



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**

**26TH & 27TH May 2018**

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 32; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

<b>Sunday 27 of May</b> <i>The Most Holy Trinity Sunday</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass - Bishop Vincent Long Pastoral Visit</b> <b>10.30 Morning Tea P/C</b>	<p align="center"><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p>	
<b>Monday 28 of May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</b> <b>7.00pm ME Oriental Dance Group P/C</b>	<div data-bbox="1289 409 1536 656"> </div> <p>The feast of the Holy Trinity brings us face to face with the foundation of our faith. The readings for today provide answers to the question: Who is God? They can really only suggest something about the mystery of God, and they can do this only indirectly. They call to mind some of the wonders that God has accomplished for us and in us. It is through reflection on these gracious divine acts that we can get glimpses of God. The psalm declares that the harmony and interdependence that we see in creation point to a majestic creator responsible for it all. The account of the history of God's people reveals a God who desires to establish an intimate relationship with them, enters their history as protector and guide, and forgives disloyalty. Finally, Jesus teaches that God sent him into the world to save it, has made us adopted children through the Holy Spirit, and will ultimately clothe us in divine glory. It is from his teaching that we hear that the Son was sent by the Father, the Spirit, which was also his Spirit, proceeded from the Father and from him. From our own experience, we know that God creates, because we are immersed in creation. We know that God saves, because we have been freed from the bondage of our own demons. Our experience tells us that God is with us, and that God is for us. Everything that we know about God declares that God is passionately in love with us, boundlessly so!</p> <p align="right"><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS</i></p>	
<b>Tuesday 29 of May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	<div data-bbox="786 1473 994 1720"> </div> <p>A Grand welcome to Bishop Vincent Long to our Parish this weekend. Bishop Vincent will celebrate our 9.30am Mass on Sunday. Please join us for morning tea in the Parish Hall after Mass and meet our Bishop. All welcome.</p>	
<b>Wednesday 30 of May</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary.</b> <b>9.30am Playgroup P/C</b> <b>7.00pm Bridge P/C</b>	<p><b>THE CHURCH CARE MINISTRY</b></p>	
<b>Thursday 31 of May</b> <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>1.30pm Bridge P/C</b> <b>7.30pm Labyrinth Dancers P/C</b>	<p>Is currently seeking volunteers from the school and the community to help clean the church. Cleaning is done by groups every 7/8 weeks and takes approximately 1½ hours. Children are very welcome to accompany you. We understand that with family, work, sport and social commitments it is hard to fit in much volunteer work, however this is a small contribution in order to support the parish.</p>	
<b>Friday 1 of June</b> <i>St. Justin</i>	<b>9.00am Mass + Benediction</b> <b>10.00am First Friday Visits</b> <b>10.00am Barnados Fashion Parade P/C</b> <b>11.30am Cantabile Practice Church</b> <b>7.30pm Catholic Faith Formation P/C</b>	<p><b>WELCOME</b> 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.</p>	
<b>Saturday 2 of June</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice</b> <b>12.30pm Wedding</b> <b>2.30pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.00pm School Movie night P/C</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>		
<b>Sunday 3 of June</b> <i>The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> <b>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</b>		

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

**BIRTHDAY BLESSING:** Fr. Jolly celebrated his birthday during this last week. We wish him well on this special day.

## **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](mailto: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 11.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Entry by donation. Registration 10.00am. For further information contact Dennis Farrar 0425209840. Organised by the Passionist Family Group Movement.

**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](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**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

**SAVE THE DATE:** the Parish Trivia Night be on Saturday the 15th of September.

## **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 ANNIVERSIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

Matthew Ingram, Thomas Etherington, Franciscus Van De Weyer, Frederick Charlton, Maria Fransen, Irene Flynn, Annie Breakspear, Michael Flynn, Stephen Grundschoettel, Matthew Fisher, Charles Martin, Stephen Skinner, Florence McSorley, James Tighe, Norma Bennett and James Schultz.

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## **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.

## **DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NEWS**

### **Pentecost Pastoral Letter.**

A Pentecost Pastoral Letter from Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv and the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council can be found here: [www.catholicoutlook.org/pentecost](http://www.catholicoutlook.org/pentecost)

### **Positions Vacant**

Administrative Assistant - CatholicCare, Orchard Hills. More details at: [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)  
Financial Counsellor - Richmond & Blacktown offices. More details at: [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)  
Head of Property Development Services – Diocese of Parramatta. More details at: [www.parracatholic.org/employment](http://www.parracatholic.org/employment)

**Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green: 2 June.** Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green on Saturday 2 June 2018 at 6.00pm. The ordination will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Westmead. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **PRAGUE TO DUBROVNIK PILGRIMAGE – SHRINES AND CATHEDRALS OF CENTRAL EUROPE.**

22 Day Pilgrimage with Harvest Journeys. 27<sup>th</sup> September to the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Delve behind the former 'Iron Curtain' to find a rich culture infused with religious devotion and some confronting reminders of WWII. Its epic history, picturesque natural landscapes and fascinating cultures witness to being home to some of the most remarkable destinations in the world. There are places available on this remarkable pilgrimage lead by Fr John McSweeney of Saint John XXIII Catholic Parish. If you would like more information, please contact either: Leesa Gillard at [lgillard@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lgillard@parra.catholic.edu.au) or Monica Mansour at [monicam@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:monicam@harvestjourneys.com)

## **MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE - JUNE RETREATS**

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews road, Varroville, Phone: 02 8795 3400  
Email: [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com). Website: [www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au)

### **Immersed in your beauty**

Presenter: Sr Nory Ordiz, CM June 2: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm Cost: \$30  
Pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am. (please remember to bring your own lunch)  
“Let us rejoice, Beloved, and let us go forth to behold ourselves in your beauty...” (Stanza 36, Spiritual Canticle)

### **Artist's retreat**

The Light of Hope and Peace  
Jun 15: 6:00 pm – Jun 17 1:30 pm  
Cost: \$280.00 (concessions apply)  
Presenters: John Charadia & Guest Tutors  
**Love: the flowering and touchstone of the**

### **Hope in the face of terror**

Jun 22: 6:00 pm – Jun 24: 1:30 pm  
Cost: \$250 (concessions apply)  
Presenter: Fr Paul Chandler, OCarm  
Where is joy and hope when life can seem to be at its worst?

### **Christian life**

Jun 22: 6:00 pm – Jun 24: 1:30 pm Cost: \$250 (concessions apply) Presenter: Fr Gerard Moran, OCD  
As Christians we are deeply loved and called to become lovers. In turn our life in God depends on how we open ourselves and respond to love.

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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:** Principal Mrs Donna McFadzean

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## ROSTER FOR 2 & 3 JUNE 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		Lukas & Kristina Rajnoch
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Gerard Egan	Mary Creenaune	Martin Rogers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Greg Rowe
Intercession	Volunteer Please	Annie Teece	Kristina Rajnoch
IT Operator	Robyn Flynn	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Music			J. Long & A. Hobbs
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Gott Family
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
Children's Liturgy	Danielle		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance, Vicky Ang & Lucie Da Graca Twyford		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Frank Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson & St. Finbar's Playgroup		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		

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