



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
24th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A
16 and 17 September 2017
Sirach 27:30-28:7; Ps 102, Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Reflection on the Gospel

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.



and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentfulness, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

FATHERS' DAY COLLECTION A big thank you to all those parishioners who showed their support for our retired and sick priests. Together you donated \$2935 to the Fathers' Day appeal and this money has now been forwarded on your behalf to the diocesan Clergy Support Foundation.

Sunday 17 September 24th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group	Thursday 21 September St. Matthew	10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7:30pm Luther 500 Concert No Blue Labyrinth Dancers
Monday 18 September	9.00am Mass. 9.00am Fun Singers 2.00pm School Assembly P/C 7.00pm Netball AGM P/C	Friday 22 September St. Finbar's Feast	9.15am All School Mass 1.00 pm Bowlers. P/C 2.00pm Wedding
Tuesday 19 September	9.00am Mass 10.00am Carers Morning Tea M/R 7.30pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting M/R	Saturday 23 September St. Pius of Pietrelcina	9.00am Mass 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 20 September <i>Sts Andrew Kim</i> <i>Tae-gon & Paul</i> <i>Chong Ha-sang</i>	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge P/C 7.00pm Concert Rehearsal	Sunday 24 September 25th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptisms 1.30pm Pastoral Care Thank you afternoon tea

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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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 21st 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, 9.30am-2.30pm. Enquiries Beth 4739.8577.

Prayer for Marriage. God our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage: the bond of life and love, and the font of the family. May your Son, through the intercession of Mary, pour out upon us a new measure of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we join with all people of good will to promote and protect the unique beauty of marriage. May your Holy Spirit enlighten our society to treasure the heroic love of husband and wife, and guide our leaders to sustain and protect the singular place of mothers and fathers in the lives of their children. Father, we ask that our prayers be joined to those of the Virgin Mary, that your Word may transform our service so as to safeguard the incomparable splendour of marriage. We ask all these things through Christ our Lord, Amen.
from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops website <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-defense-of-marriage.cfm>

CARING FOR CARERS MORNING TEA. Tuesday 19th September St Finbar's Parish Centre. 10am - 12 noon. 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 47392651 or 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 24th 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.

Pat Psaila is asking on behalf of Sister Anne of the Sisters Of Charity if once again you can help the Farmer's Wives. There will be a box in the church foyer for your donations for the next few weeks. Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Tony Visser, Peter Bryant, Emma Gleeson, Baby Valentina Twyford, Peter Wesley (Michael Rivas Cousin) and Maureen Griffin (Hughie Griffin Sister in Law)

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, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, John Roebuck, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Shirley Glover, Little Majella Anne Bell and Cliff McHardy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Marie Lutton, Fred Clinton, Thomas Charles, Baby Amber Jenkins, Pamela Cottee, Rosina Merchant, Victorio Joseph Girgenti, John Nolan, Philomena Quinn, Ethel Cornish, Eileen Gillian, Sylvia Bourke, Maria Boehm and Marie Hill.

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DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Ecumenical Councils are assemblies of Patriarchs, Cardinals, Presiding Bishops, Abbots and heads of male religious orders and other Juridical Persons, nominated by the Pope. The purpose of an Ecumenical Council is to define doctrine, reaffirm truths of faith and extirpate heresy. Council decisions need to be approved by the Pope to be valid. The participation is limited to these persons who cannot delegate their voting rights. Ecumenical Councils are different from Provincial Councils or Regional Councils. The Regional or Provincial Councils meet together. Episcopal Conferences and Plenary Councils are other bodies. Then we have meetings of Bishops of one Country, Nation or Region such as the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Here the term Ecumenical does not refer to all the Christian Churches but it refers to Solemn Congregations of the Catholic Bishops of the World at the invitation of the Pope to decide on matters of the church with him. In the history of church there were 21 main Councils. They are:-

1. First Council of Nicaea
2. First Council of Constantinople
3. Council of Ephesus
4. Council of Chalcedon
5. Second Council of Constantinople
6. Third Council of Constantinople
7. Second Council of Nicaea
8. Fourth Council of Constantinople
9. First Council of Lateran
10. Second Council of Lateran
11. Third Council of Lateran
12. Fourth Council of Lateran.
13. First Council of Lyon
14. Second Council of Lyon
15. Council of Vienne
16. Council of Constance
17. Council of Basel, Ferrara and Florence
18. Fifth Council of Lateran
19. Council of Trent
20. First Vatican Council
21. Second Vatican Council

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH WILL BE HOLDING A PRESENTATION: 'Made For Each Other', (The Humanum Series) Come and see 6 thought provoking short DVDs on the Complementarity of Man and Woman, named 'Made For Each Other', (the Humanum Series). After each DVD there will be an opportunity for a brief group discussion and question and answer time. These DVDs were part of *The Complementarity of Man and Woman: An International Colloquium*, which was held in Rome in late 2014. The international gathering sought to delve into the immense beauty of the relationship between man and woman and to revive and strengthen marriage and family life. Annabelle Bhandoo from the Diocese of Parramatta Life, Marriage and Family Office will facilitate the sessions.

WHEN: 8 October 2017, TIME: 11.30am (after 9.45am Mass) till 3.30pm, WHERE: At the Springwood Parish Centre. Tea and coffee provided, but bring your own lunch. For further enquiries contact Ingrid 0412 315 241

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 or if you are interested in joining the team please contact the parish office on 47398928 or Margaret Richards 47396470. Our faith nourishes our souls.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 24 Sept 2017. This week on the Journey, the Gospel of Matthew is reflected on by our very own Fr Stephen Varney of Shellharbour City Parish, Wisdom from the Abbey with Sr Hilda encouraging us In The Memory of God, Pete Gilmore reminds us of "What We Search For?" in his Living The Gospel segment, and Francine Pirolas has an interesting take on a Relationship Meltdown in IKEA. Our music this week is a lovely thread to weave our show together helping us to 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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ROSTER FOR 23 AND 24 September 2017

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Maire Hurley	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Riley Farrell		Anna Santoro & Michell Mathew
Warden	Reg Moore	Rodney Moffitt	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Margaret Dickson	Steve Newton
2 nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Rodney Moffitt	Patricia Munane
Intercession	Jacqui Visser	Kevin Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
IT Operator	Kylie Mills	Andrew Teece	Amie Farrell
Music	Te Deum		J Long & M Lopez
Presentation of the Gifts	Lee Family	Rivas Family	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Julie Fehon Vince Dobson Georgina Barisic Lorraine Brown Allan Jones Volunteer Please Volunteer Please	Terry Madden Doris Field Rodney Moffitt Volunteer Please	Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Avril Llewellyn Todd Stanford Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday		
Cashier	Geoff Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Tom Torrance, Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen & St. Finbars Playgroup		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		



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