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Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

7 and 8 May 2016

The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Eph 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53



MOST REV VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN OFM CONV DD APPOINTED FOURTH BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA

His Holiness Pope Francis has today appointed the Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD, as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta. He has been Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne since 2011.

Bishop Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD succeeds Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

The new Bishop of Parramatta was born in 1961 in Gia-Kiem, Vietnam. He and his family came to Australia as refugees in 1980. After his ordination to the priesthood on 30 December 1989, Bishop Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD went to Rome for further studies and was awarded a licentiate in Christology and Spirituality from the Pontifical Faculty of St Bonaventure.

He was elected superior of the Order of Friars Minor Conventuals

in Australia in 2005.

Very Rev Peter G Williams, Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Parramatta, warmly welcomed Bishop Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv as the fourth Bishop of Parramatta.

"Bishop Vincent is no stranger to the Diocese. As a Conventual Franciscan Friar, he was Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville (1998-2002)," Fr Peter Williams said.

"We look forward to welcoming him at his formal installation in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, at a date that will be set in the near future.

"I ask you to pray for Bishop Vincent as he concludes his ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and assumes leadership of the Diocese of Parramatta."

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.

Sunday 8 May <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 11.00am Ordination of George Bryan at Parramatta Cathedral.	Thursday 12 May	9.00am Mass 9.30am Bridge Beginners. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir. Church 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
Monday 9 May	10.30am Latin Mass. 5.00pm SVDP meeting.	Friday 13 May	9.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction. 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
Tuesday 10 May	9.00 Mass 11:30am Cantabile Practice	Saturday 14 May <i>St Matthias</i>	9.00am Mass. 3.00pm Young Parents Prayer Group 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 11 May	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.00am Pastoral Care meeting. 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 15 May Pentecost Sunday	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Lounge Youth 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.

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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

CONGRATULATIONS to Jim and Pat Barrett for Jim's book launch. It has taken Jim 15 years to complete the book titled "Gandanguurra" and all are invited on Saturday 14th May at the Joy Anderson Hall, 9 New Street Lawson at 3.00pm. PS thank you for the prayers for Fr Max Barrett.



The Lounge had a great time on Sunday night with a bible quiz (God as their armour) and then had a flour fight!

They also kicked off the Live Below the Line challenge

Team Finbars Lounge are currently eating off \$2 a day to raise money and awareness for all those living below the poverty line. The money raised goes to funding poverty cycle breaking initiatives in Cambodia, East Timor and Papua New Guinea.



PRAYER & MEDITATION AFTERNOON FOR PARENTS (BABYSITTERS NEEDED!)

Please make a note of our upcoming 2016 dates (occurring monthly, every 2nd Saturday from 3-4pm):

14 May 11 June 9 July 13 August 10 Sept 15 Oct 12 Nov 10 Dec

Please contact Annemaree Baird (0412 942 299) to receive the pre-reading. **Any new young parents, couples and parishioners are most welcome.** All children are welcome and will be minded in the adjacent parish hall. If you are able to join the roster to babysit our children during this time, it would be greatly appreciated- just let Fr Jolly know.

THE CHURCH CARE MINISTRY is appealing for much needed help from the younger parish community. Most of our groups consist of older members and we are in dire need of new younger people. Each group is rostered a turn, approximately once every nine weeks and if all members are present then the duration of the cleaning session is only about 1 to 1.5 hours. This voluntary role consists of a number of practical duties. Younger children are very welcome to come along with a parent. If you are new to the Parish and would like to get to know other parishioners then this is a great way to become involved. Please contact Heather Lee on 4739 4906 leesj@tpg.com.au for further information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Ray Smith, 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), Roslyn Agar, Colleen Nolan, John Camilleri, Margaret Burley, Jan Smith, Steven McCormack, Maddison Farrugia, Ken & Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy, Ben Gibson and Emma Gleeson.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Michael Au, William Horneman, Laurence Brooks, Maureen Holmes, Emma Peters, Marjorie Aussel, Peter Buckley, Thomas Hannigan, Kathleen Scholfield and Michael Hughes.

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HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND.

Many thanks to the extra-ordinary ministers of Communion who are taking the Eucharist to those who are unable to get to Mass. This is a really valuable ministry and you are very much appreciated. Please remember to complete the register in the sacristy when taking Holy Communion as this is used to inform and guide us with 1st Friday and pastoral visits to these parishioners. If you would like to participate in this ministry please speak to Fr Jolly or contact the parish office.

Margaret Richards 4739 6470

PENTECOST MARKS THE END OF RCIA 2015/2016. Barry and Daniel were baptized and Sarah and Michelle were initiated into the Catholic faith. Congratulations to them and many thanks to their sponsors Remi, Lukas, Sara, Beverley and Wendy. Just as important are the prayers and encouragement that we have all felt from the whole parish community. Particular thanks go to the current team, Wendy & Steve Brown, Peter McMahon, Henry Hanko and Carolyn Duval.



A WONDERFUL Mother's Day Mass at St Finbar's on Wednesday 4 May 2016.

All mothers received a special blessing from Fr Jolly.

A great achievement with so many mothers in attendance.

Congratulations and blessings to all mothers this Sunday.

CARING FOR CARERS: on Tuesday 17th May. St Finbar's Parish Centre. 10am - 12noon. Beth Gibbeson will talk about how drawing is really about seeing. How it is a skill that can be learned because it is made up of basic components that become integrated into a "whole" skill. We will look at the components and put some of the skills into practise. This is open to anyone who maybe interested. You will need to bring a 2b pencil & ruler. It is important that I know numbers by 16th May. Contact Kath 473992651 or email ktierney@bigpond.net.au

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY IS 8-15TH May 2016.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 2016 is held between Ascension and Pentecost.


When: 7.30pm, Friday 13th May. **Where:** Blaxland Uniting Church (Old Bathurst Road). In our diversity, there is that which binds us all together as one in the Holy Spirit. How good it is to worship together! Celebration will be followed by a light supper.

Pope Francis' Exhortation, *The Joy of the Love* (Amoris Laetitia) on love in the family, can be downloaded from the Vatican website or bought from Pauline Books and Media (92648630) for \$11.65.

AUSTRALIAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION: Blaxland High School, possibly others too, has signed up for the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program. Parents and grandparents can obtain info about this program from the AFA Stand at the left hand door of the Church. If all gone ring me for one. Joe Lopez 4754 4955.

The churches of the **Lower Blue Mountains** are pleased to invite you to join us for afternoon tea and to catch up on the Good News in the SRE ministry at Blaxland High. You will enjoy hearing about the daily challenges, achievements and our co-ordinators' aspirations for the advancement of this ministry at Blaxland High School. Join us from 3:00pm - 5:00pm on Sunday 29 May 2014
St Finbar's Catholic Church, 46 Levy Street, Glenbrook (Church hall)
(and bring a plate of goodies to share!)

Please RSVP John Keogh johnkeogh@johnkeogh.com.au or 0416213460 if you are attending.



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Sacraments

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

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Next week's Roster at St Finbar's, 14 and 15 May 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Rodney Moffitt	Peter McMahon
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	George Bryan	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Isaiah & Xavier Soriano		Sinead Gordon Andy Rogers Alex Walker
Warden	Richard Mason	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 st Reading	Ralph Maples	Maura Williams	Frank Fitzpatrick
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Pearse Cremin
Intercession	Duane Parslow	John De Mattia	Ruth Gott
IT Operator	Jayne Mason	Ellen Teece	George Grodzicki
Music	Cantabile & M. Taylor		Youth Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Ann & Ray Keating	Kathleen Schneiders & family
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett John Killeen Jacqui Visser Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher Volunteer please	Terry & Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Volunteer please	Therese Luczak Jean Di Nucci Annisia Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Margaret		
Cashier	Geoff Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, & Maggie Trevena		
Church Care	Marie Hurley, Carolyn Duval, Maria Cummins, Michael & Margaret Richards		



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