

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
**13 and 14 May 2017**  
**5th Sunday of Easter, Year A**

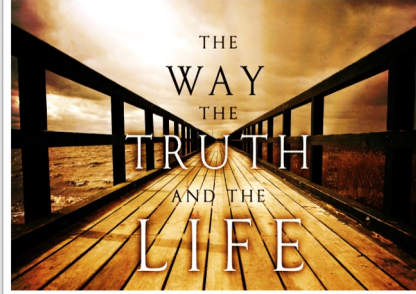
Acts 6:1-7; Ps 32; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

## Reflection on the Gospel

The Gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured.

If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his



exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is

revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly.

Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

*Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS*

<b>Sunday 14 May 4th Sunday of Easter, Year A</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45am Reconciliation Preparation session 2. P/C</b>	<b>Thursday 18 May</b>	<b>10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea. All welcome. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7:30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C</b>
<b>Monday 15 May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass.</b>	<b>Friday 19 May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass &amp; Benediction. 1.00pm Bowlers. P/C 6.00pm Bingo Night for the School.</b>
<b>Tuesday 16 May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass. 10.00am Caring for Carers. P/C</b>	<b>Saturday 20 May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass. 4.30pm Reconciliation Preparation session 3. P/C 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 17 May</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge. P/C</b>	<b>Sunday 21 May</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45am Reconciliation Preparation session 3. P/C. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass. 7.00pm Senior Youth Group. P/C</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

## DID YOU KNOW WHY DO WE SING THE ENTRANCE HYMN IN THE MASS?

It is a sign of the congregation welcoming Jesus who has taught that when two or three are gathered in his name that he is there in the midst of them.

In the Eucharist the priest represents and acts in the person of Christ.

Through the Ordination he becomes a Sacramental sign of the presence of Jesus.

The Church represents the dwelling place of God.

The Entrance Hymn is a song of praise that we sing together expressing the joy we feel in having the presence of Christ in our midst.

**RECONCILIATION PREPARATION:** We wholeheartedly welcome you and your child to preparation classes at either 4.30 pm this Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> OR this Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10.45 am (after 9.30 Mass) in the Parish hall. It is important that you attend Mass each week of the preparation classes as the children will be involved each week.

We look forward to seeing you this weekend.

Please contact us if you have any concerns at all. Regards, Julie-Ann McLoughlin, 0438 893 651

**CARING FOR CARERS MORNING TEA:** TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May 10am - 12noon at St Finbar's Parish Centre. Why don't you join us for another productive morning of sewing, knitting, crochet and patchwork.

This group is open to anyone who would benefit from a cuppa, chat and maybe enjoy one of the activities. For more information please contact Kath 47392651 or [ktierney@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ktierney@bigpond.net.au)

**DIOCESAN WORKS FUND (DWF) APPEAL:** Each year the Diocese of Parramatta asks all parishioners to assist those in need throughout the Diocese.

It does this through the three DWF appeals it conducts each financial year.

One is in November, one in February and the last one is in May.

This last appeal will be conducted at St Finbar's next weekend of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> May, and is an opportunity for each parishioner to really practise being merciful to others by donating generously. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Each year the Diocese receives in excess of 20,000 requests for assistance from the needy, whether they be elderly, sick, disabilities, refugees, single mothers etc. Your contribution can touch the lives of these, our fellow men and women and help them in their time of need.

**FUN SINGERS** scheduled for next Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May has been cancelled due to an outbreak of flu at Buckland Nursing home.

**THE HEALING MASS** and Morning Tea will be held next Thursday 18 May at 10.00 am. All are welcome.

**LENTEN APPEALS:** Thank you to all those parishioners who gave generously to the Project Compassion appeal during Lent and to the Holy Places appeal on Good Friday.

You contributed \$5,178.95 to Caritas Australia through the Project Compassion boxes and envelopes.

You contributed \$1,122.30 for the upkeep of the Holy Places, and this money has been forwarded to the Holy Land Commissariat. Thank you all for your generosity.



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## **ST FINBAR'S MENS BREAKFAST**

**Date - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am**

**Venue - Parish hall**

The parish is holding an informal Men's breakfast for parishioners to meet and get to know one another.

This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their neighbours and friends.

For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 21<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Please add your name to the list on the warden's table.

We would welcome some volunteers to assist with set up and the cooking (from 6.30 am).

Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775

**DID YOU KNOW** we have a Ministry that supplies food to needy families and parishioners.

Please consider joining our food roster.

You will be asked to make a meal every 2 months. Sometimes we have a family with 1-3 children that require ongoing help, so the meals need to be quite simple, as most children don't like very spicy food.

We will supply containers if necessary, small to medium size meals are the best and if it is for a family we can supply a couple of choices.

Please call Margaret on 4739 6470 or the Parish Office 47398928. Thank you in advance.

## **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!**

**CONCERT PROGRAM FOR 2017:** Following the success of the Good Friday Bach Meditation, the concert program in the church, under the planning and organisation of the parish Organ and Concert Committee, continues with some exciting events planned for the rest of the year. Funds raised by these concerts are essential for the repair and maintenance of our fabulous heritage listed pipe organ and the concerts are a wonderful outreach to people of all denominations. You are invited and encouraged to come along and bring your friends and neighbours.

**"THE NIGHTINGALE AND THE ORGAN"** – An afternoon of music and song with Rachael Johnson - Soprano, and Michael Taylor – Organ. **3pm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May** \$15 Adults, \$10 Concession.

**PROVIDING BIBLES TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLE:** The Bible Society's RIM's (Rural Indigenous Ministries Support) Project, is a major undertaking and part of The Bible Society of Australia's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary push to provide scriptures to Australia's first people, our Aboriginals. Please support this project.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Esme Baxter, Allison Boath, Rhonda Smith, Sophie Taylor, Madge Boylan, Patricia Young, Geoffrey McNay, Joseph Ryan, Monica Barron 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, 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:** Ray Smith, Kathleen Scholfield, Michael Hughes, John Appleton, Michael Moelroy, Paul Zoeller, Claire Fisher, Cyril Fitzjohn, Millicent Grant, Moira Holmes, Michael Klein, Hilder Ahrenfeld, William Osborne and Irena Chambers.

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### Sacraments

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 Baptisms: By Appointment  
 Weddings: By Appointment

**Office Hours:** 8.30am - 4.00pm

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
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## ROSTER FOR 20 AND 21 MAY 2017

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Rodney Moffitt	Dawn Willis
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Andrew Teece	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers Alex Walker
Warden	Richard Mason	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Ralph Maples	Maura Williams	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Kylie Lane
Intercession	Reg Moore	John De Mattia	Ruth Gott
IT Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Ralph Maples	Sean Farrell
Music	Carmen's Group		Anne's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Lee Family	Kay Whitty	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley John Killeen Jacqui Visser Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher Volunteer please 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	Danielle		
Cashier	Geoff Shalala and Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena and Irene & Bert.		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Erika McNay, Margaret & Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans, Helen Keogh & Annissa Nilsson		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Lee Jackson & Louise Heber		



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