

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

**30 April/1st May 2016**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C**

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66; Apoc 21:10-14, 16-17; John 14:23-29

## A REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target.

This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel.

'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I *will make our home* with that person.' It is not in *outer* space, but in *innerspace* that Divine Love will make a home.

What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal.

So Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink.

When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us.

Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly.

*Reflection by Fr Michael Tate*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY INVITATION** St Finbar's parish invites parishioners and people who were baptised, received First Communion and Confirmation in the parish to attend the 9:30am Eucharistic celebration on 15th May to celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. There will be special prayers invoking the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Come and join the community and celebrate the feast of Pentecost with us. Special music at this Mass will be led by the Youth.

**Fr Geoffrey Francis Dickinson died on Friday 22 April 2016.**

Mass of Christian Burial for Fr Geoff Dickinson will be celebrated at  
**11am on Thursday 5 May** at St Nicholas of Myra Church, High Street, Penrith.

<b>Sunday 1 May</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> 5pm The Edge <b>6pm Mass</b> 7:30pm The Lounge	<b>Thursday 5 May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir. Church 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
<b>Monday 2 May</b> <i>St Athanasius</i>	<b>10.30am Latin Mass.</b>	<b>Friday 6 May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction.</b> 10:30am First Friday Visits 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
<b>Tuesday 3 May</b> <i>Sts Philip &amp; James</i>	<b>9.00 Mass with Yr 6.</b> 11:30am Cantabile Practice 7pm Pastoral Council Meeting 7:30pm Baptism Preparation	<b>Saturday 7 May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b> <b>4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions.</b> <b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 4 May</b>	<b>No 8.00am Mass</b> <b>9:15am Mothers Day School Mass</b> 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	<b>Sunday 8 May</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> <b>Ordination of George Bryan at 11am in the Cathedral</b>

**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

**CANTABILE** is a musical term loosely translated to describe singing that is sweet and in a lyrical style, and is the name adopted by a small group of musicians in the parish. We in Cantabile strive to present liturgical music appropriate to the season and the celebration, in the best possible tradition. We welcome new members, and indeed plead for new and interested people to support the music ministry in the parish especially at this time when circumstances are stealing away our long term faithful musicians. Please consider supporting the music in the parish in whichever way you are able. Cantabile will resume practices next Tuesday 3rd May from 11.30am to 12.30, and every Tuesday morning. New members welcome. Please phone Judy Burrett - 4754 1780



**ST FINBAR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** is having opening days on the 2nd and 5th May 2016. The hours are 9.30-10.30am and 2.pm- 3pm. All are invited to inspect our beautiful school and meet all the teachers. Orientation day for Kindergarten 2017 will be on 24th November 2016. More information to come!

## YOUTH MASS IS ON THIS WEEKEND 6-7PM.

And for the primary school kids who have been hanging out for Edge youth group - it is on too! 5-6pm. We haven't been able to get together since the start of February so there will be lots of fun catching up and a focus on Mary in this month of May.

Lounge 7:30-8:30pm. Plenty of fun planned and we will be kicking off the 'Live Below the Line' challenge for those involved in this.

### Note:

The Youth Band have been asked to play at the 9:30am Mass for Pentecost on Sunday 15th May and the Youth Mass has been cancelled. However, the Lounge youth group will still run as planned in the evening.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, The St Finbar Youth Team

## ORDINATION OF GEORGE BRYAN: 8 MAY

We are very proud to announce that one of our parishioners, George Bryan, will soon be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate. 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.

**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:** Angela Pereira, David Apps, Ted Bojec, Jonathon Baines, Edna Mooney, Alexander Laing and Peter Smith.

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# St. Finbar's Parish News

**HOW THE PARISH FUNCTIONS FINANCIALLY:** All parishioners in every parish are expected to contribute on a regular basis to the running and upkeep of their parish. At St Finbar's we ask everyone who earns a wage to contribute regularly in one of three ways:

1. By taking a set of weekly envelopes and placing one on the second collection plate every week, or
2. By completing a form to have their credit card debited once a month for a nominated amount, or
3. By completing a form to allow their bank account to be directly debited monthly or as often as they choose for a nominated amount.

The advantage of options 2 and 3 is that you don't have to remember to bring your envelope or cash to Mass for the plate.

Whichever method you choose and/or the amount you give can be altered at any time if your circumstances change.

As the end of the financial year approaches, we ask parishioners who already contribute by any of the above methods to review the amount they currently give and to increase it a little to help us counter inflation. We ask those not currently contributing to contact the parish office and speak to Peter to arrange any one of the three options.



## SHAMROCK SENIORS GROUP:

Join the group for a train trip to Lithgow for lunch with a stopover for morning tea at Medlow Bath (Hydro Majestic) on Tuesday 3rd May. Depart Glenbrook Station at 9.19am and return at 5.10pm. Further details Lyn 4739 2419 or Ian 4739 4308.


**LAST CHANCE: 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. 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 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY** – the sixth Sunday of Easter.

With thanks, Patricia Murnane





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## PARISH INFORMATION

### **Sacraments**

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

**Office Hours:** 8.30am – 4.00pm  
 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
 Office Phone: (02) 4739 8928  
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### **Address:**

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### **Secretary:**

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### **Admin:**

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**Parish School:** Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean  
 Phone: 4739 1796

### Next week's Roster at St Finbar's, 7 and 8 May 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>John Verhoeven</b>	<b>Rodney Moffitt</b>	<b>Deb Lawrence</b>
<b>Senior Server</b>	<b>Peter McMahon</b>	<b>Carl Moll</b>	<b>Andrew Duval</b>
<b>Junior Server</b>	<b>Lara Selby</b> <b>Kate Hanigan</b>		<b>Christopher, Margaret &amp; Nicolas Gott</b>
<b>Warden</b>	<b>Ken Schneiders</b> <b>Chris O'Meara</b>	<b>Rodney Moffitt</b>	<b>Steve Newton</b>
<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Margaret Moore</b>		<b>Suzanne McGrath</b>
<b>1st Reading</b>	<b>Allan Jones</b>	<b>Ann Keating</b>	<b>Irene Aligno</b>
<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>Dawn Willis</b>	<b>Elizabeth Konza</b>	<b>Irene Aligno</b>
<b>Intercession</b>	<b>Ken Schneiders</b>	<b>John Isaksen</b>	<b>Volunteer Please</b>
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	<b>Allan &amp; Eileen Jones</b>	<b>David &amp; Dianne Shatford</b>	<b>Gott Family</b>
<b>Minister of Communion</b>	<b>Sybil Mason</b> <b>Thea &amp; Brian Robertson</b> <b>Richard Mason</b> <b>Margaret Richards</b> <b>Volunteer please</b> <b>Volunteer please</b>	<b>Gwen Cullinan</b> <b>Ann Keating</b> <b>Volunteer Please</b> <b>Volunteer Please</b>	<b>John Mullane</b> <b>Juliana Khnouf</b> <b>Mari McDonald</b> <b>Gerard Egan</b> <b>Gary Pursehouse</b> <b>Volunteer please</b> <b>Volunteer please</b>
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>Juliet</b>		
<b>Cashier</b>	<b>Peter McMahon &amp; Ken Townsend</b>		
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Anne King, Darren &amp; Liz Dukes and Grace Buckley</b>		
<b>Church Care</b>	<b>Kathy King, Kath &amp; Jim Tierney, Eileen Jones, Gwen Cullinan</b>		
<b>Garden Club</b>	<b>Lucas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary &amp; Daniel Lynch</b>		
<b>I.T Operator</b>	<b>Pat Watson</b>	<b>Elizabeth Konza</b>	<b>Joseph Marceau</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>Vigil Mass: M. Taylor &amp; Matthew P</b>		<b>9.30am Mass: No Music</b>



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