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Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
21 and 22 May 2016
The Most Holy Trinity, Year C

Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

The Feast of the Trinity of God comes about because Jesus painted a picture of the most intimate communion of Divine Life between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship and yet the most perfect unity.

God is Divine pulsating, shimmering light dancing in threefold exchange of love. In fact, the best name for God is 'Being-in-Love'. What does this mean for us?



How often have you heard: 'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? If God is threefold Being-in-Love, then you and I are made to live in relationship – not in solitary. We are totally on the wrong track if we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient. It will turn out to be a Hellish choice. When we live as much self-giving as is possible, we are closest to Divine Life. In fact, we are Divine Life pulsating into a particular time and place through us. *Reflection by Fr Michael Tate*



NEXT SUNDAY 29TH MAY IS THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI and as we celebrate this Feast (The Body and Blood of Christ) we once again at St Finbar's Parish are holding a Corpus Christi procession after the 9.30am Mass. Everyone is invited to join in the Mass, Adoration and the Procession on that day and then stay for the morning tea that follows.

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 this weekend. 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. Please use the envelopes provided.

Sunday 22 May 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45 Sacramental Program. P/C 11.00am Baptisms. .	Thursday 26 May <i>St Philip Neri</i> NO MASS 9.30am Bridge Beginners. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C <u>No Children's Choir this week</u> 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
Monday 23 May 10.30am Latin Mass.	Friday 27 May 9.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction. 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
Tuesday 24 May <i>Out Lady Help of Christians</i> NO MASS 11:30am Cantabile Practice 7.30pm Netball General Meeting. M/R	Saturday 28 May <i>St Matthias</i> 9.00am Mass. 4.30pm Session 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation. R/C 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 25 May NO MASS 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 29 May 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45am Session 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation. R/C 3.00pm Afternoon Tea with Blaxland Board of Trustees.

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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A NEW CHOIR HAS BEEN FORMED!

Te Deum will be singing at the Vigil Mass for every fourth Sunday of the month.

The Lounge met on Sunday to share some pizza and to wrap up the topic they have been exploring on 'Victory over sin'. Over 20 young people again turned out, including the Youth Band who did an amazing job leading the music at the 9:30am Mass.



The Edge: we are looking for some young adults (or year 11 and 12 students) to put their hand up to lead the Edge activities (full support provided). The aim of the Edge group is to encourage kids to make some 'church' friends and help them transition to the high school youth group when their time comes.

It runs on the first Sunday of the month so there are only 6 sessions left this year to lead (plus December where the tradition has been to make gifts to go in the St Vincent de Paul hampers).

If you know anyone who would like to be involved in this rewarding ministry please contact Natalie natalie.darbyink@gmail.com Without some young people leading this group we are looking at stopping it. Troy and Claire have their hands full with music and assisting the Lounge. Liam and Connor are doing an awesome job with the Lounge. We now need another couple of people for the Edge.

Please pray for us, The St Finbar Youth Team

'50TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO REPRINTS are now available for those who placed orders. They are on a table near the Wardens' desk.

THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON

"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.

INFORMATION AFTERNOON

myagedcare.gov.au

Not one of us is getting any younger. What are the services available to help in our daily lives? How are they arranged and what costs are involved? Following the visit from Catholic Care Services and the questions that were asked we have arranged for a visit from myagedcare.gov.au on Wednesday 1st June at 2:pm. Please come with your questions about aged care. A delicious afternoon tea will be provided, and the company is very friendly. Please come. Margaret Richards 47396470

CAN YOU HELP? We are in urgent 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.



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THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION will be held on the weekend of the 18th and 19th June 2016. Our first preparation session commences **this 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.

A big thankyou to all the ladies who provide the best morning tea for our Healing Mass each month. Just delicious !

Congratulations to Jim and Pat Barrett on 60 years married this week!



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.

FROM CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

MASS OF INSTALLATION OF BISHOP VINCENT LONG: 16 JUNE

The Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass of Installation of Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD as the fourth Bishop of Parramatta will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 16 June in St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. Please keep Bishop Vincent and his future ministry among us in your prayers.

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: Pam Clyne, Emma Gleeson, 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 and Ben Gibson.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Peter Stapleton (1980), Winifred Shindorfer, Stanley Sharp, Michael Seymour, Dereck Elliot, Harry Nolan, Matthew Ingram, Thomas Etherington, Franciscus Van De Weyer, Fredrick Charlton, Maria Fransen and Irene Flynn.

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Sacraments

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

Office Hours: 8.30am – 4.00pm
 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
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Next week's Roster at St Finbar's, 28 and 29 May 2016 (Week 5)

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	George Bryan	Ruth Gott
Junior Server	Volunteers please		Volunteers please
Warden	Richard Mason	Rodney Moffitt	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 st Reading	John Killeen	David Shatford	Richard Cutler
2 nd Reading	Volunteer please	Margaret Dickson	Stan Callaghan
Intercession	Jacqui Visser	Rodney Moffitt	Briony Mowbray
I.T Operator	Thais Turner	Jemmy Brickwood	Amie Farrell
Music	TBA		Cantablie & Jenny Long
Presentation of the Gifts	Lee Family	Kay Whitty	Dorothea Walsh
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett John Killeen Jacqui Visser Bernie Fisher Gwen Cullinan Volunteer please	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Volunteer please	Jean Di Nucci Annis Nilsson Irene Aligno Erin Kelly Volunteer please Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Cashier	Peter McMahon & Ken Townsend		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs & Martin and Lyndel Rogers		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Sally Doyle, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young and Beth Killeen		



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