

The Barrow

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

17th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year A

29 and 30 July 2017

1Kg 3:5, 7-12; Ps 118; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Reflection on the Gospel

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.



The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing

to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have

been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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 now to secure the \$250 early-bird rate before August.

Sunday 30 July, 17th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	7.30am Mass. 9.30am Mass.	Thursday 3 August St Dominic	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7:30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
Monday 31 July St Ignatius of Loyola	9.00am Mass. 11.00am Tony Visser Funeral 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.30pm Netball Meeting M/R	Friday 4 August St John Vianney	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction. 11.00am First Friday visits 11.00am Peter Bryant Funeral 1.00 pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 1 August St Alphonsus Liguori	9.00am Mass. 7.30pm Pastoral Council P/C 7.30pm Baptism Preparation M/R	Saturday 5 August	9.00am Mass. 4.30pm Confirmation Preparation 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 2 August	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 6 August The Transfiguration of the Lord	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Confirmation Preparation 11.00am Baptism 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.

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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 or 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 to enrol your child.

A FUNERAL MASS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY THE 31ST OF JULY FOR TONY VISSER AT 11.00AM. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.

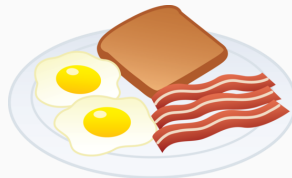
PETER BRYANT PASSED AWAY 25TH JULY, CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE WILL BE AT ST FINBARS, FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST AT 11AM

St. Finbar's Men's Breakfast

Date - Saturday 19th August 2017

Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am

Venue - Parish hall



The parish is holding an informal breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their neighbours and friends. For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 13th August 2017. Please add your name the list on the Wardens' table. Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Tony Visser, Peter Bryant, Father Anthony Reynolds, Jack McGlynn, Emma Gleeson, Baby Valentina Twyford, Father Maurice McNamara and Callum Grimes (Mari McDonald's nephew).

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, Jacqui Visser, Jan Smith, John Camilleri, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, John Roebuck, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy, Daniel Samoor, and Miriam & Grace Nassif (Marie Nassif's grandchildren).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Bernard Wilson, Anni Grundschoettel, Frances Roberts, Leslie Cullen, Jeffrey Plim, Marian Wiecek, Daisy Watterson, John Guerin, Gweneth Pinson, Carmel Harris, John Costello, Robert Murphy and Freda Weston.

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DO YOU KNOW: WHAT PART OF MASS IS KNOWN AS DOXOLOGY?

Doxology is an expression of praise sung to the Holy Trinity. (Through him, and with him and in him, O God, almighty Father, in unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours forever and ever. Amen). Only through Christ, with him and in him we can arrive at the Father. The word "doxology" comes from the Greek "doxa" which means "glory".

Doxology therefore means glorification. The Eucharistic prayer is the heart of the Liturgy. The prayer begins with the preface, lifting our hearts up to the Father, then comes the Holy Holy, then at the end of the Eucharistic prayer the priest recites this concluding doxology praising the Trinity. In this prayer, the priest elevates the bread and wine which became the Body and Blood of Christ up high above all temporal realities and says: "Through him and

with him and in him, O God almighty Father in unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honour is yours forever and ever". The church believes in the mediation of Christ alone and through his supreme priesthood we can reach the Father. Uniting our lives with his life, death and resurrection, we give glory to the Trinity. The church exists to glorify God; we come as a congregation to give maximum praise possible to God. This prayer is spoken solely by the priest celebrant. Then the Christian community gathered make the Eucharistic prayer their own and complete the great Trinitarian Doxology by singing or saying Amen. It is the most solemn Amen of the Mass. Through this Amen the faithful ratify the Holy sacrifice and this Amen should be sung whenever it is possible

The Mass of Christian Burial for Fr Anthony (Tony) Reynolds will take place at Cardinal Gilroy Village Chapel, 45 Barcom Street, Merrylands on Monday 31 July at 11am, followed by burial at Castle Hill Cemetery. Concelebrants are asked to bring white vestments. Fr. Anthony worked as a priest in Paramatta and Sydney Diocese.

Youth committee discussion and decisions:

Promote the youth Mass at other Sunday Masses.

Youth band potentially playing at a different Mass.

Further investigate ideas to promote and invite the schools- Relook at other ways to approach it.

Think of easier way to roster, possibly on an informal monthly rotation.

Youth to address other youth at different Mass.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Tour

Fr Clifford D'Souza is leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 12th Nov—25th Nov 2017, Inquiries contact Mr. George on 0422 215855.


Easy Folk Dance Group.

Learn dances from around the world.


Thursdays 7:30-9:00pm at St Finbars hall in school term.

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 Baptisms: By Appointment
 Weddings: By Appointment

Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

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ROSTER FOR 5 AND 6 August 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 and Johnny McLoughlin		Hannah Stanford
Warden	Vince Dobson Allan Jones	Rodney Moffitt	Volunteer Please
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Terry Keogh	Elizabeth Rowe
2 nd Reading	Lukas Rajnoch	Andrew Teece	Greg Rowe
Intercession	Kristina Rajnoch	Annie Teece	Steve Newton
IT Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Music	Geoff Shalala		Jenny Long & Anne Hobbs
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl Stanis Drobiszewski	Gott Family
Minister of Communion	Beth Gibbeson John Verhoeven Kylie Mills Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara Reg Moore Natasha Mills	Margaret Kickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller Volunteer Please	Stephen Brown Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher Volunteer Please Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Danielle		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance, Vicky Ang and Lucie Da Graca Twyford		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen and St Finbars Playgroup		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Rodney Moffitt and Michael Lloyd		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		



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