

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

31st Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

4th and 5th of November 2017

Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10; Ps 130; 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

<b>Sunday</b> <b>5 November</b> <b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.30am Musician's Meeting 10.45am Communion Preparation Meeting P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group
<b>Monday</b> <b>6 November</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>7 November</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 7.00pm Concert Rehearsal 7.30pm Baptism Preparation M/R
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>8 November</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.00am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 9.30am Playgroup P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>9 November</b> <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b> 10.00-12.30 Bridge Lessons M/R 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
<b>Friday</b> <b>10 November</b> <i>St. Leo the Great</i>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction</b> 1.00 pm Bowlers. P/C
<b>Saturday</b> <b>11 November</b> <i>St. Martin of Tours</i>	7.30am Men's Breakfast <b>9.00am Mass</b> 3.00pm Parents Prayer group 4.30pm Communion Preparation Meeting P/C <b>4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>12 November</b> <b>32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A</b>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.45am Communion Preparation Meeting P/C <b>11.00am Baptism</b> 3.00pm Academy Singers Concert

## Reflection on the Gospel

This week's Gospel is a lesson on leadership. The Gospel writer has Jesus offering a very strong criticism of the religious leadership of his day as exemplified by the scribes and Pharisees. He accuses them of not practising what they preach – a rather familiar criticism often levelled at politicians, teachers and church leaders in our own society today. When the criticism is used today it often implies that if the person fails to practise what they preach then what they have to say carries little weight. But rather than totally rejecting the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus cautions his listeners to take notice of what they have to say – as their teachings were always grounded in scripture and tradition – but not to follow their example of behaviour. Throughout Matthew's Gospel we encounter criticisms of the scribes and Pharisees. This example is of the same nature: they were too caught up with rules and obligations and did not approach life with compassion and concern for the individual. The community for whom Matthew's Gospel was intended was struggling with being both Jewish and Christian. They were coming to realise that to be followers of Jesus' way they needed to cast aside some of the attitudes and behaviours of their Jewish tradition. That applied particularly to the model of leadership that they had inherited from Jesus: a model of leadership through service, not power and authority. This Gospel passage makes it very clear for that original community as well as ourselves that true leadership is provided through service to others and through humble action. Unlike the Pharisees of Jesus' time, Christian leaders are called to do away with the trappings of power and prestige and, instead, be of service to those whom they would lead.



*Reflection by Greg Sunter*

**NOVEMBER** is the month we especially remember our departed brothers and sisters, parents and family members. Please pray for them and remember them in the Masses.

**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. Please do not enter any names that are already in the book.

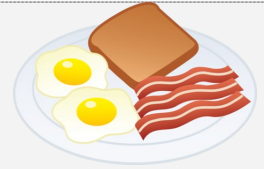
**WELCOME** all visitors to our church today. We extend our greetings to you. If you wish to join St Finbar's Parish, please make yourself known to one of our Wardens so we can give you our Parish Welcome Pack.

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## **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



## **SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT AT ST. FINBAR'S ENTITLED "THE MYSTERY OF THE EARTH"**

Music for choir and organ, exploring our connection to the earth and beyond. This will be a wonderfully relaxing concert performed by Academy Singers, an experienced and well known choir, directed by the esteemed Paul Terracini and accompanied by organist Amy Johansen. Amy, who is also an Honorary Carillonneur at Sydney University, will play music by Haydn and Mendelssohn.

Choral music by Bainton, Mendelssohn, Lauridsen, Whitacre and young Australian composer Ban van Tienen. Adults \$25, Concession \$20, Child \$10. **Sunday 12 November at 3pm. Enq. 4754 1780**

## **DIOCESAN WORKS FUND (DWF) APPEAL TO BE REPLACED**

Most parishioners will be familiar with the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) appeals that have been held in all parishes during February, May and November for many years.

Starting in November this year, the DWF appeal is being replaced with the Catholic Foundation appeal which will be launched by Bishop Vincent on the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November.

All parishioners will be given a copy of the prospectus together with a donation envelope at all Masses on that weekend. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

## **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)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Anne Bell, Jack Mullane (John's Father), Lynette Fernandes (Ahyiesha D'Souza Mum), Cliff McHardy, Stan Currey, Monsignor John Francis Lyne, 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, Marjorie Etherington (Paul Etherington Mother), Little Majella and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Rose Hannigan, Genevieve Donnelly, Elizabeth Rynne, Agnes Gregory, Clive McInnes, Ludo Bos, rose Hughes, Monica Roebuck, Michele Tagg, Kevin O'Neill, Gregory Kelly and Therese Voom.

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journey of  
the human  
heart"*

**LEURA MEMORIAL  
GARDENS FUNERALS**

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## 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.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 24 NOVEMBER.** Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 6:30pm-7.30pm for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys. For information about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta and Holy Spirit Seminary, please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan, Director of Priestly Vocations, [vocations@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

## BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF ST FINBAR'S COMMUNITY

There are many opportunities to become more involved with your community here at St Finbar's.

The following liturgical Ministries currently have vacancies:

- Senior Server
- Junior Server
- Sacristan
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Musician
- Choir Member

In addition, you could also volunteer as a Catechist, as a counter, or as a church cleaner. We also need assistance with maintenance of the buildings and grounds, with hospitality and with the Piety Stall.

If you are interested, please give your details to Fr Jolly who will arrange for the appropriate person to contact you.

**DISCERNMENT TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE: 26 NOVEMBER** Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. This is the fifth session of the 2017 program. Subsequent sessions will be announced in due course. Venue: St. John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens, NSW 2768. Time: 3:30 to 6 pm (including Mass and fellowship). For further information visit <http://parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate/> please contact any of the following deacons:

Deacon James - [deacon@stanthonyschurch.org.au](mailto:deacon@stanthonyschurch.org.au)

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Deacon George - [g.bryan1@bigpond.com](mailto:g.bryan1@bigpond.com)

## FRESH PERSPECTIVES:

Starting soon: Conversation on book "**Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation**" by Richard Rohr, O.F.M. Meets 4th Thursday of each month, 7:30pm, Emu Plains.

Inquiries: Jim Potts 47352076 / 042 112 5722.

**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](mailto:mhy.phillips@gmail.com)) or by phone (4739 5782) Matthew Phillips.

**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.

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 Baptisms: By Appointment  
 Weddings: By Appointment

**Office Hours:** 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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**Parish School:** Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean

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### ROSTER FOR 11 & 12 NOVEMBER 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		Christopher, Margaret & Nicolas Gott
Warden	Ken Schneiders & Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Suzanne McGrath
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	Riley Farrell
IT Operator	Thais Turner	Ellen Teece	Jim McLoughlin
Music	Matthew Phillips & Michael Taylor		Naomi Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Rivas Family	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	Ruth		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Ken Townsend		
Hospitality	Anne King, Daren & Liz Dukes, Grace Buckley		
Church Care	Julie Fehon, Tania Walker, Janette Ankers, Lynda Favell & Kylie Lane		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Beth Culliver		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans and Helen Keogh		



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