

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

PENTECOST SUNDAY

19 & 20th May 2018

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Sunday 20 of May Pentecost Sunday	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11:00am Baptism 1.30pm Bridge 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C	<div><h3>Reflection on the Gospel</h3><p>Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own 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 excitement. If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?</p><p>The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. 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.</p><p><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS</i></p></div> <div><h3>INVITATION</h3><p>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.</p><p><i>Father Jolly</i></p></div> <div><h3>SUNDAY BAPTISMS:</h3><p>We joyfully announce the baptisms of Evangeline Rose Lynch & Francis Dawn Maree Blundell this Sunday and warmly welcome them into our faith community.</p></div>
Monday of Ordinary time week 7 21 of May	8.00am School Pentecost Assembly P/C 9.00am Mass 9.00am Fun Singers 7.00pm ME Oriental Dance Group P/C	
Tuesday 22 of May	9.00am Mass	
Wednesday 23 of May	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 24 of May Our Lady, Help of Christians	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Labyrinth Dancers P/C	
Friday 25 of May	9.00 Mass + Benediction 11.30 Cantabile Practice Church 1.00pm Bowlers	
Saturday 26 of May St. Phillip Neri	7.30am Men’s Breakfast 9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum’s Choir Practice 4.30pm Reconciliation Preparation Meeting P/C 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass 7.00pm Wedding Rehearsal	
Sunday 27 of May The Most Holy Trinity	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass - Bishop Vincent Long Pastoral Visit 10.30 Morning Tea P/C	

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:

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?

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

RSVP: stfinbarsformation@gmail.com

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Thank you to all those parishioners who gave generously to this appeal at the Masses last weekend. However, there were only a relatively small number of donations, and so the envelopes are still on the seats for all Masses this weekend. If you were unable to donate last weekend for whatever reason, please be generous and make a donation this weekend. You may put the envelope on either collection.

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 24th June – at 10:30am (after Mass) - Where: Parish Hall** Gold coin donation towards supporting youth in Timor (optional).

Lukas & Kristina - St Finbar Parishioners

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 16th June 2018. Entry by donation. Registration 10.00 am. For further information contact Dennis Farrar 0425209840. Organised by the Passionist Family Group Movement.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dennis Barron, 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).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Michael Klein, Hilder Ahrenfeld, William Osborne, Irena Chambers, Vincent Noonan, Clare Konza, Betty McSweeney, Peter Stapleton, Winifred Shindorfer, Stanley Sharp, Michael Seymour, Derek Elliott and Harry Nolan.

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ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST

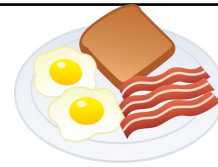
Date: Saturday 26th May 2017 **Time:** 7:30 am – 9:00 am **Venue:** Parish hall

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 21th 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



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Parish Finance Committee met this week for its regular meeting to advise Fr Jolly on parish financial matters. While the stained glass window is being created, the funds from Fr Larkey's estate will be reinvested in an interest bearing deposit; a special ceremony will be held to mark the completion and installation of the window; the next parish audit is scheduled for 6th August; the committee will consider the overall insurance cover the parish has with a view to reducing insurance costs next year; there will be a parish trivia night on Sat 15th September 2018.

BARNADOS WESTERN REGION AUXILIARY - STAFFORD LADIES FASHIONS FASHION PARADE & SALE WITH LUNCH –DRESSES, SKIRTS, SLACKS, BLOUSES. ETC. SIZES 8-24

A 'SELLOUT' WINTER SALE DISCOUNTED 30%-50%

Date: Friday 1st of June

Time: Inspection from 10am

Venue: At St. Finbar's Church Hall

\$7.50 for a lunch - plus parade & sale (Lucky door prize & trading table)

Inquiries: Julie 4739 5969

Jill 47394945

Proceeds to aid Barnados Australia The Children's Charity.

FUN SINGERS: Monday the 21st of May at 9am.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING.

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

OLMC PARRAMATTA OPEN MORNING TOUR.

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team. The College is now enrolling for 2020. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.

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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Sacraments

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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ROSTER FOR 26 & 27 MAY 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Riley Farrell & Ethan Cameron		Anna & Marco Sontoro George Walker & Olivia Rogers
Warden	Vince Dobson	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Ann Keating	Martin Rogers
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Terry Keogh	Joanne Stubbs
Intercession	Duane Parslow	Kevin Flynn	Patricia Murnane
IT Operator	Pat Watson	Andrew Teece	Joseph Marceau
Music	Te Deum		Cantabile
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Vince Dobson Noreen Taylor Lorraine Brown Allan Jones	Terry Madden Volunteer Please Volunteer Please Volunteer Please	Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Avril Llewellyn Todd Stanford
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy this Sunday		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Lorraine Brown		
Hospitality	Tom Torrance, Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Church Care	Julie Fehon, Tania Walker, Janette Ankers, Lynda Favell & Kylie Lane		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon & Michael Lloyd		

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