



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

22nd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

2 and 3 September 2017

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 62; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Reflection on the Gospel

The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation. Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this



age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction. After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy*, is held on Father's Day weekend, 2/3 September, to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 this year. A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope.

Sunday 3 September 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 3.00pm Confirmation Rehearsal 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group	Thursday 7 September	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7:30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
Monday 4 September	9.00am Mass. 7.00pm Netball Meeting M/R	Friday 8 September <i>The Nativity of</i> <i>the Blessed</i> <i>Virgin Mary</i>	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction. 1.00 pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 5 September	9.00am Mass 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting	Saturday 9 September <i>St. Peter Claver</i>	9.00am Mass 3.00pm Parents Prayer Group 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 6 September	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Confirmation	Sunday 10 September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 9.00am Bridge Final 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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ST FINBAR'S PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

When: Saturday, 16 September

Time: 6.45pm

Where: Hall

Cost: \$10 per head

Only a few seats are left for the Trivia night, but we still have a lot of raffle tickets left. Please support our project to install Solar Batteries in the Parish Hall by buying more raffle tickets. Thank you for your continuous support.

SHARING OUR FAITH Join our introductory course in sharing our faith with children – a joyful and rewarding ministry—at Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains Mondays, commencing 28 August 2017, 9.30am-2.30pm. Enquiries Beth 4739.8577.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO MARRIAGE ACT. As members of the Australian democracy we are being called to consider changes to the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act. Mindful of the Church's understanding of Marriage as well as of our belief that every human being, regardless of gender or sexual orientation, is created in the image of God, it is important that debate takes place in a measured, mature and sensitive manner. For more information & Resources, go to: <https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite>

2017 FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR: 8 SEPTEMBER 2017. Men, Women & the Mystery of Love. Presented by Dr Edward Sri at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall Parramatta on Friday 8th September, 7.30pm sharp. Register: 8838 3460 or lmf@parra.catholic.org.au. Sponsored by the Life Marriage & Family Office Diocese of Parramatta and Parousia Media

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2017. Provides a focus reminding each of us to play a part in protecting our children. The work of safeguarding and protecting minors and other vulnerable people is ongoing and of the highest priority for the Diocese of Parramatta.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS 7 September 2017. The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations Thursday, 7th September 2017, at 7:00 pm. Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula on vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Tony Visser, Peter Bryant, Janet Tulk, Robyn Connors, Father Anthony Reynolds, Jack McGlynn, Emma Gleeson, and Baby Valentina Twyford.

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, and Cliff McHardy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Karl and Ute Moll, ElsieWhitton, Gweneth Scott, June Jones, Harold Brown, Dorothy Parslow, Arthur Auckett, Hugh Smith, Norah Trathen, Dorothy Luland, and Bendina Van de Weyer.

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DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE DIFFERENT RITES WITHIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Many people may have never heard of the different Rites within the Catholic Church. Today I would like to explain what a Rite means. A Rite represents a Church tradition about how the sacraments are to be celebrated. As the early Church grew and spread, it celebrated the Sacraments as would be best understood and received in the context of individual cultures without ever changing their essential form and matter. The early Church sought to evangelise in the major cultural centres of the first centuries A.D. These centres were Rome, Antioch (Syria) and Alexandria (Egypt). All the Rites in use today evolved from the Liturgical practices and church organization used by the churches in these cities. The Church of Jesus represented in these ecclesiastical traditions is known as a ritual church. The Church in a certain territory is known as a particular church. In the Catholic Church all these Rites are of equal dignity, and have the same obligations although the particular churches possess their own hierarchy, differ in liturgical and ecclesiastical discipline and possess their own spiritual heritage. They are all under the same governance of the Pope. There are 23 different Rites in the Catholic Church. It is important for us to look at the main ones, so that we have a better understanding of the Catholic Church.

The Latin Rite: As the Bishop of Rome and the Vicar of the Universal Church the Pope is the head of the Latin Rite or Roman Rite. This is the Largest Rite in the Church. It was started around 42 A.D. by St. Peter in

Rome. As Vicar of the Universal Church, the Pope is also Vicar of other Rites as well. All these Rites have equal dignity. The Eastern Rites have a separate code of Canon Law. All of these Eastern Ritual Churches come under the Jurisdiction of the Pope through the congregation for the Oriental Churches, one of the offices of Roman Curia. The Rites are administered by either a Patriarch, or a major Archbishop. The Patriarchs or Major Archbishops are elected by a Synod of Bishops of their Rite but approved by the Pope before they take office.

Byzantine Rite: It is the largest of the Eastern Rites. The Liturgy used by the Byzantine Rite is based on liturgy developed by St. James for the Antiochian Church and modified by St. Basil. This Liturgy is similar to the Liturgy of the Orthodox Churches. The Albanian, Belarussian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Greek, Hungarian, Halo-Albanian, Melkite, Romanian, Russian, Ruthenian, Slovak and Ukrainian Churches use the Byzantine Liturgy.

Alexandrian Rite: The Liturgy used by the Church in Alexandria in Egypt is attributed to St. Mark the Evangelist. This Church became known as the Coptic Church because Copt is the Arabic and Greek word for Egyptian. Today there exists in Egypt the Coptic Rite which is loyal to the Pope and another group which is Orthodox. The Ge'ez Rite is closely associated with the Coptic Rite. Look forward to learn more about the other Rites in next week's Barra.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CCD MASS: 8 SEPTEMBER 2017 All catechists and family members are invited to the Annual CCD Mass, concelebrated by Bishop Vincent Long and priests of the Diocese at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills on September 8th at 11am. Papal Blessings and other Certificates will be presented after Mass. A light lunch will follow in the Parish Hall. Please contact Maree Collis on 98904731.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: 24 SEPTEMBER 2017 All Married couples are invited to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary with other couples and family members at the 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta on Sunday, 24th September, 2017. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will celebrate the Mass and will host a light lunch following Mass. Please call the Life Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or lmf@parra.catholic.org.au by 18th September, 2017.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 10 SEPTEMBER 2017. This week on the Journey, we are blessed to have some fabulous and inspirational God spots from some truly talented supporters of our show. To enhance our program, we have carefully selected music to help us create a show for you that is all about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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Baptisms: By Appointment
Weddings: By Appointment

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ROSTER FOR 9 AND 10 September 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 and Kate Hanigan		Christopher, Margaret & Nicolas Gott
Warden	Ken Schneiders & Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Suzanne McGrath
1 st Reading	Allen Jones	Mary Creenaune	Annis Nilsson
2 nd Reading	Dawn Wills	Andrew Teece	Joe Lopez
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Richard Culter
IT Operator	Thais Turner	Ellen Teece	Jim McLoughlin
Music	Matthew Phillips & Michael Taylor		Naomi's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
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 Mari McDonald Gerard Egan Garry Pursehouse Volunteer Please Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell & Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Anne King, Daren & Liz Dukes and Grace Buckley		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Erika McNay, Margaret & Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Beth Culliver		



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