



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A 17 and 18 June 2017

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Reflection on the Gospel

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life. Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God,



a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Sunday 18 June, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group. P/C	Thursday 22 June Sts John Fisher & Thomas More	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7:30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
Monday 19 June	9.00am Mass. 9.00am Fun Singers P/C 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	Friday 23 June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.15am Mass for grandparents day no Benediction. <u>No Bowls today</u> 11.00 am Barnardos Fashion Parade. P/C
Tuesday 20 June	9.00am Mass.	Saturday 24 June The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	9.00am Mass. 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 21 June St Aloysius Gonzaga	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 25 June	7.30am Mass. 9.30am Mass. 11.00 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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END OF FINANCIAL YEAR: The end of the financial year is fast approaching. We ask all parishioners who might have fallen a little behind in their envelope or credit card donations to try and get up to date before the end of this month. New envelopes will be available next weekend 24th/25th June. A form to request a receipt for tax deductible donations will also be on the Wardens' table on that weekend. Remember that a receipt can only be issued in the name of one person.

RETREATS AVAILABLE AT VARROVILLE:

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566. Ph: 02 8795 3400

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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?

FUN SINGERS

Fun Singers Monday 19th June. We will use the May 15th Program, which you should have at home.

CAN YOU HELP

The Sunday hospitality groups needs 2 more people– men or women to help with Sunday hospitality once a month.

BARNADOS WESTERN REGION AUXILIARY FASHION PARADE & SALE WITH LUNCH

On Friday 23rd June at the Parish Hall from 10am Parade commences at 11am

Dresses, skirts, slacks, blouses etc.—sizes 8-24

Cost \$7.50 for a lunch and parade & sale (Lucky door prize & trading table). Inquiries call John on 47365018 or Jill on 47394945. All proceeds go to aid BARNADOS Australia.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Baby Valentina Twyford, Father Maurice McNamara, 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, Mary Ann Manalili, 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: Mario Carboni, Michael Anderson, Edward Helm, Mona Browning, Louis Dupressior, Kathleen O'Donnell, Shirley Davison, Lawrence Lutton, William Connell, John Castor, Brian Walsh, Leo Wathen, Julia Redler, Neville Fogarty, Ellen Gillian, James Smith, Margaret Burley, Leonard Rowan, Nancy Cassidy and Betty Pain.

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DID YOU KNOW: WHY WE SAY THE CREED DURING THE MASS ON SUNDAY AND SPECIAL DAYS?

The profession of our faith is an important part of the Mass. It is a summarization of the faith that Christians profess. The Creed was composed by the council members at The Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. It states the truths the church had been teaching since the time of the apostles. The Creed has 3 parts: part one speaks of God the Father and the wonderful creation God has made. The middle part speaks about Jesus Christ and the mystery of redemption for mankind through Him. The final part speaks of the Holy Spirit who dwells in the hearts of the faithful.

Then it speaks about the four marks of the church. It states the church must be one, holy, Catholic (universal) and apostolic which means having the authority derived from the apostles. By professing the faith we declare ourselves as full members of the church. Through this act we also express our union with all those who have professed the faith in the past, all those who are professing it at present and those who will profess it in the future. During the profession of faith we all should stand to declare our belief.

SHAMROCK SENIORS GROUP

Join the group for a car trip to Mt. Annan Gardens for morning tea and lunch on Tuesday 20th June. Depart St. Finbars car park at 9.30am. For further details please ring Ian/Margaret on 473934308 or Lyn/Dennis on 47392419

THE FIRST COLLECTION – for the diocese. The 1st Collection is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese, including our own Parish Priest, and the sick and aged priests.

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 team/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 "Church Account". If you would like to regularly contribute to the Parish please contact the Parish Office or Fr Jolly.


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.

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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Sacraments

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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ROSTER FOR 24 AND 25 JUNE 2017

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	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	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Margaret Dickson	Steve Newton
2 nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Rodney Moffitt	Patricia Munane
Intercession	Jacqui Visser	Kevin Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
I.T Operator	Robyn Flynn	Andrew Teece	Amie Farrell
Musician	Te Deum		Claire and Mary L
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Ann & Ray Keating	Gott Family
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
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Hospitality	Tom Torrance, Marie Nassif and Jenni Gerlach.		
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