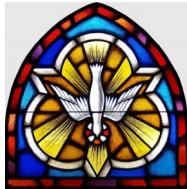



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
PENTECOST SUNDAY

8th & 9th June 2019

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; Rom 8:8-17; Jn14:15-16, 23-26. Eucharistic Prayer 3, Preface of Pentecost

<b>Sunday</b> <b>9th June</b> <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Sunday</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Baptism</b>	<p><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p> <p>In the very old days, the ‘Holy Spirit’ was known as the ‘Holy Ghost’. It comes from the old English word ‘gust’ which ‘blows wherever it pleases’. St Luke’s account of Pentecost tells of what ‘sounded like a powerful wind from heaven’. This is the Divine Wind, this is the Holy Gust, the Holy Spirit. Out of nowhere, this mighty Gust burst into the disciples’ lives with gale force, sweeping away their fear. The Divine Wind is nothing less than the Breath of God. ‘O Breathe on me Breath of God’ is one of the most beautiful hymns, sung to a traditional Irish melody. One verse goes: ‘O Breathe on me Breath of God . . . until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine’. It is like a log at the back of the fireplace late at night. The log is intact but absolutely glowing through and through with fire. It is to be the same with us. Peter was inspired to preach to the crowds ‘with a loud voice’ about ‘Jesus the Nazarene’ and the fact that ‘God raised him to life’. That is the gospel. That is the message which those who breathe with the breath of God have been preaching since the birthday of the Church at Pentecost. We could pause for a moment to pray an ancient chant of the Church: ‘Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they will be created, and you will renew the face of the earth.’</p> <p><i>Reflection by Fr Michael Tate</i></p> <p><b>BISHOP’S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL:</b> Thank you to all those parishioners who gave generously to this appeal at the Masses last weekend. However, we were unable to reach our target amount, and so the envelopes are still on the seats for all Masses this weekend. If you were unable to donate last weekend for whatever reason, or you are able to give a little more, please be generous and make a donation this weekend. You may put the envelope on either collection.</p> <p><b>TIMEOUT TUESDAY:</b> 18th June. COME - RELAX - ENJOY the company of others. St Finbar's Parish Centre 10am - 1pm. For more information take flyer on Wardens table or contact Kath 47392651, Maire 47394069</p> <p><b>SUNDAY BAPTISMS:</b> The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Cleo Cooley this Sunday, and warmly welcomes her into our Faith Community.</p>	 
<b>Monday</b> <b>10th June</b> <i>The Blessed</i> <i>Virgin Mary,</i> <i>Mother of</i> <i>Church</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R		
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>11th June</b> <i>St. Barnabas</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 12.00pm School Pentecost Liturgy P/C 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting M/R		
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>12th June</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C		
<b>Thursday</b> <b>13th June</b> <i>St. Anthony of</i> <i>Padua</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C		
<b>Friday</b> <b>14th June</b>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction</b> 10.00am Conversation and Cuppa-School 1.00pm Bowlers		
<b>Saturday</b> <b>15th June</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum Choir practice <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>		
<b>Sunday</b> <b>16th June</b> <i>The Most Holy</i> <i>Trinity</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group Yr. 7 & up 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. Our Parish lies within the Traditional Country of the Darug people— The Aboriginal Custodians of our area.

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

***The Stained-Glass Window! - What does it mean?*** Part 3 of 3 weeks of information.

The **Blue** part: The theme of this part of the window is that God provides for His people. This blue water section gives the viewer reminders of: the creation story, the story of Moses striking the rock, and the life-giving waters of baptism.

This **New Part**: The theme of this part of the window is one of Resurrection. The design is the backdrop to the Blessed Sacrament Altar. The images provide suggestions of: the wood of the Cross proceeding to the image of the glory of Christ's Resurrection and the light of Christ, the eucalypt tree, burnt from bushfire and the natural images of the risen sun, the light, bushfire, regrowth.

The **3<sup>rd</sup> Part (a future project)**: The theme of the final part of the window will be regrowth and re-creation. The design that exists for this section shows the greening of the burnt branches, the epicormic growth. Viewers will be able to interpret this in a spiritual way by reflecting on new beginnings after the experience of change and life challenges.

*It is hoped that an 'official blessing' of the window will occur in the next few months.*

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**. The parish held another successful Men's breakfast on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> June. Special thanks to all who assisted with the cooking, and a special thanks to Lina and the kitchen team.

**FOR YOUR DIARY**. The next one will be on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Carl Moll

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES FOR AUGUST**. Starts on Tuesday 20 August. This is a great opportunity to enrich and enthuse those involved in the ministries of the Catholic communities. The new Enrolment form is available on the Warden table, please take one and let Father Jolly know that you are interested to attend.

**CATALYST FOR RENEWAL REFLECTION MORNING**. Saturday 15th June, Santa Maria Hall, Lawson (next to the Our Lady of Nativity church), 9:30am to 12:30pm (or welcome to come for part of the morning). Presentation to be given by guest speaker Loretta Brinkman on:- "Finding God in A Tin Can".

Entry by donation. No need to book. For more information contact Carol Teodori 4758 7549. The program is also on the Catalyst for Renewal website [catalystforrenewal.org.au](http://catalystforrenewal.org.au)

**ADULT CONFIRMATION 2019 THE OFFICE FOR WORSHIP WILL HOST A CATECHESIS AND FORMATION DAY FOR THOSE CANDIDATES INTERESTED IN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR.** This will be on **Saturday 31st August, 9.30am – 2.00pm** at IFM (Institute For Mission) in the **Downstairs Room**, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown 2148 (off Flushcombe Road). A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Ian McNay, Tom Oxley, Alphonsine Fournier (Avril Llewellyn's Friend in Canada), Denis Smith, Anita Dyson, Michael Wilcox, Margaret Mead, Paul Trevaskis, Eli Chacko (Father Jolly's Mother) and David Burke.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:**

Ryder Lopez, Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Sandra & Chris Paine, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Josephine Teece, Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, Jacqui Visser, Elise Doyle, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Little Majella and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

Ray Yonnan, John Moussa, Jan Ciosmak, John O'Shea, Michael Glover, Valerie Ridings, Father Maurice (Mac) McNamara, Leonard Rivas, Bridget McLaren, Robert Jones, Frederick Critchley, Cecilia Egan, Lucy Dunne, Mary Druhan, Peter McKerverey, Richard Whitmore and Mary O'Donnell.

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**LEURA MEMORIAL  
GARDENS FUNERALS**

# Air conditioning St Finbar's Church Glenbrook

## What is the need?

To provide everyone with a safe and comfortable temperature environment during the worst weeks of summer and winter. In particular, it is hoped that this provision will assist the youngest and oldest parishioners, and those with health conditions to be able to be included and participate in community despite the weather. For the general parishioner, it is hoped that more consistent comfort over the year will help with attending fully to the liturgies and prevent the distraction and discomfort from feeling too hot or very cold. The provision of air conditioning will assist the parish in providing satisfactory Work Health and Safety standards.

## What factors need consideration for this decision?

### Diocesan approval for any spending over \$30000:

Bishop Vincent has given his written approval for the purchase and installation of an air conditioning system.

### Finance:

Ceiling air conditioning was selected over a floor warming/cooling system. The reason is cost, efficiency, effectiveness and practicality (digging up the floors for installation and limited use of the air conditioner seasonally and in hours per day).

4 quotes were obtained. The most detailed and financially reasonable quote has been selected. This favoured quote was \$66000.

To date we have \$59000 available (through donations received).

We will need to ask parishioners if they would be able to contribute in a small or larger way.

In summary: **We may need to find an estimated \$7000 (We are not borrowing any money).**

Ongoing costs: Most usage of the air conditioner will be in the daytime when we can directly use the electricity produced by our solar panels. The solar panels power will help to defray the running cost to a large degree. When weather dictates, it is estimated that the air conditioner would be used up to a maximum of 6 hours over Saturday and Sunday and around 1 hours on a weekday when Mass occurs.

### Feasibility of achieving effective air control:

- An air conditioner unit and system are available to meet the size and design requirements of the church building.
- A contractor who works in the area of air conditioning large buildings has been selected.
- The contractor is a long-standing local company which can provide advice and back-up after the sale and installation of the system.

### Aesthetic Consideration:

- The church is a unique building inside and out. It has many beautiful attributes with many based on the Australian environment as well as sound liturgical/biblical principles.
- It also houses a heritage-registered pipe organ.
- The air conditioner unit will be located on the outside of the southern front side of the building and will replace a smaller unit that already exists in that spot. The smaller unit was installed some years ago to provide comfort in (the Working Sacristy) Parents & Children room. A tall hedge already exists to screen the current air conditioner unit and will be also suitable for a new unit.
- The inflow duct (return air grill) will be located in the ceiling in the Narthex (vestibule/entrance).
- Air conditioner ceiling ducts located:
  - ◊ 1 each in the Sacristy and the Working Sacristy.
  - ◊ 2 on the northern end of the church as this is the hotter end.
  - ◊ 1 on the southern side of the church
  - ◊ 1 above the altar area but will not directly blow on the altar itself and hence will not affect candle usage.

### Climate change:

Local weather is changing. We are already seeing longer, more intense episodes of hot and cold weather events. Science provides us with substantiated research about the change to the world's climates. We can power our air conditioner by solar power and therefore we are not adding the climate problem.

We thank everyone of you for making our Parish a more comfortable place for worship and prayer.



# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## **WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF US, AS THE ST FINBARS PARISH COMMUNITY, AT THIS TIME?**

At the conclusion of the Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue Process last year, many parishioners expressed a desire for further listening and dialogue in our parish, but this time, with a specifically local focus. Fr Jolly and the Pastoral Council have affirmed their support and enthusiasm for the continuation of this journey that we walk with each other and with our God.

In the spirit of the Plenary Council, the following question will be at the heart of this listening and dialogue process: **What is God asking of us, as the St Finbar's Parish community, at this time?**

Further information will be made available in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, please take note of the following event:

### **Parish Information Session, 10:45 am, Sunday 4 August 2019**

As we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples at Pentecost, we also thank God for His presence in our own parish community. We invite the Spirit into our hearts and minds as we embark on this journey together and ask that you pray for His continued guidance and peace.

**ST FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB** will be holding a Dinner in the Parish Hall on Saturday 14 September to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. All past and present members are invited to attend. Please contact Janette Ankers, Club President, on 4739 4745 or email [jankers@tpg.com.au](mailto:jankers@tpg.com.au) if you would like some more information.

### **Diocese of Parramatta Notices:**

#### **Bishop's Good Shepherds Appeal**

**When God calls, will you help them answer?** The Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is training 15 young men to be true shepherds of Christ's flock and future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will support our seminarians to prepare for the priesthood and a life of community service. **Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherds Appeal envelopes or online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)**

#### **Plenary Council 2020:**

After 10 months of Listening and Dialogue and a period of analysis and prayerful discernment, the **National Themes for Discernment** for the Plenary Council 2020 are being announced at Pentecost – this weekend. More information on each of the National Themes for Discernment will be available in the coming weeks. Find out more at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

#### **CYP LIFTED Retreat 2019: July 5 – 7**

CYP invites young adults aged 18 – 35 to attend the annual LIFTED Retreat from July 5-7 at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. You can expect great guest speakers, stimulating discussions, adoration, daily Mass, Reconciliation, soul-stirring music and delicious food. The theme is inspired by Pope Francis – 'Dare to be Different' Register now @ <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat/>

#### **Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Perth: 7 – 11 December 2019**

ACYF19 is a biennial national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Bishops of Australia. The event involves three days of exciting, large scale Plenary's, tens of workshops, concerts, prayer experiences, fun, expos and concludes with an outdoor mass with the City of Perth. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta will be leading an expected 200 participants. Free twin-share hotel accommodation is being offered now. For more information and to register visit [www.catholicyouthparramatta.org](http://www.catholicyouthparramatta.org)

**A Spiritual Pot Pourri.** Presenter: Bishop Peter Ingham  
Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville  
When: July 5 – July 7. Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)  
Contact: Mrs Carla Walker—02 8795 3400

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# PARISH INFORMATION

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## ROSTER FOR 15TH & 16TH JUNE 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji & Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers & Ann & Alex Walker
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer please	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Volunteer Please
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maire Griffin	Maura Williams	Volunteer Please
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Volunteer Please
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Frank Fitzpatrick
I.T Operator	Henry Hanko	Ellen Teece	Patrick Watson
Musician	M. Phillips & M. Taylor		—
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & Family
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh Jean Di Nucci Volunteer Please	Therese Luczak Annisia Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins
Children's Liturgy	Colin		
Cashier	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Hospitality	Maggie Trevena, Irene & Bert Aligno		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, St. Finbar's Playgroup		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Lee Jackson & Louise Heber		

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