



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

3 and 4 June 2017

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Reflection on the Gospel

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good.



Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings.

The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted.

We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND (DWF): A big thank you to all who contributed to the DWF appeal last weekend. With your contributions added to those from the original weekend we have now got our total to \$6,750. We are now only \$950 short of our quota. The envelopes are still on the seats for anyone who has not donated so far, or for anyone who might be able to see their way clear to give a little more. If we can reach our quota (\$7703) by donations, this will save us having to take funds out of our existing parish account. May God bless your generosity.

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	Thursday 8 June	9.00am Mass. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7:30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
Monday 5 June St Boniface	9.00am Mass. 5.00pm SVDP. M/R	Friday 9 June	9.00am Mass & Benediction.. 1.00pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 6 June Week 9 Ord. Time	9.00am Mass. 7.30pm Baptism Prep M/R	Saturday 10 June	9.00am Mass. 3.00pm Parents prayer group P/C 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 7 June	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 11 June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	7.30 am and 9.30am Masses 11am Baptisms

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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RETREATS AVAILABLE AT VARROVILLE:

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

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Presenters: John Charadia & Fr. Greg Burke, OCD

Mindfulness and 'Praying Always'

June 23 – 25 . Cost: \$230 (concessions apply to pensioners/students and unemployed)

Presenter: Fr. Paul Chandler, Can I practice "mindfulness" in a Christian way?

WOMEN'S EVENING WITH DR SAMANTHA DAY WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE.

Join us for an evening of good company and interesting discussion on "Fertility Awareness".

Refreshments provided Time 7:15pm -8:30pm in St Finbar's Parish meeting room opposite the church.

Please RSVP to Gabrielle Lynch 0481150022

THE LOUNGE YOUTH NIGHT

Last youth night, excitement, games and laughter was a plenty. With a spoons championship as the main event, fun was had by all.

This Sunday at The Lounge Youth Night, we will be 'Dining Below The Line' a fundraiser, which will be making a meal for under \$2 each, raising money for education services for communities suffering from poverty in South East Asia.

If you would like to support and donate, a donation box will be outside after the Youth Mass.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Many thanks for a great Breakfast the Parish men enjoyed last Saturday morning. Around 60 men attended the breakfast and had a great time.

A special thanks to Lina Wiecek, Carl Moll and John De Mattia for their organising of the event and looking after the food and everything else.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter O'Keefe, 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, (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 ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Maria Dinale, Matilda Lutze, Susan Gibson, Maurice Whitford, May Brophy, Gregory Macquarie, Ellen Durham, Sarah Kleinmeulman, Monica Palmer, Terry Mooney, Philomena Owens, William Robb, Keith Tydeman, Daphne Dowding, John Shanahan, Laila Spedding, Jan Ciosmak, John O'Shea, Michael Glover, Valerie Ridings.

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heart"*

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DID YOU KNOW: ABOUT THE COLLECT

The Penitential Rite within the Mass is a time of reflection on one's sins and a prayer for God's mercy.

It focuses on our sinfulness and helps us to confess our sorrow for any wrong doing, knowing that God is always there for us, ready to forgive. We declare our sinfulness before God and each other and implore the Lord for his forgiveness and mercy. Then we sing the Gloria except during Advent and Lent where in we give glory to God.

Then the opening prayer is said before the scriptures are read.

The opening prayer of the Mass is one of the most ancient parts of the opening rites of the Eucharistic Liturgy.

It expresses the theme of the celebration.

This prayer begins with priest inviting the assembly to pray, then providing a pause for the congregation to pray their personal prayer in the silence of their hearts, then the presider praying this prayer in the name of the faithful. This opening prayer has traditionally been referred to as "The Collect" based on the fact that the presider, collects the silent prayers of the faithful addressed to the Father through Jesus, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. During this prayer the presider also extends his hands.

This gesture conveys that it is to God the Father to whom the prayer is addressed.

The out-stretched arms was also a gesture of the early Christians that symbolized liberation a gesture of being free from the shackles of slavery.

PRAYERS AND ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS is to be held at St Finbar's Parish on Friday 16 June from 6.30pm—7.30pm. We invite all parishioners to join us to pray for vocations. The Prayers and Adoration will be led by Fr. John Escarlan, the vocation recruiter for the Diocese of Parramatta together with our Seminarians. Our Parish Youth will lead us in the singing. All are most welcome. Supper will be provided.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: this is the week we pray for Christian unity.
So let all remember to pray for the unity of all Christians.

BLAXLAND VINNIES are really in need of volunteers for Monday either morning, afternoon or all day. You just need to call in and leave your name and a contact number and the area manager will call you. Thank you.

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 have made their first Reconciliation on Saturday, may God bless them all.

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

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Parish School: Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean

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ROSTER FOR 10 AND 11 JUNE 2017 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Rodney Moffitt	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Andrew Duval
Junior Server	Lara Selby Kate Hanigan		Christopher, Margaret & Nicolas Gott
Warden	Ken Schneider's Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Suzanne McGrath
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Ann Keating	Carmel Higgins
2 nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Elizabeth Konza	Erin Kelly
Intercession	Volunteer please	John Isaksen	Irene Aligno
I.T Operator	Kylie Mills	Ellen Teece	Joseph Marceau
Musician	Matthew & Michael T		Naomi's Group
Presentation of the	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	Kay Whitty	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Richard Mason Margaret Richards Anthony Toutounji Andrew Wilson	Jim Tierney Kath Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	John Mullane Juliana Khnouf Mari McDonald Gerard Egan Garry Pursehouse Volunteer please Volunteer please
Cashier	Joe Grange & Ken Townsend		
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