



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
27 and 28 May 2017
The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 46; Eph 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

Reflection on the Gospel

The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).



Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been

left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND (DWF): Last weekend we conducted the final DWF appeal for this financial year. This appeal is to raise funds to help those very needy people in our Diocese in the spirit of mercy that Pope Francis is urging all Catholics to embrace. While we raised several thousand dollars, we are not yet close to reaching our parish quota of just over \$7,700. If you missed our donating last weekend for whatever reason, you are urged to make a donation at Mass today. Please use the DWF envelopes on the seat and drop the completed envelope onto either collection plate during Mass. We are still short \$3,500. Thank you for your generosity and may the grace of God be with you.

Sunday 28 May The Ascension of the Lord	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 10.45am Reconciliation Preparation session 4. P/C 11.00am Baptisms 3.00pm Concert. Church	Thursday 1 June St Justin	9.00am Mass. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7:30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
Monday 29 May	9.00am Mass.	Friday 2 June	9.00am Mass & Benediction. 10.00am First Friday visits. 1.00pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 30 May	9.00am Mass.	Saturday 3 June Charles Lwanga & Companions	9.00am Mass. 2.30pm First Reconciliation. Church 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 31 May <i>The Visitation of</i> <i>the Blessed Virgin</i> <i>Mary</i>	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 4 June Pentecost Sunday	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 4.30pm Junior Youth Group 6.00pm Youth Mass. 7.00pm Senior Youth Group

***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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'Come Holy Spirit' June 2 - 4

Presenters: Anne Marie Nichol & Fr. Greg Burke, OCD

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Experiencing Pentecost through the music and prayers of Taize.

Saturday day retreat The Ecstatic God

June 3, 10:30 am – 4:00 pm (registrations from 9.30am. Please bring your own lunch. Pickups from Minto train station at 9.45am and 10.00am)

Presenter: Fr. Aloysius Rego, OCD

Cost: \$25.00. Come, Holy Spirit breathe new life in us!

"A balanced life" Jun 9 – Jun 11 Presenter: Fr. Greg Homeming, OCD. Cost: \$230 (concessions apply to pensioners/students and unemployed)

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: Robert Toirkens (Jacqui and Elise's brother), 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: Ken Moore, 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, 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: Matthew Ingram, Thomas Etherington, Franciscus Van De Weyer, Frederick Charlton, Maria Fransen, Irene Flynn, Annie Breakspear, Michael Flynn, Stephen Grundschoettel, Matthew Fisher, Charles Martin, Stephen Skinner, Florence McSorley, James Tighe, Norma Bennett, James Schultz, Rosemary McCaffery and Rose Torrance.

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DID YOU KNOW WHY WE BEGIN AND END THE MASS WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS?

The sign of the cross is a beautiful gesture which reminds the faithful of the cross of salvation while invoking the Holy Trinity. The sign of the cross is a sacramental, a sacred sign instituted by the church which prepares a person to receive grace and which sanctifies a moment or circumstance.

Along with this thought, this gesture has been used since the earliest times of the church to begin and conclude prayer and Mass. This gesture should be made consciously and devoutly. The individual should be mindful of the Holy Trinity, that central dogma that makes Christians "Christians". We must remember that the cross is a sign of our salvation.

Jesus Christ, true God who became true man, offered the true sacrifice for our sin on the cross. It should make each person mindful of the great love of God for us.

The sign of the cross should be made with purpose and precision, not hastily or carelessly.



NEXT WEEKEND WE ARE CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF PENTECOST.

It is a very special day in the church's calendar.

At the 9.30am Mass the school will contribute to the celebration and we will have a special morning tea following the Mass. All are invited to participate.

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.

First Reconciliation



Together - Jesus

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2017

Congratulations to the children who will be making their first Reconciliation on Saturday 3rd June at 2.30pm. Please pray for them.

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**.



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

Office Hours: 8.30am - 4.00pm
 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
 Office Phone: (02) 4739 8928
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Parish School: Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean
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ROSTER FOR 3 AND 4 JUNE 2017 PENTECOST

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Andrew Teece	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Patrick, Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Hannah Stanford Brendan Khnouf
Warden	Vince Dobson Allan Jones Lorraine Brown	Rodney Moffitt	Volunteer please
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Lukas & Kristina Rajnoch
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Mary Creenaune	Martin Rogers
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Greg Rowe
Intercession	Reg Moore	Annie Teece	Kristina Rajnoch
I.T Operator	Thais Turner	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Musician	Finbarr Choir		Jenny & Anne
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Gott Family
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	Elizabeth		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell & Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance & Vicky Ang		
Church Care	Julie Fehon, Tania Walker, Janette Ankers, Lynda Favell, Kylie Lane		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		



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