass. 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 26 July Sts Joachim &amp; Anne</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge. P/C</b>	<b>Sunday 30 July 17th Sunday of Ordinary time Year A</b>	<b>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</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

**Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation:** Children who have made their First Holy Communion and Reconciliation are invited, together with their parents, to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The sessions commence on Saturday 5th of August at 4.30pm and Sunday 6th at 10.45am in the Parish Centre. If you require any information please contact the Parish Office or email Jim and Julie-Ann at [jimnjuls@tpg.com.au](mailto:jimnjuls@tpg.com.au) to enrol your child.

## **Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday the 11 July, 2017**

The discussions in the Parish Council as well as finance committee were as follows:-

- Few emails have been received about some concerns of few parishioners and they were discussed.
- There was a suggestion to have list of tradies within the Parish for the parishioners' use.
- The need of a new Liturgy Committee.
- Finances and expenses were approved.
- Parishioners need to take responsibility for the Financial stability of the Parish.
- Carl Moll and other members of the Finance Committee to address this issue to the wider Parish Community.
- Men's breakfast date is 19/8/2017
- Father Jolly and the team are following up the possibility of having the Columbarium.
- To encourage the Catholic Youth Festival and support to send as many young people as possible from the Parish.
- Installation of solar batteries into the existing solar system.

## **The Senior Youth Group in Action**



**Urgently needed:** The Sunday hospitality group needs 2 more people—men or women to help with Sunday hospitality once a month. If you are interested to help please ring Lina Wiecek on 0414 323 265

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Emma Gleeson, Baby Valentina Twyford, Father Maurice McNamara, Callum Grimes (Mari McDonald's nephew), Anne Kozicki (Thais Turner friend).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:** Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Lyn Downes, Ellen Moffitt, 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:** Peter & Annie McConigley, Mabel Barry, Ruby Howling, Doris Ball, Peter Roebuck, Arthur Hibberd, Paul Treble, David McSorley and Dr. Christopher Kohlenberg.

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## St. Finbar's Parish News

### **DO YOU KNOW: THE PART OF THE MASS THAT FOLLOWS THE EPICLESIS OR THE INVOLVING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The part of the Eucharist that follows the Epiclesis is the Consecration. It is the part of the mass where the priest prays the Lord's words of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Through this prayer the bread and wine become the risen Body and Blood of Jesus. It is the retelling of what Jesus did and said when he offered his Body and Blood under the species of bread and wine, gave them to his Apostles to eat and drink and left them the command to continue this same mystery.

Anamnesis or the memorial acclamation.

They were common in ancient Eastern Liturgies like the Syriac Orthodox Church, Syrian Catholic Church, Syro-Malabar Rite, Malankara Catholic Church, Maronite Rite, Melkite Rite and other

Catholic Churches of Byzantine Rite. The Priest says or sings "The Mystery of Faith", and the people Respond, "We proclaim your death, O Lord and Profess your resurrection until you come again" or "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup we proclaim your death O Lord until you come again", or "Save us Saviour of the world for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free".

The Word Anamnesis means "remembrance". We remember Jesus' historical Saving deeds in Liturgical action of the church, which inspires thanksgiving and praise. Every Eucharistic prayer contains a memorial in which the church calls to mind the passion resurrection and glorious return of Jesus Christ.

One Year to Go!  
Launch of Preparation for  
World Meeting of Families 2018  
*The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World*  
An Event for all the Family!  
**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

*Find out about the World Meeting of Families taking place in Dublin, Ireland in 2018.*

*An opportunity for spiritual enrichment for your family life.*

**Mass at 11am, BYO lunch. Program for families from 1pm-3.15pm.**

**Afternoon tea provided. Free Event! Donations welcome.**

**Where: Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.**


**To register, please contact: (02) 8838 3441 or [lmf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:lmf@parra.catholic.org.au)**

**Website: [www.parralmf.org.au](http://www.parralmf.org.au)**


### **Positions Vacant**

Parish Financial Services Project Manager, Diocese of Broken Bay. For more information please visit [www.dbb.org.au](http://www.dbb.org.au) or contact Mr Tony Davies, Chancery Human Resources Manager at [recruitment@dbb.org.au](mailto:recruitment@dbb.org.au) or on 02 9847 0446 or m: 0439 930 926.

Family Educators: Applications are invited for the position of Family Educator based in 24 systemic Catholic primary schools across the Archdiocese of Sydney. To see locations please go to <https://sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au> Click on Employment , Positions Vacant. Applications close August 4, 2017. For further information contact [meredith.lemos@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:meredith.lemos@syd.catholic.edu.au)



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### Sacraments

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

**Office Hours:** 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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**Web:** www.stfinbars.org.au

**Parish School:** Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean

Phone: 4724 3600

## ROSTER FOR 29 AND 30 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	Ruth Gott
Junior Server	Volunteer Please		Volunteer Please
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Suzanne McGrath
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Katy Ferris	Ann Keating	Joe Lopez
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dawn Willis	Terry Keogh	Richard Cutler
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Kevin Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
IT Operator	Thais Turner	Ralph Maples	Kylie Mills
Music	Te Deum		J Long & M Lopez
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl Stanis Drobiszewski	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Richard Mason Margaret Richards Anthony Toutounji Andrew Wilson	Kath Tierney Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	John Mullane Juliana Khnouf Mari McDonald Gerard Egan Garry Pursehouse Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Lauren		
Cashier	Geoff Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Martin & Lyndel Rogers		
Church Care	Natalie Platt, Rebecca Southern & Year 6 Group		
Garden Club			
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Noreen Taylor		



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