



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

23rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

9 and 10 September 2017

Ezek 33:7-9; Ps 94; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

## Reflection on the Gospel

This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' – community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them,

then there would be no 'drama' to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships! Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment.

*Reflection by Greg Sunter*

Congratulations to the children who were Confirmed in our Parish on Wednesday night. May God bless them all.

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL:** This parish raised a total of \$3,340 for the recent Catholic Mission appeal. All monies have now been sent to Catholic Mission. All who gave generously are sincerely thanked. May God's blessings be with you and your families.

<b>Sunday</b> <b>10 September</b> <b>23rd Sunday in</b> <b>Ordinary time</b> <b>Year A</b>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>9.00am Bridge Final P/C</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>14 September</b> <i>The Exaltation</i> <i>of the Holy</i> <i>Cross</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>1.30pm Bridge. P/C</b> <b>7:30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>11 September</b>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b> <b>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</b>	<b>Friday</b> <b>15 September</b> <i>Our Lady of</i> <i>Sorrow</i>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by</b> <b>Benediction.</b> <b>1.00 pm Bowlers. P/C</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>12 September</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>7.30pm Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>16 September</b> <i>Sts Cornelius</i> <i>&amp; Cyprian</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>10.00am Concert</b> <b>4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> <b>6.30pm Trivia Night P/C</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>13 September</b> <i>St. John</i> <i>Chrysostom</i>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by</b> <b>Rosary.</b> <b>9.00am Pastoral Care meeting M/R</b> <b>9.30am Playgroup P/C</b> <b>11.30am Cantabile. Church.</b> <b>7.00pm Bridge P/C</b>	<b>Sunday</b> <b>17 September</b> <b>24th Sunday in</b> <b>Ordinary time</b> <b>Year A</b>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>1.30pm Bridge P/C</b> <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> <b>7.00pm Senior Youth Group</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

**ST FINBAR'S PARISH TRIVIA & GAMES NIGHT.** Thank you to everyone who is coming along to our Trivia Night on Saturday 16 September! We have 21 tables booked and physically cannot fit anymore tables in the hall. If you have not already paid your \$10 entry fee we would appreciate if you could pop into the Parish Office this week to pay for it, this will mean less lining up on the night to get everyone in. If you cannot pop into the Office during the week please feel free to pop into the Hall from 5pm on Saturday afternoon to pay. If neither of these options suit you then we will collect your money upon entry. Things to bring to the Trivia Night:

BYO Drinks and Nibbles

Gold coins for the games

\$10 if you would like to buy a ticket to win a 10kg block of Cadbury Chocolate

Also, please return any raffle ticket books that you have sold.

**LUTHER 500 AT ST FINBAR'S** The Blaxland/Glenbrook Inter-church group has organized a special event in St. Finbar's as part of the 500th anniversary Luther celebrations. Titled, "Martin Luther – The Man and His Music", the evening will concentrate on Lutheran hymnody during the first 150 years after the Reformation. It will surprise many to experience the type of hymn singing that Luther knew, for it was not as we know it today. Robert Ampt, Sydney City Organist, will lead the music, playing the organ and conducting the Blue Mountains Chorale. The congregation will join in with the singing of several of the great Lutheran chorales.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm** There will be a request for donations: \$20 or \$10 concession.

Inq. Judy Burrett 4754 1780

**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.** The Church views marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man. Marriage is also a fundamental institution for all societies because of its importance in uniting spouses as potential parents and in providing for the upbringing of their children. It has therefore been understood as the union of a man and a woman in all cultures and religions until very recent times and is still so defined in international law and the law of most nations. To insist that marriage is a relationship between a man and a woman is not a criticism of other kinds of relationships. By recognising this particular type of relationship our community and its marriage laws do not unjustly discriminate against other relationships: rather, our community and its laws recognize the essential connections between male-female bonding and child-bearing, and between children and their natural parents. Taken from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite>

**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:** Bernadette Greig, Barbara Fisher, Raymond (Frank) McSweeney, Barbara Short, Alexandra Jankowski, Cecilia Mitchell, Stefanie Webber, Edward Parslow, Dorothy Luland, John Gillian, Margaret O'Hare, Paul Moore, Veronica Merci and Margaret Hunt.

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# St. Finbar's Parish News

## DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE DIFFERENT RITES WITHIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the last week's Barra, we discussed what the different Rites within the Catholic Church mean and some of the Rites like the Latin Rite which we are part of, the Alexandrian Rite, the Byzantine Rite and some of the smaller Rites which fall under the umbrella of those Rites. This week we deal with some of the other main Rites:

The Syriac Rite: The Liturgy of the Syriac Rite is attributed to St. James the Apostle. This Liturgy was used by the Church in Antioch which is in present day Syria. Many Bishops in this area also broke away after the Council of Chalcedon. They stopped using Greek and started using Syriac language in their liturgy. The Syriac language is similar to Aramaic, the Language Jesus spoke. Through the work of Jesuit and Capuchin missionaries they returned to full union with Rome, including the Patriarch of this Rite, in 1781.

The Armenian Rite: Armenia was the first country that adopted Christianity as the state religion in the 4th Century. They used the Antiochian Liturgy of St. James. Today, mostly it is practiced in Lebanon.

The Maronite Rite: The Maronite Rite traces its origins to the work of St. Maron in the 4th Century, who founded a monastery east of Antioch and later on the monks moved to Lebanon.

The Chaldean Rite: The people in modern day Iran and Iraq were once known as the Assyrians. Today the Patriarch of the Chaldean Rite is located in Baghdad.

The Malankara Rite: This Rite developed in India, but had fallen into the Nestorian Heresy after the Council of Ephesus in 431. They returned into full union with Rome in 1920. This Rite is located in Kerala State, India. They follow the Antiochian Liturgy.

The Syro-Malabar Rite: This Rite is known as the Syro-Malabar because it originated in the coast of Malabar Kerala. It traces its origin to St. Thomas the Apostle who landed at Crangamore in 52 A.D. and founded Seven Christian Communities in Kerala, India. St. Thomas was martyred in 72 A.D. at Mylapore near Chennai. This early Christian Community was also known as St. Thomas Christians. They were also called Nazranis, meaning those who follow the path of Jesus of Nazareth. Today it has got close to 5 million believers. The Syro-Malabar Church runs 4860 educational, 202 ecclesiastical and 2614 health and charitable institutions. It has 63 bishops, 9000 priests, 321114 religious and 1220 seminarians. The priests from the Syro-Malabar Rite work as missionaries in different parts of the world, including (8 in Parramatta) in St. Finbar's, in the person of your Parish Priest.

All these Rites of the Catholic Church are equal in dignity and equally valid. Attendance at any Rite fulfils our obligation to attend Sunday Mass. The Catholic Church is truly Universal, since it unites so many diverse Rites, traditions, liturgies and cultures whose members share a common faith under the guidance of the Pope, the Vicar of Christ.

**CARING FOR CARERS MORNING TEA.** Tuesday 19th September St Finbar's Parish Centre. 10am - 12noon. This group is open to ANYONE - especially CARERS - who would like to join us for a social morning of sewing, knitting, crocheting and patchwork or just a chat. A very warm welcome to ALL. For more information contact Kath 473926651 or [ktierney@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ktierney@bigpond.net.au) For your diary, CARERS WEEK EVENT 17th October. The Penrith Harmony Group - Barbershop Style - will perform at St Finbar's for this Event. More details coming.

**ST FINBARS PASTORAL CARE TEAM INVITES YOU TO AFTERNOON TEA** on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 1:30pm. This is an opportunity to come together and celebrate all our ministries. Let's gather and celebrate St Finbar's Day. Everyone is welcome. More information Margaret Richards 47396470.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS.** If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who has expressed a desire for full communion in the Church and if you are interested in joining the team please contact the parish office on 47398928 or Margaret Richards 47396470. Our faith nourishes our souls.

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

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## ROSTER FOR 16 AND 17 September 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 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Ralph Maples	Ann Keating	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Kylie Lane
Intercession	Reg Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operator	Kylie Mills	Ralph Maples	Amie Farrell
Music	Cantabile		Ruth's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & Family
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett John Killeen Jacqui Visser Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher Volunteer Please	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Volunteer Please	Therese Luczak Jean Di Nucci Annisia Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Pia		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Ken Townsend		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene & Bert Adamson		
Church Care	Natalie Platt Rebecca Southern & Year 6 Group		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans and Helen Keogh		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Lee Jackson & Louise Heber		



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