

# The Barra

## Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

### Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B

### 28 & 29 April 2018

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 21; 1 Jn3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

<b>Sunday 29 of April</b>  <b>5th Sunday of Easter Year B</b>	<b>7.30am Mass</b>  <b>9.30am Mass - SRE Commissioning Mass</b>
<b>Monday 30 of April</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</b> <b>7.00pm ME Oriental Dance Group P/C</b>
<b>Tuesday 1 of May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R</b>
<b>Wednesday 2 of May</b>  <i>St. Athanasius</i>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary.</b> <b>9.30am Playgroup P/C</b> <b>7.00pm Bridge P/C</b>
<b>Thursday 3 of May</b>  <i>Sts Phillip &amp; James</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>1.30pm Bridge P/C</b> <b>7.30pm Labyrinth Dancers P/C</b>
<b>Friday 4 of May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass + Benediction</b> <b>10.30am First Friday Visits.</b> <b>11.30 Cantabile Practice Church</b> <b>1.00pm Bowlers</b>
<b>Saturday 5 of May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice</b> <b>4.30pm Reconciliation Preparation Meeting P/C</b> <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 6 of May</b>  <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B</b>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>6.00pm Mass</b> <b>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</b>

### *Reflection on the Gospel*

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-

**I am the  
vine you  
are the  
branches,  
remain  
in Me!**



bodied wine at the end of history.

There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer – 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' – becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vignerone desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

*Reflection by Fr Michael Tate*

**PROJECT COMPASSION** Parishioners from St Finbar's this year donated \$4865 to the annual Project Compassion appeal.

Thank you all for taking home the envelopes or boxes and filling them during Lent – those most in need will benefit from your generosity.

#### **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:**

Please note that the Preparation Sessions for the Sacrament of Penance start on Saturday the 5th of May at 4.30pm in the Parish Hall.

**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

### INSIGHT INTO VOLUNTEERING OVERSEAS

Thinking to travel overseas in a meaningful way? Or wondering what it's like to enter into someone else's culture? We lived in East Timor for two years, volunteering at a grass roots Youth Disability Organisation. It was a profound experience for us individually and as a young Catholic married couple - to experience God's hands in it all.

We invite you to join us as we share our experience - you will see breath-taking photos/videos, hear some touching stories and gain an insight into the hopes, joys and struggles of life in Timor.

**When: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June – at 10:30am (after Mass) - Where: Parish Hall**

Gold coin donation towards supporting youth in Timor (optional).

Lukas & Kristina - St Finbar Parishioners

### **CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB. DID WE MEET YOU AT THE ACYF?**

*We are waiting to hear from you. Bushwalking, Camping, Canyon and Skiing trips.  
Please apply via website or contact Linda 0478 919 427. [www.cbcns.org.au](http://www.cbcns.org.au).*

### **CONCERTS AT ST FINBARS.**

The first of the series of concerts scheduled for 2018 and organised by the St. Finbar's Organ and Concert committee was held in the church last Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The concert was a delightful and professional presentation by Stringy Bach. This small group of musicians was formed about eight years ago with the emphasis on making music for enjoyment, understanding musical style and with particular focus on the quality of the sound produced. Children are encouraged to join the group and are supported by adults and experienced musician. The concert was exciting and innovative, and warmly appreciated by the small audience who rewarded them with a standing ovation.



### **CATHOLIC OUTLOOK SURVEY**

Tell Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta what you think about *CatholicOutlook*. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Take the survey here: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook)

### **MIDDLE EASTERN ORIENTAL DANCE GROUP.**

Classes for Term 2 resume on Monday April 30 from 7-8pm \$10 per class. Mothers bring your daughters and grandmothers bring your daughters for loads of fun and fitness" If you have any queries call Amira on 0429304569

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Kathleen Moore (Carmen Sands Mother), Elise Redymane, Lorraine Bolin (Colleen McHardy's Niece), Anthony Hennessy, Julia Gunning, Ena Baker, Fr Peter McGrath, Grace Buckley and Fr George O'Mara.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:**

Michael Rivas, Reg Moore, Fr. Chris de Souza, Fr. Max Barrett CSSR, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Josephine Teece, Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Ellen Moffitt, Jane Bloor, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, Jacqui Visser, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, John Roebuck, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Shirley Glover, Little Majella and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

James Gormly, Letitia Osborne, Katie Jones, Alicia Snaith, Raymond Roberts, John Tregillas, Dennis Lohan, Marjorie Aussel, Angela Pereira, David Apps, Tadeusz Bojec and Jonathan Baines.

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and then to  
part is the..."*



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

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## Renewing your Working With Children Check

Many parishioners have needed to undertake a Working With Children Check because part of their ministry involves contact with children. This check is only valid for 5 years, and the first renewals will come due during 2018. There are several steps that need to be undertaken to have your check renewed, but the first (and most important) step is to make sure the Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG) has your current correct contact details. If these are correct, the OCG will contact you to advise the process to renew your check. To check whether they have your current details, logon to [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check) If you need to update your details, do so on that website. Contact Peter in the parish office if you need more information

## ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST

*Date* - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

*Time* - 7:30 am – 9:00 am

*Venue* - Parish hall

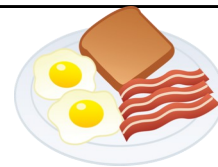
The parish is holding an informal Men's breakfast for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their neighbours and friends.

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

Please add your name 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



## CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 13th May to Pentecost, 20th May.

There will be a Service for Christian Unity at St Finbar's on Friday 18th May at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019.** Please note that there will be raffle tickets for sale on the Warden's table to support our Parish Youth Candidates for World Youth Day Panama 2019. We have 3 Candidates who will be representing the Parish. The tickets are \$2 each. The Prizes include a Mazda 2 Car, \$2000 Cosmos Gift Card and many more (for more details check the notice board in the Narthex). Thank you for your support.

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"Faith without works is dead" (James 2:17)

Presenter: Deacon Peter Presdee

When: May 5: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. - Cost: \$30.00

Please remember to bring your own lunch. Pick-ups from Minto train station at 9:30am and 10:00am.

The truth of this statement will be traced in the "work" of three extraordinary women: Mary McKillop, Edith Stein and Eileen O'Connor.

St. Teresa of Avila speaks to us today

Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD

When: May 18 – 20 - Cost: \$250 per person (concessions apply)

## ART OF MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Enrich your marriage with The Art of Marriage 2 day seminar on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Presented by the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community at Don Bosco Centre St Marys. For further details: [ssup.com.au/marriage](http://ssup.com.au/marriage) and RSVP by the 24<sup>th</sup> April contact 0410 475 723.

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

**Office Hours:** 9.30am - 3.00pm

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## Parish School:

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## ROSTER FOR 5 & 6 MAY 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Jack Ambrosoli, Grace Incorvil & Keira Vermaak
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Gerard Egan	Mary Creenaune	Erin Kelly
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Avril Llewellyn
Intercession	Volunteer Please	Annie Teece	Steve Newton
IT Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Music			J. Long & A. Hobbs
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Ann & Ray Keating	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Natasha Mills Kylie Mills John Verhoeven Sandra or Chris O'Meara	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller John Killeen	Stephen Brown Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher Volunteer Please Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Elizabeth		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance, Vicky Ang & Lucie Da Graca Twyford		
Church Care	Jeannine Ashbee, Deb Youngman, Leesa & Wayne Gillard		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh		

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