

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

5 & 6th May 2018

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 97; 1 Jn4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>6 of May</b></p> <p><b>Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B</b></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>6.00pm Mass</b> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>	<p><b>Reflection on the Gospel</b></p> <p>The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old. Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS</i></p>
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>7 of May</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 7.00pm ME Oriental Dance Group P/C</p>	<p><b>love</b> each other as I have loved you. <i>John 15:12</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>8 of May</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>9 of May</b></p>	<p><b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary.</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>	
<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>10 of May</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Labyrinth Dancers P/C</p>	
<p><b>Friday</b> <b>11 of May</b></p>	<p><b>9.15 School Mother's Day Mass</b> 11.30 Cantabile Practice Church 1.00pm Bowlers</p>	
<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>12 of May</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 3.00pm Parents' Prayer Group P/C 4.30pm Reconciliation Preparation Meeting P/C <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>	<p><b>COUNTER REQUIRED:</b> Each Wednesday the parish weekly collections are counted and banked. The counting is done by parishioners on a rostered basis, and usually takes about 90 minutes, one day per month. We currently have a vacancy for a counter and if you would like to assist in this parish ministry, please contact Fr Jolly or the parish office.</p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>13 of May</b></p> <p><b>The Ascension of the Lord</b></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 11:00am Baptism</p>	<p><b>GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:</b> The collection taken up on Good Friday is sent to the Holy Land Commissariat which transfers all monies raised in Australia to the Holy Land. The money is used for the support of the church in the Holy Land including 74 shrines, many of which will have been visited by some of our parishioners. This year, due to your generosity, we raised \$1365.</p>

**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

**CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION:** See the Catholic anew and enjoy camaraderie with other parishioners. Atheism is on the rise. Sceptical thinkers like Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens and Sam Harris vigorously attack belief in God as irrational or, even worse, dangerous. How should Christians respond? How can we turn the tide of secularism and draw people back to God?

You'll discover how with Fr. Robert Barron, using the insights of St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Pope Benedict XVI, you'll uncover a clear yet sophisticated understanding of what we mean by "God". Who is God? And why does God matter?

DVD with wine and cheese followed by discussion to four Fridays in June **Venue:** Parish Hall  
**Dates :** 1, 8, 15 & 22 June 2018 **Time :** 7.30pm **RSVP:** stfinbarsformation@gmail.com

**BISHOP VINCENT LONG.** You are invited to hear Bishop Vincent Long, an ardent supporter of Pope Francis, speaking about "the New Dawn of the Church" at 'Winbourne', the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa 11.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Entry by donation. Registration 10.00 am. For further information contact Dennis Farrar 0425209840. Organised by the Passionist Family Group Movement.

**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

**TIMEOUT TUESDAY:** has been a great success. Taking a TIMEOUT can be very beneficial for one's wellbeing.. This is a morning of relaxing and enjoying wonderful company. 15th of May. St Finbar's Parish Centre 10am - 1pm. For more information contact Kath 47392651 or [ktierney@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ktierney@bigpond.net.au)

**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.

**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.cbcsnw.org.au](http://www.cbcsnw.org.au).*

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

John Roebuck, 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:**

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, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Shirley Glover, Little Majella, Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson), John Moussa and Daniel Sammour (Marie Nassif's brother and grandson).

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

Roland Duval, Edna Mooney, Alexander Laing, Peter Smith, Michael Au, William Horneman, Laurence Brooks, Maureen Holmes, Emma Peters, Marjorie Aussel and Peter Buckley.

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## ST FINBAR'S HISTORY AND STORIES FROM 1900 TO 2015

Our recent parish history is now registered with the National Library of Australia and a copy held there. The link is <https://trove.nla.gov.au/version/253756898> . Additionally, 2 copies are held at Springwood Library. Local Studies section: Call Number LSQ 282 MUR; General Library: Call Number R 282 MUR .

This book recounts our parish history and in part, relates it to the social development of our local area. It is also helpful to explain the design of our beautiful church. Copies are on sale on a table in the narthex for \$10.



## ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST

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

*Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am*

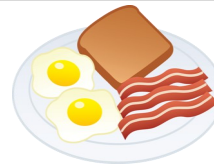
*Venue - Parish hall*

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



## STAINED GLASS WINDOW:

A big thank you to all those who have contributed to the stained glass window project.

The work is all going on behind the scenes and we expect to see it completed and installed within the next few months. Don't forget the donation jar in the foyer if you can help.

**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL:** Next week The Catholic Foundation is launching its May Appeal which will focus on our collective works of Faith, particularly in support of our seminarians. A donation to The Catholic Foundation is not only a gift to support our growing number of seminarians, which is deeply valued and needed, but also supports the good works they do in the community – including feeding the hungry, visiting the housebound and sick, and conducting catechesis in state schools. Your donation will be a gift that keeps on giving.

Envelopes will be available for you to take home to consider becoming an Ambassador of Faith, by committing to a \$7 monthly donation – that's less than \$2 per week.

Alternatively, you may like to visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au) and donate online.

**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

**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 you support.

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

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

Monday to Friday

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### Parish School:

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### ROSTER FOR 12 & 13 MAY 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Rodney Moffitt	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Andrew Duval
Junior Server	Jed Berben		Rocco Siciliano, Emily Dowling & Nicola De La Mare
Warden	Ken Schneiders & Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Volunteer Please
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Suzanne McGrath
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Allan Jones	Ann Keating	Carmel Higgins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dawn Wills	Elizabeth Konza	Martin Rogers
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	John Isaksen	Irene Aligno
IT Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Ellen Teece	Jim McLoughlin
Music	M. Phillips & M. Taylor		Naomi's group
Presentation of the Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Rivas Family	Kathleen Schneiders & Family
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Margaret Richards	Kath Tierney Jim Tierney Ann Keating Volunteer Please	Juliana Khnouf Mari McDonald Gerard Egan Garry Pursehouse Annisia Nilsson Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Christyna		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott		
Hospitality	Anne King, Daren & Liz Dukes		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Erika McNay, Margaret & Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Beth Culliver		

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