



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

16 and 17 April 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 99; Apocalypse 7:9,14-17; John 10:27-30



This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference.

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.

Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

On Saturday 18th April 2015 we were fortunate to receive Fr Jolly as our Administrator. He was later confirmed as our Parish Priest. Thank you for all the hard work you have done in one year. Happy Anniversary Fr. Jolly!

Sunday 17 April	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass followed by Senior Youth Group. P/C	Thursday 21 April	10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea. 9:30am Beginners Bridge M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C
Monday 18 April	9.00am Fun Singers. 10.30am Latin Mass.	Friday 22 April	9.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction. 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
Tuesday 19 April	9.00 Mass. 10.00am Caring for Carers. P/C 7.45pm Parish Finance Committee meeting	Saturday 23 April	9.00am Mass. 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Wednes- day 20 April	8.00am Mass then the Rosary 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 24 April	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 11.00am Baptisms.

***WELCOME** to 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 and Information pack.*

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ORDINATION OF GEORGE BRYAN: 8 MAY

We are very proud to announce that one of our parishioners, George Bryan, will be ordained on May 8.

Everyone is invited to the ordination of George as a Permanent Deacon at the 11am Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on Sunday 8 May. The Second Vatican Council reinvigorated the ancient order of deacons, reinstituting the Permanent Diaconate. The principal celebrant will be Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Bishop of Broken Bay.

CARING FOR CARERS: 'Crafty Morning' on TUESDAY 19th April. at St Finbar's Parish. 10am - 12noon. An invitation is extended to Carers & others who would like a relaxed morning in the company of like minded people with craft, or to just enjoy a cuppa & chat. Why not bring your own craft? Kath 47392651

Fair Trade Tea and Coffee will be available to buy after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday morning.

ANZAC DAY

On Monday 25th April we celebrate Anzac Day. Mass will be at 8.30am to enable those who wish to attend the March at Glenbrook to have time to do so.

CATHOLIC CARE SERVICES SPRINGWOOD: 22 of us enjoyed an informative afternoon learning about the services and projects offered by Catholic Care services Springwood. Celia Vagg left some brochures that have been left on the table in the Narthex. It was an interesting and social afternoon with delicious cakes and sandwiches too. Watch this space for more information afternoons in the future. See you next time, Margaret Richards 47396470

Sacred Music Workshop.

St Finbar's would like to invite all those who are interested to a choral workshop run by the Australian Sacred Music Association. It will cover the principles of Sacred Music in the Liturgy.

Date: Saturday 30 April 2016. **Place:** St. Finbar's Parish Centre. **Time:** 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Suggested donation \$10. Coffee and tea provided, please bring a plate to share.

For more information call Carmen: 4739 4989 or Dawn: 0419 564 323

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Anastasia Hudson (Mick Rivas's cousin), Nora Stapleton, Deborah Saporito, Constance Watson, (Noreen Taylor's cousin), Moira Thomson (Eileen Jones's aunt), Matthew Jacka, and Dr Caroline Brayley (Aunt of Merrilee and John Verhoeven)

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Joanne Macrae, John Roebuck, Peng Lee, Fr Mac, Joan Lohrey, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Fr Max Barrett CSSR (Jim's brother), Roslyn Agar, Colleen Nolan, John Camilleri, Margaret Burley, Ray and Jan Smith, Steven McCormack, Maddison Farrugia, Ken & Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy, Ben Gibson and Emma Gleeson.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Pauline Perkins, Mathieu Fransen, Leonard Mott, Rein Bruinsma, Benjamin Lowe, Baby Gwen Fielden, Billie Morgan, Grace Walkley, Alan Bryan and Raymond Merchant.

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FUN SINGERS PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR ANZAC GEAR FOR MONDAY!



Amazing talent and commitment was on display by the combined youth band and youth choir on the 3rd of April for the 9:30am Mass (see photo). And then so many of them came back in the evening to relax, chat and socialise for the extended Lounge session.

Youth Mass is on this weekend at 6pm with Lounge Youth Group afterwards (7:30-8:30pm). Any Lounge members who are thinking of doing the 'Live Below the Line' poverty challenge should speak to their parents about it over the next few days. If you'd like to join the St Finbar group we would like your commitment this weekend.

See you on Sunday! The St Finbar Youth Team

PHOTOS FROM THE ANNIVERSARY – A display is in the narthex on the tables. Hope you enjoy them. If you were photographed but can't find it, the reason will be that the photo was not flattering for you. A couple have been cropped in printing and this can be amended for further printing. Please help to keep these photos clean and uncrumpled. **They must not be removed.**

Thank you for your help.

Identification of people: Some names have been written but could you please help us by writing correct names where required? Thank you.

Ordering copies: Available for 30cents per copy. Small envelopes are available at the Wardens' table. Could you please write your name, phone contact and photo number/s and how many of each selected photo? Place the **CORRECT MONEY** in the envelope and hand the sealed and labelled envelope to the wardens for the collection box. **THIS OFFER CLOSSES ON 1ST MAY** – the sixth Sunday of Easter.

With thanks, Patricia Murnane



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Confessions: Sat 4.45-5.15pm
 Baptisms: By Appointment
 Weddings: By Appointment

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Next week's Roster at St Finbar's, 23 and 24 April 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Billy Instance Riley & Amie Farrell		Anna Santoro Mitchell Mathew
Warden	Reg Moore	Rodney Moffitt	Garry Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Margaret Dickson	Steve Newton
2 nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Rodney Moffitt	Trish Munane
Intercession	Margaret Moore	Kevin Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
I.T Operator	Robyn Flynn	Andrew Teece	Susan Dowling
Presentation of the Gifts	Margaret Moore Jan de Bie	Rivas Family	Tom Torrance
Minister of Com-munion	Julie Fehon Vince Dobson Georgina Barisic Lorraine Brown Alan Jones Peter McMahon Volunteer please	Terry Madden Doris Field Rodney Moffitt Margaret Rivas	Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Avril Llewellyn Todd Stanford Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	School holidays		
Cashier	Betty and Joe Grange		
Hospitality	Bev Palmer, Tom Torrance & Gwen Parker		
Church Care	Schneiders family, Tania Walker, Janette Ankers, Lynda Favell & Kylie Lane		
Garden Club	Paul Gatt, Gary Anthony & Annis Nilsson		



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