

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Ascension of the Lord - Year B

12 & 13th May 2018

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 46; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>13 of May</b> <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Baptism</b></p>	<p><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p>	
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>14 of May</b> <i>St. Matthias</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 2.15pm School Assembly P/C 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.00pm ME Oriental Dance Group P/C</p>	<div data-bbox="1161 405 1541 770" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the <i>whole</i> of creation, not just us. Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'. At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body. The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time. We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Fr Michael Tate</i></p>	
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>15 of May</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 10.00am Timeout Tuesday M/R 2.00pm School Theatre Production P/C 7.30pm Parish Finance Committee M/R</p>	<p><b><u>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</u></b></p>	
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>16 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>As we celebrate Mother's Day, we wish all the mothers and all those who do the role of mother, a Happy Mother's Day. We pray for you and thank you for the love, care and nurturing you bring to your homes and the Parish in many ways. God bless you all. <b>Father Jolly.</b></p>	
<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>17 of May</b></p>	<p><b>10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea.</b> 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Labyrinth Dancers P/C</p>	<p><b><u>SUNDAY BAPTISMS:</u></b></p>	
<p><b>Friday</b> <b>18 of May</b></p>	<p><b>9.00 Mass + Benediction</b> 11.30 Cantabile Practice Church 1.00pm Bowlers 7.00pm Christian Unity Prayer - Church</p>	<p>We joyfully announce the baptism of Francis Dawn Maree Blundell and Brodie John Grima this Sunday and warmly welcome them into our faith community</p>	
<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>19 of May</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice - Church 4.30pm Reconciliation Preparation Meeting P/C <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>		
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>20 of May</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 11:00am Baptism 1.30pm Bridge P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</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



## INVITATION

Our Bishop Vincent Long is making his pastoral visit to our Parish, on the 27th of May and he will celebrate the 9.30am Mass with our Parish Community. After the Mass we will have a grand morning tea with the Bishop. It is a wonderful opportunity for the Parish Community to get to know our Bishop and for the Bishop to know us. Please come for the Mass as well as the morning tea. Please bring a plate with you to share with everyone.

Thank you and hope to see you all. God bless. *Father Jolly*

## CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION:

**Venue:** Parish Hall

**Dates :** Fridays 1, 8, 15 & 22 June 2018

**Time:** 7.30pm

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?

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DVD with wine and cheese followed by discussion on four Fridays in June

RSVP: [stfinbarsformation@gmail.com](mailto:stfinbarsformation@gmail.com)

## 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. Tuesday 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.

## 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 and Ena Baker.

## 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 ANNIVERSIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Thomas Hannigan, Kathleen Scholfield, Michael Hughes, John Appleton, Michael Moelroy, Paul Zoeller, Claire Fisher, Cyril Fitzjohn, Millicent Grant and Moira Holmes,

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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 FINBAR'S MEN'S BREAKFAST

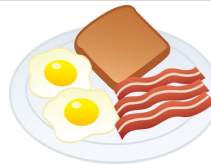
**Date** - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 **Time** - 7:30 am – 9:00 am **Venue** - Parish hall

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 MAY APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation May Appeal is focusing on Diocesan works of Faith, particularly in support of our seminarians. Your donation supports our growing number of seminarians and the good works they do in the community of feeding the hungry, visiting the housebound and sick and conducting catechesis in state schools. Donations can be made via the envelopes or online [www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au). Thank you and God bless.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

9 People attended some or all of the Diocesan Ministry courses, held at St. Nicholas of Myra, Penrith, between 15/2/18 and 10/5/18. Parishioners are asked to consider invitations to become involved in various ministries that will assist the Parish and the courses that will be held in the second half of 2018. The ministries are Ministers of the Word, Ministers of Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and dying and Senior Altar Servers.

**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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Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean  
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## ROSTER FOR 19 & 20 MAY 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Rodney Moffitt	Dawn Willis
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji & Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers, Ann & Alex Walker
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Ralph Maples	Maura Williams	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Kylie Lane
Intercession	Volunteer Please	John De Mattia	Ruth Gott
IT Operator	Henry Hanco	Ralph Maples	Amie Farrell
Music	Cantabile		Ruth's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Lee Family	Kay Whitty	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett Bernie Fisher Volunteer Please	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Volunteer Please	Therese Luczak Annis Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins Volunteer Please Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Melissa		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell and Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena & Irene & Bert Adamson		
Church Care	Natalie Platt, Rebecca Southern & Year 6 Group		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Lee Jackson & Louise Heber		

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