

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

**14 and 15 May 2016**

**Pentecost Sunday, Year C**

Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; Paul 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26

## PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR C

We have been in the in-between time since the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate the dramatic in breaking of the time of fulfilment. We celebrate the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The feast also brings the Easter season to its conclusion.

Today's readings recapitulate many themes that appeared throughout the Easter season: Christology, Trinitarian theology, reign of God, repentance, salvation, mission, universality.

All are brought together as we are brought together into the body of Christ.

The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. Christ is exalted next to God and has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement.



This vitality explodes into the extraordinary: tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

We gather together to discover that God has gathered us for another. Strangers assemble to fulfil personal obligations and they experience a phenomenon that bonds them together for life.

Individual religious devotion is swept up into communal divine revelation. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. The world is renewed; the community is revitalised; we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

*Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS*

**THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION** will be held on the weekend of the 18th and 19th June 2016. Our first preparation session commences on **Saturday 21st May** and **Sunday 22nd May**. Session times are 4.30pm on Saturday and 10.45am on Sunday. The sessions continue every weekend until the final session on Sunday 12th June. Please note, attendance of your child and one or both parents is required at each session, as is your attendance at Mass.

<b>Sunday 15 May Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.00pm The Lounge. P/C	<b>Thursday 19 May</b>	<b>10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea.</b> 9.30am Bridge Beginners. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir. Church 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
<b>Monday 16 May</b>	<b>9.00am Fun Singers.</b> <b>10.30am Latin Mass.</b>	<b>Friday 20 May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction.</b> 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
<b>Tuesday 17 May</b>	<b>9.00 Mass with Year 4</b> 10.00am Caring for Carers. P/C 11.30am Cantabile Practice	<b>Saturday 21 May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b> 4.30pm <u>Session 1</u> for Sacrament of Reconciliation. P/C <b>4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions.</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass .</b>
<b>Wednesday 18 May</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary.</b> 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	<b>Sunday 22 May</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> 10.45am <u>Session 1</u> for Sacrament of Reconciliation. P/C 3.00pm Concert with Michael Taylor and Yvonne Darch. Church

*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

## HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND.

Many thanks to the extra-ordinary ministers of Holy 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**RCIA:** Over the last 25 years nearly ninety people have taken the RCIA step on their faith journey at St Finbars. RCIA teams have had the joy of sharing their faith experience with these courageous people. Each person has at least one sponsor and the team has five people helping, therefore we have had about 250 people in this valuable ministry since its inception in our parish. What a joy.

Margaret Richards 47396470

**CLERGY CONFERENCE: 23-26 MAY** The priests and deacons of the Diocese will gather for a Clergy Conference from Monday 23 May to Thursday 26 May. During this time, our priests will be away from their parishes. Anyone in urgent need of a priest should contact their parish office. Normal Mass times in parishes will be suspended on Tuesday 24 May, Wednesday 25 May and Thursday 26 May. On these days it is hoped to have a Mass in each Deanery. Locally, Mass will be celebrated at:  
**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish**, Springwood- 9.30am Tuesday, No Mass Wednesday.  
**Our Lady of the Nativity Parish**, Lawson- 9.00am Thursday.



**"PIETY AND PASSION"** You are invited to a Sunday afternoon concert in the church to enjoy a contemplative stroll with Bach and other musical greats.

Michael Taylor - Organ and Yvonne D'arcy - Soprano.

Sunday 22nd May at 3pm.

Suggested donation Adults \$15, Concession \$10.




FUN SINGERS are gathering once again next Monday.


**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 practice. 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](mailto:ktierney@bigpond.net.au)

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.



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## **DIOCESAN WORKS FUND (DWF):**

The Diocesan Works Fund appeal is taken up in all parishes three times each year, and our final date for this financial year is the weekend of 21/22 May.

All donations received are used to fund the many activities that the Diocese is responsible for. These currently include the solo parents' ministry, the after-hours family counselling ministry and the support for training deacons and priests, to mention just a few.

Our parish quota for this May appeal is \$7,680. Gifts over \$2 are tax deductible.

Please be as generous as possible.

**CAN YOU HELP?** We are in need of people to join our cashiers team. You will be rostered once each four weeks at 9.00am on a Wednesday morning. Please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr. Jolly.

**THE YOUTH BAND will be playing at the 9:30am Mass** on Sunday for Pentecost - the church's birthday. The **Youth Mass at 6pm has been cancelled.** **Lounge Youth Group will still run** from 7pm so we can try to finish on time at 8:30pm. **Live Below the Line** - over \$1,400 has been raised so far by the St Finbar group for poverty cycle breaking initiatives but we haven't reached our target yet. Have a great weekend. The St Finbar Youth Team.

## **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). A Working With Children check is needed if one of your children is not present and you are 18 years or older. Please contact the Parish Office and we will help you arrange this.

**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 [leesi@tpg.com.au](mailto:leesi@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:** John Appleton, Michael Moelroy, Paul Zoeller, Claire Fisher, Cyril Fitzjohn, Millicent Grant, Moira Holmes, Michael Klein, Hilder Ahrenfeld, William Osborne, Irena Chambers, Vincent Noonan, Clare Konza and Jean McSweeney.

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heart"*

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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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**Parish School:** Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean

Phone: 4739 1796

### Next week's Roster at St Finbar's, 21 and 22 May 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 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Gerard Egan	Ann Keating	Martin Rogers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Julie-Ann McLoughlin	Terry Keogh	Hurley Family
Intercession	Annie McLoughlin	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
I.T Operator	Robyn Flynn	Andrew Teece	Susan Dowling
Musician	TBA		Claire & Children's Choir
Presentation of the Gifts	Margaret Moore Jan de Bie	Rivas family	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	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	Ruth		
Cashier	Volunteers please		
Hospitality	Bev Palmer, Tom Torrance & Gwen Parker		
Church Care	Mary-Anne Stenning and Year 6 group		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh		



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