



# The Barrow

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

28th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

14th and 15th October 2017

Is 25:6-10; Ps 22; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

<b>Sunday</b> <b>15 October</b> <b>28th Sunday in</b> <b>Ordinary time</b> <b>Year A</b>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C
<b>Monday</b> <b>16 October</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 9.00am Fun Singers/ <b>Cancelled</b> 7.30 pm Netball Meeting P/C 7.30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>17 October</b> <i>St Ignatius of</i> <i>Antioch</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 9.00am Caring for Carers P/C
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>18 October</b> <i>St. Luke</i>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosery</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>19 October</b>	<b>10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea.</b> 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>20 October</b>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction</b> 1.00 pm Bowlers. P/C
<b>Saturday</b> <b>21 October</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 4.30pm Communion Preparation P/C <b>4.45pm– 5.15pm Reconciliation</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>22 October</b> <b>29th Sunday in</b> <b>Ordinary time</b> <b>Year A</b>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.45 Communion Preparation P/C <b>11.00am Baptism</b>

## Reflection on the Gospel

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the “eschatological” time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none. One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.”



“eschatological” = concerned with death & judgement

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

**FUN SINGERS** Monday 16th October **cancelled** due to outbreak of illness at Buckland Nursing Home.

**POSITION VACANT:** Due to Mary Lopez's recent departure from the Music Ministry, there are currently no singers rostered on for the fourth Sunday Mass of every month. If any new group is interested in forming and is willing to sing once a month, please contact me either by email ([mhy.phillips@gmail.com](mailto:mhy.phillips@gmail.com)) or by phone (4739 5782) Matthew Phillips

**FIRST LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING** is on Monday 16th of October at 7.30. Please all members attend.

**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 scaffolding 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. *You can drop your donations in the Jar at the Narthex.* Thank you for your continuous support.

**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

**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. [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).

**ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE: 21 OCTOBER.** Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Jerome Emmanuel and Rodrigo Rupac on Saturday 21 October 2017 at 10.30am. The ordination will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Light refreshments to follow.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Cliff McHardy, Stan Currey, 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, Pam Clyne, Jacqui Visser, Jan Smith, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, John Roebuck, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Shirley Glover and Anne Bell

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Reginald Bailey, Rose Barrett, Hope Williams, Bruce Macbeth, Johanna Williams, Oliver Pinson, Margaret Corbin, Norval (Jnr) Thyrd, Peter Jeans, Margaret Collins, Robert Weston, Maurice Scaramuzzi, Mary Murray, Margaret Plim and Daphne Grange.

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## ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

**HSC YOUTH MASS** This Sunday the 15th of October at 6pm A special Mass for the HSC Students as they start their exams this week, wishing them all the best.

**ST FINBARS MENS BREAKFAST** *Date* - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 *Time* - 7:30 am – 9:00 am *Venue* - Parish hall. The parish is holding an informal breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their neighbours and friends. For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Please add your name to the list on the warden's table. Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775

**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.

### **BRIDGE LESSONS**

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

**MacKillop Family Services** is seeking two sets of foster carers to provide separate long-term homes for a 13 year old boy and a 14 year old girl. Luke and Dani are kind, fun, energetic teens who have intellectual development delays. They both need carers who can give them stability, who can spend time helping them learn new skills and reach their life goals. Carers who can provide one-on-one care with no other children in the home would be ideal. Carers receive a fortnightly carer allowance and 24/7 support from MacKillop. If you, or someone you know, is interested please contact MacKillop Family Services on 1300 791 677 [mackillop.org.au/fostercare](http://mackillop.org.au/fostercare)

**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.

**DIOCESAN LITURGY CONFERENCE 2017** The Diocesan Liturgy Conference will be held on Saturday 4th 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.

**YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP** – Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age whether you are a parent or not. **Next gathering:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. **Please note change of Venue to:** 2A Villiers St, Parramatta. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

**STEPPING BEYOND SUPPORT GROUP** - Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those struggling through a separation or divorce. **Next Gathering:** 31<sup>st</sup> October **Please note change of Venue:** 2A Villiers St, Parramatta **Time:** 7pm – 9pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

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### ROSTER FOR 21 & 22 OCTOBER 2017

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Riley Farrell		Anna Santoro & Mitchell Mathew
Warden	Reg Moore	Rodney Moffitt	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Gerard Egan	Ann Keating	Martin Rogers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Katy Ferris	Terry Keogh	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Reg Moore	Kevin Flynn	Patricia Munane
IT Operator	Kylie Mills	Andrew Teece	Amie Farrell
Music	Te Deum		
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Julie Fehon Vince Dobson Georgina Barisic Lorraine Brown Allan Jones Volunteer Please Volunteer Please	Terry Madden Rodney Moffitt Volunteer Please Volunteer Please	Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Avril Llewellyn Todd Stanford Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Michelle		
Cashier	Geoff Shalala & Erika McNay		
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