

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

20 and 21 August 2016

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Is 66:18-21; Ps 116; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

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PARISH RETREAT Our parish retreat on the weekend of 15th and 16th October is designed to help us towards increasing our faith, resulting in the joy of knowing and loving Jesus Christ. As a preparation for the retreat, the **5:30pm Mass on Saturday 10th September** will be a Mass of preparation for our retreat, and will include a talk by Fr David Callaghan. All are invited

WELCOME all visitors to our church today. We extend 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

The Yasawa Islands. We are collecting old, damaged and surplus prescription or reading glasses to deliver to the people of the Yasawas, an island chain with no roads, cars, banks or shops, and where most of the locals live in small remote villages, surviving on agriculture and tourism for their livelihoods. Many of them have major problems with their eyesight and cannot afford glasses. Donated glasses will be delivered by one of our staff (Ros) to

Broken Hill where they will be fixed by volunteer experts and then taken to Fiji.

Please place glasses in the box in the Narthex by **18th September**. Thank you.

THANK YOU We would both like to thank our nominators and referees for our Diocesan medals. What a humbling experience. The process means we don't know who you are, so for us it's the whole parish in on our wonderful surprise. We celebrated the event with our families and the other 66 people from the Diocese who received their medals on Monday 8th August. Our faith guides us and calls us to reach out to others. Without such a giving parish as St Finbars, none of us would be able to do the things we do. Thanks for being you and for supporting our parish. **Vince Dobson & Margaret Richards**

What does RCIA do in our Parish? Can you help the team? Sunday 28th August 1:30pm

We are looking to revitalize our RCIA team. The gathering on this Sunday will have input from

team members past and present, RCIA candidates, catechumens and sponsors. This valuable ministry requires a long-term regular commitment and you may have the time and inclination to join the team. Come and find out about it as and when you will be able to join, and discern if this is a ministry where you are called to be. Thanks Margaret Richards 4739 6470

Fresh Perspectives: Are you interested in a monthly meeting based on prior reading and reflection, then group discussion, of a book (not a novel)? First meeting and first book (worship

and the New Cosmology by C. Viney) to be discussed Thursday

Topic: *Christians of Iraq, Tragedies and the Search for Peace*. Archbishop Zaia

25 August 7:30pm. Inquires and copy of the book - Ph: Jim

Contact: 4739 5273 or 4739 5711. See poster on notice board for further details.

Potts, 47352076

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Betty Grange, Tony Ryder (Sally Phoebus' father), Pining Brown, Patricia Fullerton, Hugh Keavy, John Joe Grieve, Joan Herbert, and Mary Robb.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Frank Christensen, Robert Toirkens, Stan Currey, Shirley Konza, Fr Mac, John Camilleri, Margaret Lewis, Carmel Quilty Malone, Pam Clyne, Emma Gleeson, Gloria Conliffe, Joanne Macrae, John Roebuck, Peng Lee, Joan Lohrey, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Colleen Nolan, Jan Smith, Steven McCormack, Maddison Farrugia, Ken & Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy, and Ben Gibson.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Edward Keogh, Laurence Rowe,

Handley Sweeney, Margaret Smith, Angela Plevey, Bruno De Mattia, Yvonne Price, Elizabeth Sefton,

Les McDermott, Willy Boere and Andrew Vercak

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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED AND SICK PRIESTS This appeal will be held on Fathers' day, 3/4 September. The appeal is hoped to raise \$200,000 to help the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese meet the needs of the sick and retired priests in our Diocese. Last year the Diocese almost reached this target and it is hoped that this year it is reached or even exceeded.

On Fathers' day a third collection will be taken up at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. If you wish you can make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card, or pay by direct debit to BSB 067 950 and Account 01691 referencing your name. In either case, send an email to csf@parra.catholic.org.au so they can send you a receipt.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT The parish Finance Committee met this week and reflected on the current state of the parish finances. The Committee was happy with the improvement that has been made over the past year.


COMING EVENTS Please note the following dates for coming events:

- * Weekend 3rd and 4th Sept: Fathers' Day collection for sick and retired priests
- * Tues 6th Sept: Next Parish Advisory Council meeting
- * Wed 7th Sept at 7:30pm: Confirmation
- * Sat Sept 10th at 5:30pm: Retreat Preparation Mass
- * Sun 11th Sept: Welsh Choir performing in our church
- * Thurs 15th Sept: Ecumenical Dinner
- * Weekend 24th and 25th Sept: Celebrating the Way of the Cross being in our Church
- * Weekend 15th and 16th Oct: Parish Retreat
- * Tues 25th October :Next Parish Finance meeting


ST FINBAR'S HISTORY AND STORIES FROM 1900 TO 2015

is now on sale at the Wardens' table. \$10 full colour 60pages.
Fifty copies have been printed. If more are required, then we can easily place another order.
The compilation of all the Potted Histories that were published in the Parish Bulletin, as well as many more to 2015.
Illustrations are included. It's a nice read, well-researched, celebrates our community and places the parish within the wider context of the history of the

Lower Mountains!



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