

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

**27 and 28 August 2016**

**22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C**

*Sir 3:17-20, 28-29; Ps 67; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1, 7-14*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the Gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying. Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the sort of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel. As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

Dianne Bergant CSS

**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 to attend this Mass and to set aside the October weekend to make the Retreat.

<b>Sunday</b> <b>28 August</b> <i>22nd Sun. of</i> <i>Ord. Time,</i> <i>Year C</i>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> <b>11am Baptisms</b> <b>10.45am Preparation for</b> <b>Confirmation, Session 3. P/C</b> <b>1:30pm RCIA meeting M/R</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>1 September</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>1.30pm Bridge. P/C</b> <b>3.30pm Children's Choir.</b> <b>7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>29 August</b> <i>St John</i> <i>the Baptist</i>	<b>10.30am Latin Mass.</b> <b>5pm SVdeP Meeting M/R</b>	<b>Friday</b> <b>2 September</b>	<b>9.00am Mass, Adoration and</b> <b>Benediction.</b> <b>10:30am First Friday visits</b> <b>1.00pm Bowlers P/C</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>30 August</b>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>3 September</b>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b> <b>4.30pm Preparations for</b> <b>Confirmation Session 4. P/C</b> <b>4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions.</b> <b>5:30pm Vigil Mass.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>31 August</b>	<b>8am Mass, then the Rosary.</b> <b>9am CCD Meeting M/R</b> <b>9.30am Playgroup. P/C</b> <b>7.00pm Bridge. P/C</b>	<b>Sunday</b> <b>4 September</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> <b>10.45am Preparation for</b> <b>Confirmation Session 4. P/C</b> <b>6pm Youth Mass</b> <b>7:30pm The Edge group</b>

*M/R Meeting Room    P/C Parish Centre (Hall)*

**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 WAY OF MERCY

Dear friends and parishioners, the Way of Mercy is centred upon the journey of a large Cross of Mercy, accompanied by a relic of St Mary of the Cross and a letter penned by Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. It is an initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta. The cross and relics are hosted in turn by different parishes, communities and schools.

Our parish is hosting the Mercy Cross and relics of the saints on the weekend of 24th and 25th September. The Blue Mountains parishes are joining us on that weekend. Our school children will highlight the Corporal Works of Mercy by their dances, dramas and other performances. Our parish youth will lead us in worship through their singing and prayers. Our representatives and travelling mercy team will help us to reflect further. Our hospitality team will certainly look after our hunger and thirst needs.

Let us come together as a community to experience the mercy of God in our lives and to show our spirit of mercy to others. Details of the times of the activities will be provided in The Barra over the coming weeks. Fr Jolly.

## What does RCIA do in our Parish? Can you help the team? Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 along, find out about the process and then you will be able to pray and discern if this is a ministry where you are called to be.

Many thanks. Margaret Richards 4739 6470

**THANK YOU** Joe Grange and family wish to thank Fr Jolly and all parishioners, visitors and well-wishers for making Betty's funeral so memorable. Special thanks to the hospitality ladies for their usual superb job.

## ECUMENICAL DINNER. Thursday 15th September 2016, 7-10pm.

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

Contact: 4739 5273 or 4739 5719. See poster on notice board for further details.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Margaret Lewis, 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, 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:** Ellen Fall, Maria Pay, Richard Nagle, Hermanus Voorn, James Griffin, Sheila Anderson, Walter Quealey, Noel Gibson, May McKenzie, Michael Price, Valma Jones, Eileen Trevaskis, Hugh Smith, Anna Instance and Elsie Whitton.

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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 hopes to raise \$200,000 to help the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese meet the needs of our sick and retired priests. 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 will not be here on the Fathers' day weekend, you can donate today—please use an envelope available at the Wardens' table

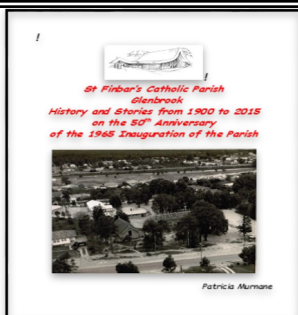
**COMING EVENTS** Please note the following dates for coming events:

- \* 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
- \* Thur 8th Sept: Fr Jolly away until 17th Sept.
- \* Sat 10th Sept at 5:30pm: Retreat Preparation Mass
- \* Sun 11th Sept: Welsh Choir concert in our church
- \* Thurs 15th Sept: Ecumenical Dinner
- \* Weekend 24th and 25th Sept: Celebrating the Way of the Cross being in our Parish
- \* Fri 7th Oct: Opening Night for Art Exhibition
- \* Weekend 15th and 16th Oct: Parish Retreat
- \* Tues 25th October :Next Parish Finance meeting

**THE YASAWA ISLANDS.** We are still collecting old, damaged and surplus prescription or reading glasses to deliver to the disadvantaged people of the Yasawa island. Please place any glasses in the box in the Narthex by **18th September**. Thank you.

**AUSTRALIAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION** You are invited to write a short letter to Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP and to Susan Templeman MP requesting they stand firm on their promise of a Marriage Plebiscite. The address for each is PO Box 6022, Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600. Thanks, Joe Lopez 4754 4955.


**CHORUS & FANFARE** A wonderful afternoon concert presented by the Sydney Welsh Choir and the Blue Mountains Concert Band will take place in our church on Sunday 11th September at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$20 adult and \$15 concession, and are available at the door. For all enquiries ring 4739 0384



**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 book is a 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

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### Sacraments

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 Baptisms: By Appointment  
 Weddings: By Appointment

**Office Hours:** 8.30am - 4.00pm  
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### Next week's Roster: 3 and 4 September 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Paulina Grodzicki
Senior Server	Victoria De Mattia	Andrew Teece	Gary Pursehouse
Junior Server	Patrick, Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Hannah Stanford Brendan Khnouf
Warden	Lorraine Brown Vince Dobson Allan Jones	Rodney Moffitt	George Grodzicki
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Beth Culliver	David Shatford	Pearce Cremin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Margaret Dickson	Ruth Gott
Intercession	Margaret Moore	Rodney Moffitt	Martin Rogers
I.T Operator	Jim McLoughlin	Margot Power	Sean Farrell
Musicians	Finbarr Folk		Jenny's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Ryan & Ahyiesha D'Souza	Maria Heinzl Stanis Drobiszewski	Dorothea Walsh
Minister of Communion	Beth Gibbeson John Verhoeven Noreen Taylor Sandra O'Meara Reg Moore Volunteer please Volunteer please	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	Juliet		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen, Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance & Vicky Ang		
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