


The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

30th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

28th and 29th October 2017

Ex 22:20-26; Ps 17; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Sunday 29 October 30th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Communion Preparation Meeting P/C	Reflection on the Gospel	
Monday 30 October	9.00am Mass	<p>Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved. We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour. Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS</i></p>	
Tuesday 31 October	9.00am Mass 4.00pm Organ & Concert Committee Meeting M/R		
Wednesday 1 November <i>All Saints</i>	9.15am All Saints School Mass 9.30am Playgroup P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge P/C	<p>Thank you to my Church Family for your prayers for Cliff for over two years and your loving support for me during this time. Also for your beautiful cards in Sympathy for Cliffs death. Please know your love, care, and prayers are valued. Blessings.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Colleen McHardy</p>	
Thursday 2 November <i>All Souls Day</i>	9.00am All Souls Mass. 10.00-12.30 Bridge Lessons M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C 7.30pm All Souls Mass	<p>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.</p>	
Friday 3 November	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 10.30am First Friday Visits 1.00 pm Bowlers. P/C	<p>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 9.30am 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) or by phone (4739 5782) Matthew Phillips</p>	
Saturday 4 November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.00am Mass 10.30 Baptism 4.30pm Communion Preparation Meeting P/C 4.45pm– 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	<p>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.</p>	
Sunday 5 November 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Musician's Meeting 10.45am Communion Preparation Meeting P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group		

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

A Special Thank You to all the Parishioners who contributed to the Church Major Repair, may God bless you and your families. Father Jolly.

FUN SINGERS will go to Buckland on Friday 3rd November, usual time, October program. This will replace our October visit cancelled because of illness at the Nursing Home. Marie

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

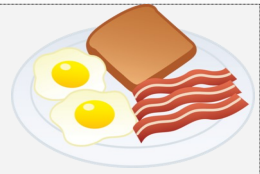
This year will be celebrated on Thursday 2nd November, 2017 at 7.30pm. The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered for all the faithful departed with special remembrance of those whose funeral took place at St. Finbar's during the past year. Also invited to participate in the liturgy are parishioners 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 urgently. A small framed photo of your loved one could also be placed on the sanctuary before the commencement of Mass.

ST FINBARS MENS BREAKFAST

Date - Saturday 11th 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 6th 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



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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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Anne Bell, Jack Mullane (John's Father), Lynette Fernandes (Ahyiesha D'Souza Mum), Cliff McHardy, Stan Currey, Tony Visser 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, Little Majella and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Amanda –Jane Oxford, Anna Vella, Virginia Criswick, Charlie Psaila, Alice Cleary, Julie Young, Scott Blondahl, Kathleen Grange, Marjorie Gormly, Ian Robinson, Gerard Vandeweyer, Julia Barakat, Andrew Pallett and Patricia Hazelton.

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WHY WE OFFER MASS FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS

The offering of Masses for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed is linked with our belief in Purgatory. We believe that if a person has died fundamentally believing in God but with venial sins and the hurt caused by sin, then God in his divine love and mercy will first purify the soul. After this purification has been completed, the soul will have the holiness and purity needed to share in the beatific vision in heaven. While each individual stands in judgment before the Lord upon death and must render an account of his life, the communion of the Church shared on this earth continues, except for those souls damned to hell. The Vatican Council II affirmed. "This Sacred Council accepts loyally the venerable faith of our ancestors in the living communion which exists between us and our

brothers who are in the glory of heaven or who are yet being purified after their death" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, #51).

Therefore, just as we now pray for each other, share each other's burdens, and help each other on the path of salvation, the faithful on earth can offer prayers and sacrifices to help the departed souls undergoing purification, and no better prayer could be offered than that of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. At Mass, both the living and dead are remembered—the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners both living and dead. We should always remember our own dearly departed loved ones in the Holy Mass, and through our own prayers and sacrifices help them in gaining eternal rest.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE. The Book of Remembrance is on permanent display in the Sanctuary during the month of November. Parishioners can add the names of any family members or loved ones who have passed to eternal life since last November. Please do not enter any names that are already in the book.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL. The final DWF appeal for 2017 will be held on the weekend of 12/13th of November 2017. All donations over \$2 are fully tax deductible. Some envelopes will be available on the Wardens' table this weekend.

MUSICIAN MEETING. There will be a Music Ministry meeting held in the Presbytery Meeting Room on Sunday 5th 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

OUR CARERS WEEK EVENT. 17th October was a great success Many thanks to the wonderful team for helping to bring this event to fruition. To those who exhibited, showing some of the great talent in our community. The Penrith Harmony group were terrific, a beautiful sound and including everyone in the audience. The food was delicious. The company of 64 people certainly made the day. A comment from one of our parishioners 'It continues to amaze me at the talent we have in our small parish of people willing to give their time to look after 'people in need' and still be able to create magnificent wares for admiration and satisfaction. May this opportunity never die away'.

FARMER'S WIVES COLLECTION. The generosity of the parishioners of St. Finbars has never been in doubt. Once again they responded to our plea for the farmers wives gifts. Sister Ann is thrilled and sends her grateful thanks to you all. God bless for your thoughtfulness. Pat Psaila

THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE. Are you looking for a different way to start the new year? The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a 7 day, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany in early January. For more information please check the noticeboard in the Narthex.

SPRINGWOOD EAST TIMOR SUPPORT GROUP

Invites you to aid educational and medical initiatives in Timor Leste Annual Dinner Saturday 18th November 2017
6:30pm for 7:00pm (Mains) at The ORCHARD BRASSERIE Springwood Golf/Country Club, 84 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood. Guest speakers JUDE FINCH and MARY WATERFORD will share their experience of Twelve Months in Timor Leste. Bookings: Pam Gorman 02 4754 1160 Two Course Dinner \$35 Drinks available at bar. Tables of 8 - 10

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Sacraments

Confessions: Sat 4.45-5.15pm
 Baptisms: By Appointment
 Weddings: By Appointment

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ROSTER FOR 4 & 5 NOVEMBER 2017

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Patrick, Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Volunteer Please
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Rodney Moffitt	Volunteer Please
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Mary Creenaune	Erin Kelly
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Reg Moore	Annie Teece	Steve Newton
IT Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Music	Finbarr Choir		Jenny & Anne
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Ann & Ray Keating	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Beth Gibbeson John Verhoeven Kylie Mills Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara Reg Moore Natasha Mills	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller Volunteer Please	Stephen Brown Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher Volunteer Please Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Elizabeth		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell & Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance, Vicky Ang & Lucie Da Graca Twyford		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Erika McNay, Margaret & Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh		



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