

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
**22 and 23 April 2017**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A**

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 117; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20: 19-31

## Reflection on the Gospel

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion.

Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out:

'My Lord and my God.'

Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent.

Rather, he declares his faith in the *identity* of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis says we can *only* join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ.

Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways.

We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us.



Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, is

invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'

*Reflection by Fr Michael Tate*

<b>Sunday</b> <b>23 April</b> <b>2nd Sunday of</b> <b>Easter, Year A</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> <b>11.00am Baptisms.</b> 1.30pm Bridge. P/C	<b>Thursday</b> <b>27 April</b>	<b>9am Mass.</b> 1.30pm Bridge. P/C
<b>Monday</b> <b>24 April</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Funeral Mass for</b> <b>Madge Boylan.</b> 5.00pm SVDP	<b>Friday</b> <b>28 April</b> <i>St Peter Chanel</i>	<b>9.00am Mass &amp; Benediction</b> 1.00pm Bowlers. P/C
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>25 April</b> <b>ANZAC DAY</b>	<b><u>8.30AM MASS.</u></b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>29 April</b> <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b> <b>4.45pm– 5.15pm Reconciliation</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>26 April</b> <i>St Mark</i>	<b>8:00am Mass followed by</b> <b>Rosary.</b> 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Gospel of John. M/R	<b>Sunday</b> <b>30 April</b> <b>Third Sunday</b> <b>of Easter</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses</b> <b>11.00am Baptism.</b>

**WELCOME** all visitors to our church today. We extend our 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 Pack.

# St. Finbar's Parish News



## EILEEN QUADE LOSS AND GRIEF COUNSELLING

Eileen Quade is a Sister of Mercy, a qualified Counsellor and a Certified Bereavement Practitioner with over fifteen years' experience in individual counselling. Eileen is registered with the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement and specialises in issues related to change, loss, grief and bereavement. Fees are negotiable and concessions available.

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**BIBLE STUDY. *The Gospel of John*.** On Wednesdays, 26th April, 3rd May and 10th May in Meeting Room St Finbars, 7.30-9pm. Bring a Bible. Gideon Goosen: telephone 47395273. Please see notice board for more information.

Our 2017 Paschal Candle features the Risen Christ bursting forth from the tomb in glory! Artists down through the centuries have used the image of the tombstone shattering to symbolize the energy, passion, power and sheer joy of the Resurrection moment for Christ and all humankind.




**The First Collection** – for the diocese. The 1st Collection is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese, and meet many other needs of the Diocese.

**The Second Collection** – for the parish. The 2nd Collection is used to meet our parish running costs (rates, utilities, insurance, telecommunication, computers, photocopiers, stationery and postage, church and altar requisites, repairs and maintenance of the church, presbytery, office buildings and grounds). It is used to pay the staff salaries, superannuation and each priest's car expenses, loan interest and loan repayment. It is also used to provide for our pastoral and ministry outreach activities from the parish. Money received in the 2nd collection is banked into the parish "Working Account".


We encourage you to be a part of this planned giving, please contact the Parish Office or Fr Jolly.

**DIARY NOTE FROM PARRAMATTA DIOCESE:** The Australian Catholic Youth Festival organisers today announced preparations are well underway for the event that will draw 15,000 young people to Sydney from 7-9 December this year, and revealed some of the event details that will appeal to participants Australia wide.

The Festival will be held in the Sydney Olympic Park precinct using the Sydney Showground and Qudos Bank Arena venues and will culminate with a closing Mass on Saturday, 9 December at the Domain, not far from St Mary's Cathedral and adjacent to the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney.



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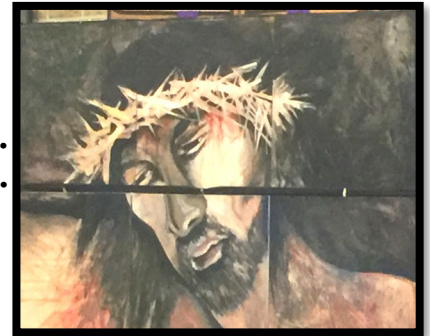


## Palm Sunday Procession At Parramatta.

Our Youth who attended.



Stations of the Cross.  
Good Friday at St Finbar's Parish.



Some of our Gardeners  
at work preparing for  
Easter. Thank you to  
all who helped.



Men's breakfast on  
Saturday 4th March. About  
40 attended, a great success.  
Thanks to all who were  
involved.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Madge Boylan, Patricia Young, Geoffrey McNay, Joseph Ryan, Monica Barron, Jackie George Perkins, Mr. Verghefe ( Father of Fr. Joe Penrith Parish), Carmel Koziol, Ben Gibson, Charlie Buda, Peter May, Dr. Patrick Cregan, Mary Ryan, Phil O'Donaghoe, Robert Pope (Jean di Nucci's father) and Coral Darr.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:** Peter O'Keefe (Beth Gibbeson's brother), Mary Ann Manalili, Fr Maurice McNamara, Lyn Downes, Ellen Moffitt, Pat Barrett, John Brown, Jane Bloor, Ena Baker, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Madge Boylan, Grant Madden, Robert Toirkens, Stan Currey, Pam Clyne, Emma Gleeson, Tony & Jacqui Visser, Jan Smith, John Camilleri, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, John Roebuck, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Shirley Glover and Cliff McHardy.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Raymond Merchant, Wayne Portelli, Cheryl Kirton and Jim Gormly.

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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  
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## ROSTER FOR 29 AND 30 APRIL 2017

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Rodney Moffitt	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Andrew Teece	Ruth Gott
Junior Server	Volunteers please		Volunteers please
Warden	Chris O'Meara Ken Schneiders	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Allan Jones	Ann Keating	Carmel Higgins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dawn Willis	Elizabeth Konza	Martin Rogers
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	John Isaksen	Irene Aligno
Musicians	Matthew & Michael		
I.T Operator	Henry Hanco	Ellen Teece	Joseph Marceau
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Gott family
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea & Brian Robertson Richard Mason Margaret Richards Anthony Toutounji Andrew Wilson	Kath & Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	John Mullane Julianna Khnouf Mari McDonald Gerard Egan Garry Pursehouse Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Michele		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs & Martin and Lyndel Rogers		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass			Noreen Taylor



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