



The Barrow

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
29 and 30 April 2017
3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

Acts 2:14, 22-23; Ps 15; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Reflection on the Gospel

The Easter mystagogical instruction continues.

Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it.

We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything.

They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us.



We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe.

God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Sunday 30 April 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 11.00am Baptism.	Thursday 4 May	9am Mass. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7:30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
Monday 1 May	9.00am Mass	Friday 5 May	9.00am Mass & Benediction 10:30am First Friday Visits 10:30am SRE Co-Ords meeting 1.00pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 2 May <i>St Athanasius</i>	9.00am Mass 7:30pm Baptism Prep. M/R 7.30pm PPC meeting. P/C	Saturday 6 May	9.00am Mass. 4.30pm Reconciliation Preparation session 1. P/C 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 3 May <i>Sts Philip & James</i>	8:00am Mass and Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Gospel of John. M/R	Sunday 7 May	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45am Reconciliation Preparation session 1. P/C 6pm Youth Mass.

***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

Mothers Day Mass at Rookwood Cemetery. 12.00pm on Saturday 13th May

Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel. Barnet Avenue (Adjacent to the Catholic Office).

Followed by refreshments.



Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will commence next weekend 6 and 7 May.

Sessions on Saturday 4.30—5.30pm
and Sunday 10.45am —11.45am.

BIBLE STUDY. *The Gospel of John*. Continues on Wednesdays 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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Morning tea with the St Finbar's Playgroup.
Lots of fun for children and mother's.
Every Wednesday morning 9.30am to 11.30am. All welcome.

CAN YOU HELP?

SCRIPTURE TEACHERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Can you spare half an hour a week to teach our faith at one of our local primary schools?

Activity books and curriculum provided.

We need a teacher for the next six months at Glenbrook Primary School for half an hour on Friday mornings. It is an enjoyable and rewarding experience!

Please call Beth on 4739.8577 or the Parish Office.

ST FINBAR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GLENBROOK

St Finbar's Primary School Glenbrook provides a Catholic Education for children in Years Kinder to Year 6. We are enrolling now for 2018. All considering enrolment are invited to contact the school office on 4724 3600.

Erika McNay wishes to thank the parishioners for their support and prayers following the death of her son Geoffrey. God bless you all.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Ray Smith, Sophie Taylor, Madge Boylan, Patricia Young, Geoffrey McNay, Joseph Ryan, Monica Barron, Jackie George Perkins, Carmel Koziol and Ben Gibson.

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, 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 ANNIVERSIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Letitia Osborne, Katie Jones, Alicia Snaith, Raymond Roberts, John Tregillgas, Dennis Lohan, Marjorie Aussel, Angela Pereira, David Apps, Tadeusz Bojec, and Jonathan Baines.

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Sacraments

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

Office Hours: 8.30am - 4.00pm

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ROSTER FOR 6 AND 7 MAY 2017

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahan	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Peter McMahan	Andrew Teece	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Patrick, Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Hannah Stanford, Brendan Khnouf
Warden	Lorraine Brown, Vince Dobson, Allan Jones	Rodney Moffitt	Volunteer please
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1st Reading	Gerrard Egan	Mary Creenaune	Erin Kelly
2nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Reg Moore	Annie Teece	Steve Newton
Musicians	Finbarr Choir		Ruth's Group
I.T. Operator	Henry Hanko	Elizabeth Konza	Jim McLoughlin
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Ann & Ray Keating	Dorothea Walsh Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Beth Gibbeson John Verhoeven Noreen Taylor Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara Reg Moore Volunteer please	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller Volunteer please	Stephen Brown Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher Kylie Mills Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Lauren		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Robyn Flynn, Pat Bell		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance, Vicky Ang		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Playgroup		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass			Carmel Higgins



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