

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

29th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

21st and 22nd October 2017

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 95; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

## Reflection on the Gospel

The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent 'safe' answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority – leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome.



Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God.

*Reflection by Greg Sunter*

## 2018 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

Franciscan and Columban 2018 Calendars are now available at the Wardens' table for the modest price of \$6 Franciscan and \$9 Columban. The Franciscan Calendars have the School Term Holidays.

**POSITION VACANT:** Due to Mary Lopez's recent departure from the Music Ministry, there are currently no singers rostered on for the fourth Sunday 9.30am 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

<b>Sunday</b> <b>22 October</b> 29th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.45 Communion Preparation P/C <b>11.00am Baptism</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>23 October</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>24 October</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>25 October</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosery</b> 9.00am Regional Catechist meeting M/R 9.30am Playgroup P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>26 October</b>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b> 1.00pm Catechist Meeting M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>27 October</b>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction</b> 1.00 pm Bowlers. P/C
<b>Saturday</b> <b>28 October</b> <i>Sts Simon and Jude, apostles</i>	<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>29 October</b> 30th Sunday in Ordinary	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.45am Communion Preparation Meeting P/C

**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 OF THE CHURCH:**

As you all notice the urgent repair work and the painting and varnishing of the wooden ceiling and the outer skirting boards of the church is in progress. The total expense of this repair work is \$28,000 and through our hard savings and through the generosity of number of people for this special purpose, we have now \$19,000 but still short of \$9,000. If anyone of you are in a position to help financially to finish this project, please do so. You may approach any member of the finance committee or the Parish office directly. There is also a jar at the Narthex where you can drop your donations, however small or big they might be. 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.

## **REPRESENT OUR DIOCESE: SHARE YOUR WISDOM**

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for greater participation of lay people through new advisory councils. Please consider nominating or encourage someone you know. Details, including the nomination kit, are available from [parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils](http://parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils) or by contacting Tanya from the Diocesan Ministry Centre on 02 8838 3460. Nominations close on Sunday, 5 November 2017.

## **POSTAL SURVEY ON PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE MARRIAGE ACT**

We remind you that the survey closes on Tuesday, 7 November 2017 (6pm local time). Any surveys received after this will not be counted. As we exercise our democratic responsibility in responding to the survey it is important to remember that the postal survey is about whether or not Australians want the legal definition of civil marriage changed to include same-sex couples. It is not a referendum on sacramental marriage, however we are called to consider carefully the implications of any change and its effect on families. In the words of Bishop Vincent: *"Whatever the outcome of the survey or the eventual legislation by the government, the Church will continue to hold that marriage is a natural institution established by God to be a permanent union between one man and one woman, directed both to mutual companionship and to the formation of a family in which children are born and nurtured."* Let us pray, discern and act with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. *Parramatta Diocese*

**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, Anne Bell, Little Majella and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Thelma Taylor, Eileen Burrowes, Arthur (Ted) Kachel, Kathleen Graham, Peter Brown, William Brownlow, May Graham, Carlyle Murray, Baby Peter Shatford, Lorna O'Neill, Edna Helm, Alice McGregor, Rubena Appleton, Michael Drinkwater, Ottilia Gyucha, John Guinney, Ann Walker, Rocco Galderisi, Archibald Johnson, Charles Breese, Allan McMillan, Irene (Betty) Baker and David Hancock.

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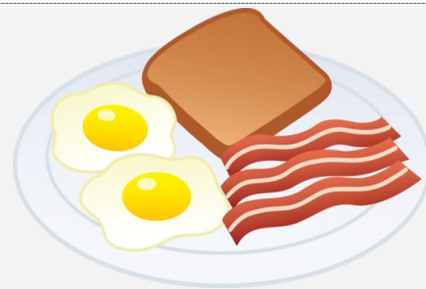
# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## **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

## **BECOME A CATECHIST, A SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER!**

### **What is an SRE or Catechist?**

Special Religious Educators (SREs) also known as Catechists are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share the Catholic faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, SREs, (previously known as Catechists) go into six state primary schools in school hours. New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, authorised teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper.

To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or call the Parish Office on 4739 8928 or your SRE Parish Co-Ordinator on 4739 8577 or [feeacull@tpg.com.au](mailto:feeacull@tpg.com.au)

## **MUSICIAN MEETING**

There will be a Music Ministry meeting held in the Meeting Room on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November after the 9:30 am mass. We will be discussing music for Advent and Christmas, as well as laws surrounding copyright licencing for music. If you are interested in singing for any of the Christmas Masses or have queries regarding copyright, you are most welcome to attend.

Matthew Phillips

## **BRIDGE LESSONS**

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

## **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 donation items. Thank you for your generosity.

## **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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Baptisms: By Appointment  
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**Office Hours:** 9.30am - 3.00pm

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## ROSTER FOR 28 & 29 OCTOBER 2017

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Rodney Moffitt	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Ruth Gott
Junior Server	Volunteer Please		Volunteer Please
Warden	Ken Schneiders & Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Allan Jones	Ann Keating	Carmel Higgins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dawn Wills	Elizabeth Konza	Martin Rogers
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	John Isaksen	Irene Aligno
IT Operator	Henry Hanco	Robyn Flynn	Patrick Watson
Music			Cantabile
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Gott 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 Mary McDonald Gerard Egan Garry Pursehouse Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Martin & Lyndel Rogers		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Kim Instance and Jessica Doherty		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Noreen Taylor		
Garden Club	Lucas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary and Daniel Lynch		



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