



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

26th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

30 September and 1 October 2017

Ezek 18:25-28; Ps 24; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

Reflection on the Gospel

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we



are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Father Jolly is unwell and will not say Masses this weekend. Many thanks to Father Flor and Father P.J. for saying the Masses during Father Jolly's illness.

Sunday 1 October 26th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group	Thursday 5 October	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C
Monday 2 October The Holy Guardian Angles	9.00am Mass.??	Friday 6 October	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 10.00am First Friday visits 1.00 pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 3 October	9.00am Mass 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R	Saturday 7 October Our Lady of the Rosary	9.00am Mass 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 4 October St. Francis of Assisi	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge P/C	Sunday 8 October 27th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism 2.30pm Concert

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

MARY LOPEZ: After many years of dedicated service to the Music Ministry of this Parish, Mary Lopez has decided to retire. Until recently, she was the Parish Music Co-ordinator and was involved with the music in three masses each month. We would like to thank Mary for all her hard work, and to wish her all the very best for the future.

CARERS WEEK EVENT: Tuesday 17th October. 10am - 2pm. A wonderful morning of song by PENRITH HARMONY Men's Barbershop Chorus, singing in four part harmony. They have been entertaining locals for 25 years. Held at St Finbar's Parish Centre. CARERS and OTHERS welcome. Craft exhibition by Carers and local community. Morning Tea and Light Lunch. For catering purposes RSVP 11th October by contacting Kath 47392651; ktierney@bigpond.net.au or write your name on sheet provided in the Narthex. Look forward to seeing YOU

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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>. Sent by the Diocese of Parramatta.

Pat Psaila is asking on behalf of Sister Anne of the Sisters Of Charity if once again you can help the Farmers' Wives. There is 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, 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, 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: Joyce Richards, Donald King, Barry Ward, Vincent Flynn, Kelvin Lawrence, Olive Power, Bernard Graham, Eugenia Bojec, Margaret Oxford, Stanislaus Lynch, Norman Bell, Phil Fehon, John McGregor, John Pain, Michelle Kerzinger, Ingrid Frank, Patrick Fitzgerald, Frederick Pay, Harry Harris and Betty Smith

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Coming Events

ALL SOULS MASS: The Annual Mass for the Holy Souls, especially for those who have passed away during the last twelve months, will be held on Thursday November 2nd at 7.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: will take place on the 26th of November 2017 9.30Mass. Parents please contact the Parish Office for the Preparation and other details. Preparation sessions will commence on the weekend of 21/22 October.

YOUNG PARENTS PRAYER GROUP Saturday 14th October in Parish Hall, 3 to 4pm. Special Guest speaker Mike Greenwell will share his remarkable life story with his wife Marie, on overcoming addictions to a beautiful faith and life of service. Babysitting provided. Please call Annemaree on 0412 942 299 with any questions. All Welcome.

ECUMENICAL DINNER ON THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER at the Gael's Club, Kingswood. Guest speaker Rayghaan Kasmani on "My Life as an Australian Muslim". Phone 47395273 or 4739 5719. Ticket: \$42 pp.

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 47398577.

DIOCESAN LITURGY CONFERENCE 2017 The Diocesan Liturgy Conference will be held on Saturday 4 November at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. The conference, 'Liturgy: The Living Presence of Christ' is an excellent opportunity to gather together as a Diocese and explore the Presence of Christ in Liturgy. Day includes Keynote Speaker and various workshops including: Music and copyright, Bringing Christ to the Sick, Scripture and the Season of Advent, Sacraments of Initiation – a Field Perspective., organising a Mass- Ordos, Missals and Lectionaries. For more information go to: parracatholic.org/ofw or Office for Worship ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au. Liturgy Committee members are urged to attend this conference if possible.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 5 OCTOBER. The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 5th October 2017, at 7:00 pm. Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula, e-mail: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406

GRACE & SILENCE RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG WOMEN: 7 OCTOBER. A Silent Retreat day at Mt Schoenstatt for vocation discernment to Marriage & Family, Single Life or Consecrated Life. Commences with an input on love followed by silent prayer and reflection and concludes with group prayer. For more information or to register contact Sr M Julie Brcar: juliebrcar@gmail.com or 0408 738 334.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA HIGH SUPPORT NEEDS CLASSES KIRINARI, Xavier College, Llandilo WIYANGA, St Patrick's Marist College Dundas are accepting enrolments. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta provides an inclusive education for students, recognising that some students with a moderate intellectual disability may need additional support. High support needs classes provide students with an alternate platform that addresses their learning needs. Direct enquiries to Alma George, Manager Diverse Learning Needs on 0407233622/Alma.George@parra.catholic.edu.au.

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Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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ROSTER FOR 7 & 8 October 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 & Kate Hanigan		Christopher, Margaret & Nicholas Gott
Warden	Ken Schneiders & Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Tom Torrance
1 st Reading	Allan Jones	Ann Keating	Carmel Higgins
2 nd Reading	Dawn Wills	Elizabeth Konza	Martin Rogers
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	John Isaksen	Riley Farrell
IT Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Ellen Teece	Jim McLoughlin
Music	Matthew Phillips & Michael Tayler		Naomi's group
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & Family
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	School Holiday		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell & Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Anne King, Daren & Liz Dukes and Grace Buckley		
Church Care	Kathy King, Kath & Jim Tierney, Eileen Jones and Gwen Cullinan		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Rodney Moffitt, Michael Lloyd		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Beth Culliver		



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