



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

27th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

7th and 8th October 2017

Is 5:1-7; Ps 79; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

## Reflection on the Gospel

This week's gospel must be read in conjunction with the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) and the responsorial psalm, because the message of these passages is implicit in the parable told by Jesus. As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard – fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built – his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah's condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus' audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading. The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers –



hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants. Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets,

have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.

*Reflection by Greg Sunter*

<b>Sunday 8 October 27th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A</b>	<b>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism 2.30pm Concert</b>	<b>Thursday 12 October</b>	<b>9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C</b>
<b>Monday 9 October</b>	<b>9.00am Mass. 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</b>	<b>Friday 13 October</b>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 1.00 pm Bowlers. P/C</b>
<b>Tuesday 10 October</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	<b>Saturday 14 October</b>	<b>9.00am Mass 3.00pm Parents Prayer Group P/C 4.45pm– 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 11 October</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.00am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 9.30am Playgroup P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge P/C</b>	<b>Sunday 15 October 28th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A</b>	<b>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</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

### **MAJOR REPAIR:**

Dear Parishioners,

As we have indicated in our Barra a few weeks ago, we need to do the urgent repair work and the painting and varnishing of the wooden ceiling and the outer skirting boards of the church. We were able to obtain a number of quotes for the work and finally the Finance Committee has chosen one and we begin the work this week and it might take around 3 to 4 weeks to finish the work. Through our hard savings and the donations of 3 generous parishioners we have raised a little more than half of the expenses for this major repair work and we still need to find another \$15,000 to meet the expenses and we ask your generosity for this special purpose. We have put on hold all other plans for the time being to address this special intention of doing the urgent repair. In the coming weeks you will see scaffoldings and other equipment around the church and generally they are safe and well kept but make sure you also keep an eye on your children who are really the little ones. If anyone of you are in a position to help us to support the Parish at this time to meet the remaining costs please approach us, regardless of how big or small your donation might be, every little bit helps.

Thank you for your continuous support.

**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](mailto:ktierney@bigpond.net.au) or write your name on sheet provided in the Narthex. Look forward to seeing YOU

### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: DEANERY & DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCILS**

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for nominations for Deanery Pastoral Councils and the Diocesan Pastoral Council. For more information, including the nomination kit, please visit [parracatholic.org/advisory](http://parracatholic.org/advisory) councils or contact Richard or Tanya from the Diocesan Ministry Centre on 02 8838 3460. Nominations close on Sunday, 5 November 2017. (Talk to Father Jolly first).

**BIBLE STUDY. Gospel of Matthew.** Wednesday 11, 18, and 25th October, 7.30-9.00pm. Phone 4739 5273.

**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:** Edward DeMattia, Olive Dickinson, Jeffrey Hunt, Imelda Critchley, Francis O'Hare, Maria Obbens, Kenneth Glover, John Webber, Michael Harris, Julie Grech, Verlie Gapps, Terrence Judge, Robert Agnew, Ronald Groves, Peter Smith, Daniel McGrath, Kevin Taylor, Nellie Stanborough and Christine Frewer.

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**PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION:** Children who have made their Sacrament of Penance are invited, together with their parents, to prepare for the Sacrament of Communion. The sessions commence on Saturday 21st of October at 4.30pm or Sunday 22nd 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](mailto:jimnjuls@tpg.com.au) to enrol your child.

**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.

**ALL SOULS DAY MASS** ~ This year will be celebrated on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017 at 7.30pm. The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered for all the faithful departed with special remembrance of those whose funeral took place at St. Finbar's during the past year. Also invited to participate in the liturgy are parishioners who have lost a close relative during the past year and whose funeral was conducted outside the parish. A candle ceremony will be part of the celebration so if you would like your loved one remembered by lighting a candle (which your family member will place on the sanctuary during the Mass) please contact Jayne on 4739 6673 before 28th October. A small framed photo of your loved one could also be placed on the sanctuary before the commencement of Mass

**ECUMENICAL DINNER ON THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER** 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.

### **BRIDGE LESSONS**

If you like playing cards then a new series of Bridge lessons will commence on Thursday, 12 October at 10am in the Parish Centre until Thursday 14 December. For enquiries please telephone 47536048 or 0458536044

### **TELL US HOW YOU GET YOUR CATHOLIC NEWS**

If you regularly or semi-regularly consume Catholic media, whether that be traditional newspapers, magazines or web-based publications and social media platforms, then the Australian Catholic Media Council wants to hear from you! The Council has developed a short survey to find out what you value in Catholic media. The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CathMediaUsers2017>.

**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.

**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](http://parracatholic.org/ofw) or Office for Worship [ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au). Liturgy Committee members are urged to attend this conference if possible.

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### ROSTER FOR 14 & 15 OCTOBER 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	Maura Williams	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Kylie Lane
Intercession	Reg Moore	John De Mattia	Ruth Gott
IT Operator	Kylie Mills	Ralph Maples	Amie Farrell
Music	Cantabile Group		Ruth's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Rivas Family	Tom Torrance
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	Lauren		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Ken Townsend		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene & Bert Adamson		
Church Care	Catherine Marcequ, Jane Lennon, Sally Doyle, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young and Beth Killeen		
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