



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

20 and 21 May 2017

6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 65; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

Reflection on the Gospel

Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate.

This translates a Greek word: '*paraclete*'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you *another Paraclete* to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a *Paraclete*, and he would send *another*.

What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, para-llel. They run alongside each other. A paraclete is a person who stands alongside someone and pleads their case.

That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor *par excellence*.

love

each other
as I have
loved you.

Our Lord promises another Paraclete dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

This Paraclete particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the two Paracletes, constantly pleading our case before the Throne of Mercy.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

DWF APPEAL: The Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) appeal will take place this weekend, 20th and 21st May. Our parish quota is \$7700, so you are asked to give generously. You may give by cash, by cheque or by credit card. Please place all donations in the special DWF envelopes that are on the church seats. There will be three collections at Masses this weekend, the first and third being the normal collections and the second will specifically be for DWF. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible, but to claim this deduction you need to write your name and address on the DWF envelope. If giving by credit card, please write your card number and it's expiry date very clearly on the envelope, along with your name. Remember you are heeding the message of Pope Francis by helping those less fortunate than yourselves.

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| Sunday 21 May 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A | 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45am Reconciliation Preparation session 3. P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass. 7.00pm Senior Youth Group. P/C | Thursday 25 May | 9.00am Mass. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7:30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C |
| Monday 22 May | 9.00am Mass. 5.00pm SVDP. M/R | Friday 26 May St Philip Neri | 9.00am Mass & Benediction. 1.00pm Bowlers. P/C |
| Tuesday 23 May | 9.00am Mass. 7.30pm Parish Finance meeting. M/R | Saturday 27 May | 9.00am Mass. 4.30pm Reconciliation Preparation session 4. P/C 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass |
| Wednesday 24 May Our Lady, Help of Christians | 8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge. P/C | Sunday 28 May | 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45am Reconciliation Preparation session 4. P/C. 3.00pm Concert. |

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.

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ST FINBAR'S MENS BREAKFAST

Date - Saturday 27th 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 this Sunday 21st 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.

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 28th May** \$15 Adults, \$10 Concession.

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 ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Vincent Noonan, Clare Konza, Jean McSweeney, Peter Stapleton (1980), Win Shindorfer, Stanley Sharp, Michael Seymour, Dereck Elliott, Harry Nolan, Matthew Ingram and Thomas Etherington.

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to love,
and then to
part is the..."*



*...saddest
journey of
the human
heart"*

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DID YOU KNOW: THE MEANING OF THE ENTRANCE PROCESSION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MASS?

The entrance procession in the beginning of Mass reminds us all that the entire people of God are pilgrims.

We are a pilgrim people on the road from here on earth to heaven. The Entrance procession symbolises that journey. In that journey Christ is not only our goal, symbolised by the altar but He also accompanies us on the way in the person of the priest.

As the procession reaches the altar, the priest kisses the altar, in effect greeting Christ.

CAN YOU HELP? RESERVE SCRIPTURE TEACHERS NEEDED!

We urgently need Scripture Teachers in reserve - to teach our faith when one of the team is sick or on leave. Half-hour lessons in local schools - activity books and curriculum provided.

It is an enjoyable and rewarding opportunity.

Please call Beth on 4739.8577 or the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION PREPARATION: We wholeheartedly welcome you and your child to preparation

classes at either 4.30 pm this Saturday May 20th OR this Sunday May 21st 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

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 their new number **4724 3600**.

Thank you from Mr Richard Allcock: Please accept my sincere thanks for your support for the generous contribution last weekend to the Bible Society "Remote Indigenous Ministry". The amount raised was \$1500.


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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Sacraments

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

Office Hours: 8.30am - 4.00pm

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 Office Phone: (02) 4739 8928
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Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean

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ROSTER FOR 27 AND 28 MAY 2017 "THE ASCENSION"

| Liturgical Ministries | 5.30pm | 7.30 am | 9.30 am |
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| Sacristan | John Verhoeven | Rodney Moffitt | Stephen Brown |
| Senior Server | Anaru Veitch | Carl Moll | Stephen Brown |
| Junior Server | Billy Instance Riley Farrell | | Anna Santoro Mitchell Mathew |
| Warden | Reg Moore | Rodney Moffitt | Garry Clune |
| Welcomer | Nora Cordoba | | Erika McNay |
| 1 st Reading | Gerard Egan | Ann Keating | Martin Rogers |
| 2 nd Reading | Katy Ferris | Terry Keogh | Joanne Stubbs |
| Intercession | Duane Parslow | Kevin Flynn | Patricia Murnane |
| I.T Operator | Kylie Mills | Andrew Teece | Amie Farrell |
| Musician | Cantabile | | Jenny & Mary |
| Presentation of the | Noreen Taylor | Maria Heinzl | Dorothea Walsh |
| Minister of Communion | Julie Fehon Vince Dobson Georgina Barisic Lorraine Brown Allan Jones Peter McMahon Volunteer please | Terry Madden Doris Field Rodney Moffitt Volunteer please | Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Avril Llewellyn Todd Stanford Volunteer please |
| Children's Liturgy | Christyna | | |
| Cashier | Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott | | |
| Hospitality | Tom Torrance, Marie Massif & Jenni Gerlach | | |
| Church Care | St Finbar's Primary | | |
| Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass | Ann Marie King | | |



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