



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

Third Sunday of Easter Year B

14 & 15 April 2018

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; PS 4; 1Jn 2:1-5; LK 24:35-48

<p>Sunday 15 of April</p> <p>3rd Sunday of Easter Year B</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism 1.30pm Bridge 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p> <div data-bbox="975 412 1310 741" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>This week we again see something of the quirky nature of the selection of readings for the Sunday lectionary. This passage from the gospel of Luke immediately follows the magnificent story of the road to Emmaus and the risen Jesus' appearance to two disciples. Rather than hearing that story we have this account that follows; an account that is very similar to the passage of last week in which Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples and dispelled the doubts of Thomas. This week's reading is almost identical except that it does not place the blame of doubt on just one single disciple. Why select this reading as opposed to the Emmaus story? Perhaps the decision focused on the fact that this passage shows the risen Jesus appearing to all of the disciples and not just two.</p> <p>However, what this account gives us that last week's account from the gospel of John did not, is a powerful message about understanding scripture. In the final verses of the passage, Jesus reveals to the disciples that his presence with them is what he'd been talking about when he'd spoken about the fulfilment of the scriptures. And then, 'He opened their minds to understand the scriptures.' This is an important gospel indication that the scriptures are to be read for understanding and for meaning. It is an imperative that we delve into the scriptures and look for meaning rather than a surface, literal interpretation that is prominent in much of society today. When we only read the scriptures 'literally' i.e. accepting the exact wording as literally true, we deny the depth and breadth of the scriptural messages that are conveyed through image, metaphor, irony and other forms of figurative speech as well as ignoring the rich contextual information that is often hidden within and behind the text. Jesus' enlightenment of the disciples makes plain the importance of 'understanding' scripture not just blindly accepting it.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p>
<p>Monday 16 of April</p>	<p>9.00am Mass 9.00am Fun Singers 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>	
<p>Tuesday 17 of April</p>	<p>9.00am Mass 10.00am Time Out Tuesday M/R 4.00pm Concert Committee Meeting M/R</p>	
<p>Wednesday 18 of April</p>	<p>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>	
<p>Thursday 19 of April</p>	<p>10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C</p>	
<p>Friday 20 of April</p>	<p>9.00am Mass + Benediction 11.30 Cantabile Church 1.00pm Bowlers</p>	
<p>Saturday 21 of April</p>	<p>9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>	
<p>Sunday 22 of April</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism 2.00pm Stringy Bach Concert</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.*

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Catholic Outlook Survey

Tell Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta what you think about *CatholicOutlook*. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Take the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook

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- Interviewer - Tribunal Office, Parramatta

More details at: www.parracatholic.org/employment

- Garden Crew Supervisor - CatholicCare, Orchard Hills

More details at: www.ccss.org.au

- Youth Co-ordinator - Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes

More details at: www.olqp.org.au

Discussion on Asylum Seekers and Refugees: 16 April

The Social Justice Commission of Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair invites you to a Table Talk: WALKING WITH REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING PROTECTION. Monday 16 April from 7.30pm-9pm at Holy Spirit Church (5 Todd Row, St Clair). RSVP to Jacinta before Tuesday 10 April via admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au or 02 9670 8222.

Superhero Ministry: 21 April

Special YEAR OF YOUTH event! The safety, well-being, protection and support of vulnerable children, youth and young adults in our Church and beyond is everyone's priority. Join us for an epic day that celebrates, nurtures and challenges YOU - our SUPERHEROS! All content will be presented in light of the recent report handed down by the Royal Commission and our discerned response as the Diocese of Parramatta. All are welcome, no matter what age or role you play with minors or vulnerable people in our Diocese. Come and be part of training in 'dialogue and sharing' with CYP and the Office for Safeguarding! Free event with lunch provided. 10am-4pm, Rooty Hill RSL. Register at www.catholicyouthparramatta.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lorraine Bolin (Colleen McHardy's Niece), Anthony Hennessy, Julia Gunning, Ena Baker, Fr Peter McGrath, Grace Buckley, Fr George O'Mara, Robert Sisson and Olive O'Neil (Cath Newton's mum).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Elise Redymane, Fr. Chris de Souza, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Josephine Teece, Ken & Kathleen Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Ellen Moffitt, Jane Bloor, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, Jacqui Visser, 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:

Pauline Perkins, Andrew Mason, Robert Hill, Daniel Newman, Mathieu Fransen, Patricia Young, Leonard Mott, Rein Bruinsma, Benjamin Lowe and Baby Gwen Fielden.

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STRINGY BACH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT - BAROQUE GRANDEUR

Sunday the 22nd of April at 2pm.

Stringy Bach will kick off this year's series of St Finbar's concerts. Come to hear this inventive Chamber Orchestra performing works of the Baroque era (and more). From the sumptuousness of Versailles, to the unbridled energy of Venice and the political instability of England, the music of Lully, Vivaldi and Purcell can be enjoyed by all under the beautiful acoustics and calm environment of St Finbar's. Led by Chris Lockhart Smith, Stringy Bach mostly comprises of a group of young, talented musicians from the Blue Mountains. Sunday April 22 @ 2pm. Entry \$15 for adults, \$10 concession & accompanied children free.

FUN SINGERS Monday the 16th of April at 9.00am - ANZAC Program.

TIMEOUT TUESDAY: 17th April. St Finbarr's Parish Centre 10am - 1pm.

"TAKE A LITTLE TIMEOUT, REFRESH - MAKING IS GOOD FOR YOU" So why not come and enjoy a great morning relaxing with wonderful company. For more information contact Kath 47392651 or ktierney@bigpond.net.au

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019. Please note that starting this weekend there will be raffle tickets for sale to support our Parish Youth Candidates for World Youth Day Panama 2019. As now we have 3 Candidates will be representing the Parish. The tickets are \$2 each. The Prizes include a Mazda 2 Car, \$2000 Cosmos Gift Card and many more (for more details check the notice board in the Narthex). Thank you for your support.

URGENT REQUEST: We need a Warden for the 4th Saturday of the month 5.30pm Vigil Mass and 2nd Sunday of the month 9.30am Mass. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office on 47398928 or email secretary@stfinbars.org.au. Thank you

Dear Parishioners, Can you please email me your mobile phone numbers as I am trying to update the Parish Contact List. Thank you. Juliana Khnouf

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR In response to Pope Francis' appeal we invite you to attend the Life in the Spirit seminar. Participants testify to experiencing love, peace, joy, and their personal Pentecost and they also discover their spiritual gifts. 7:30pm Tuesday 24 April. Cost is free. To register text 0410 475 723. For further details: bluemountainsdojcc.org/liss

ART OF MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Enrich your marriage with The Art of Marriage 2 day seminar on the 5th and 19th May 2018. Presented by the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community at Don Bosco Centre St Marys. For further details: ssup.com.au/marriage and RSVP by the 24th April contact 0410 475 723.

MIDDLE EASTERN ORIENTAL DANCE GROUP. Classes for Term 2 resume on Monday April 30 from 7-8pm \$10 per class. Mothers bring your daughters and grandmothers bring your daughters for loads of fun and fitness" If you have any queries call Amira on 0429304569

SPRINGWOOD EAST TIMOR SUPPORT GROUP ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT will be held on 19th May commencing 7:30 at St Thomas Aquinas Primary School hall. This has proved to be a popular and well supported event for nearly twenty years. Tables of 8-10. \$20 per head. Bookings are essential. Please contact Pam Gorman 4754 1160. All proceeds go to aid educational and health initiatives in East Timor". For more details please check the notice board.

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Baptisms: By Appointment
Weddings: By Appointment

Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

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ROSTER FOR 21 & 22 APRIL 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Riley Farrell		Anna Santoro & Mitchell Mathew
Warden	Volunteer Please	Rodney Moffitt	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Ann Keating	Martin Rogers
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Terry Keogh	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Volunteer Please	Kevin Flynn	Patricia Munane
IT Operator	Henry Hanco	Andrew Teece	Sean Farrell
Music	Te Deum		Holy Night
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Vince Dobson Noreen Taylor Lorraine Brown Allan Jones	Terry Madden Rodney Moffitt Volunteer Please Volunteer Please	Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Avril Llewellyn Todd Stanford Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell & Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Tom Torrance, Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young & Beth Killeen		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		

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