



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

23 and 24 April 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C

Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 144; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

Everything is new! There is a new law of love, a new heaven and earth that is established in the church, a new depth of communion there, and a new glory of God that shines forth from its members.

The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this love is the diversity discussed last Sunday. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder that the commandment is called new. It calls for something completely different.

The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there. The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God.

Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way. The eschatological future is anticipated in the present. The age of fulfilment has dawned.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Sunday 24 April 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 11.00am Baptisms.	Thursday 28 April <i>St Peter</i> <i>Chanel</i> 9.00am Mass 9:30am Beginners Bridge M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir. Church 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
Monday 25 April ANZAC DAY 8.30am Mass for Anzac Day. 10.30am Latin Mass.	Friday 29 April <i>St Catherine</i> 9.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction. 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
Tuesday 26 April <i>St Mark</i> 9.00 Mass.	Saturday 30 April 9.00am Mass. 10.00am Music Workshop. P/C 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 27 April 8.00am Mass then the Rosary 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 1 May 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 5.00pm The Edge. P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass. 7.00pm Lounge Group. P/C

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.

St. Finbar's Parish News

PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT:

- ♦ New Sacramental Preparation program going well.
- ♦ Bible studies and young mothers' groups also going well.
- ♦ Discussion on opportunity and challenge for community building in this year of mercy, reconciliation and forgiveness
- ♦ Parish Retreat /Spiritual Day. Invite and involve all stake holders. Build energy and commitment in parish. Reach out/ reconnect with other Catholics and wider community.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Parish Finance Committee is currently composed of Fr Jolly (Parish Priest), Carl Moll (Chair), Paul Holmes, Kristina Gunawan, Briony Mowbray, John Mullane, Patricia Murnane, Andrew Teece and Peter McMahon (Minute Secretary).

The role of this committee is to assist the Parish Priest in his stewardship of parish resources. The Committee meets every second month, and it's Chair also attends Parish Pastoral Council meetings. A summary of the aims of the committee will be placed on the parish notice board during the next few weeks. The committee met on 19th April and reviewed the financial situation of the parish. Fr Jolly is happy with the parish's progress in reducing the loan principal while still meeting it's other commitments.

The committee noted a downward trend in envelope/credit card/direct debit contributions from parishioners and discussed possible initiatives to arrest this trend.

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.

ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHT: Each year the Catholic Tribunal Office and CCSS Solo Parent Services present an Information Session to help people understand how the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church is conducted. Questions are answered on details such as the length of time it takes, the cost, the role of witnesses, the number of interviews required, the grounds for an Annulment and how to start the process. The evening is open to anyone who is interested in gaining greater understanding about the Annulment process. **Venue:** Catholic Care Social Services, 38 Prince St, Blacktown **Date:** Tuesday 3rd May **Time:** 7.30 – 9.30. **Cost:** \$7.00.

Registration: Rita PH: 8822 2222 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret McCusker, Anastasia Hudson (Mick Rivas's cousin), Nora Stapleton, Deborah Saporito, Constance Watson, (Noreen Taylor's cousin), and Moira Thomson (Eileen Jones's aunt).

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: Wayne Portelli, Cheryl Kirton, James Gormly, Letitia Osborne, Alicia Snaith, Raymond Roberts, John Tregillgas, Dennis Lohan and Marjorie Aussel.

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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

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.

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 CLOSES ON 1ST MAY** – the sixth Sunday of Easter.

With thanks, Patricia Murnane





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Sacraments

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

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 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
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Next week's Roster at St Finbar's, 30 April and 1 May 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Paulina Grodzicki
Senior Server	Victoria De Mattia	George Bryan	Gary Pursehouse
Junior Server	Patrick, Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Hannah Stanford Brendan Khnouf
Warden	Vince Dobson Allan Jones	Rodney Moffitt	George Grodzicki
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 st Reading	Brian Edwards	Mary Creenaune	Erin Kelly
2 nd Reading	Eileen Jones	Andrew Teece	Hurley Family
Intercession	Reg Moore	Annie Teece	Frank Fitzpatrick
I.T Operator	Jayne Mason	Margot Power	Sean Farrell
Musician	No Hymns		Claire and Children's Choir
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Maria Heinzl Stanis Drobiszewski	Dorothea Walsh
Minister of Communion	Beth Gibbeson John Verhoeven Noreen Taylor Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara Reg Moore 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	Christyna		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell and Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance & Vicky Ang		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Garry & Laurel Anthony and Fran Isaksen		



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