



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - Year B

2nd & 3rd June 2018

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 115; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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| Sunday 3 of June <i>The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ</i> | 7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C |
| Monday 4 of June | 9.00am Mass 2.00pm School Assembly P/C 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.00pm ME Oriental Dance Group P/C |
| Tuesday 5 of June <i>St. Boniface</i> | 9.00am Mass 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R |
| Wednesday 6 of June | 8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C |
| Thursday 7 of June | 9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Labyrinth Dancers P/C |
| Friday 8 of June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> | 9.00am Mass + Benediction 11.30am Cantabile Practice Church 1.00pm Bowlers P/C 7.30pm Catholic Faith Formation P/C |
| Saturday 9 of June <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 10 of June 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B | 7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism |

Reflection on the Gospel



The readings, which reflect some aspects of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance. This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving. We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

BISHOP'S VISIT MORNING TEA.

Many thanks to all the helpers who set up the hall, brought food and prepared food in the parish for a very successful "Parish morning tea" with Bishop Vincent and Fr. Jolly. Special thanks for all who cleared up and tidied the hall afterwards. God bless you all.



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

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP/ DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA LITURGICAL FORMATION COURSES 2018

Father Jolly and the Liturgy Committee invite your participation in the Diocesan Liturgical Formation Courses during the second half of 2018. St Finbar's Parish needs more parishioners to be involved in these ministries. Your consideration, involvement and commitment are appreciated, as are the nine people who attended some or all of the courses during February – May 2018.

In the second half of the year these courses are being offered at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, on Thursdays, between 16th August and 27th September at 7.00pm.

Compulsory Introductory Session

Thursday 16th August

Ministers of the Word (2 Sessions)

Thursday 23rd & 30th August

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (2 Sessions)

Thursday 13th & 20th September

Communion to the Sick and Dying (must attend above)

Thursday 27th September

If you would like to become an Acolyte, you must attend all of these sessions. The Office For Worship will contact you in 2019 to complete the Acolyte Training Sessions and formal Institution.

Enrolment Forms are available from the Warden's Table. Please complete and return to the Parish Office.

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 on four Fridays in June

RSVP: stfinbarsformation@gmail.com

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dennis Barron, John Roebuck, Kathleen Moore (Carmen Sands Mother), Julia Gunning, Ena Baker and Val Bulluss (Margaret Richards' Aunt).

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:

Rosemary McCaffery, Rose Torrance, Maria Dinale, Matilda Lutze, Susan Gibson, Maurice Whitford, May Brophy, Gregory Macquarie, Ellen Durham, Sarah Kleinmeulman, Monica Palmer, Charles Mooney, Philomena Owens, William Robb, Keith Tydeman, Daphne Dowding, John Shanahan and Laila Spedding.

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BISHOP'S VISIT PHOTOS are displayed in the narthex. **Reprints (50 cents per photo)** available. Pick up an envelope near the photos & write your name, phone number, number of each photo and number of copies. Place the money in the envelope and put in the shoe box nearby.

Can you name any of the people in the photos? Please write the names for particular photos on the large paper nearby the photos. Thank you for your help. Patricia Murnane 47394688.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The parish was once again host for a very successful Men's Breakfast held last Saturday. About 60 men attended and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast and a short talk. Many thanks to Vicky Ang and her team Lorraine, Sue, Stella, Imani and Lucie and the cooks, Bryan, John, and Matt for the organising, preparing, serving and cleaning up after the meal. Next Men's breakfast is Saturday 18th August 2018.

THE CHURCH CARE MINISTRY. Is currently seeking volunteers from the school & 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 any volunteer work, however it is a small contribution in order to support the parish. Please Contact Heather Lee, 4739 4906 for further information. Thank you.

SEMINAR - DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM. Each year Solo Parent Services offer a Seminar for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how the Legal system works. Questions addressed on the night include: How to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimize your legal fees, how to protect your rights regarding family assets and Estates/Wills. **This seminar will be held on Tuesday 05th June.** Venue: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta **Presenter:** Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor) **Time:** 6.45pm for a 7pm Start to 9pm. **Registration Essential:** Contact Rita Ph. 8843 2575 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

PRAGUE TO DUBROVNIK PILGRIMAGE – SHRINES AND CATHEDRALS OF CENTRAL EUROPE. 22 Day Pilgrimage with Harvest Journeys. 27th September to the 18th 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 or Monica Mansour at monicam@harvestjourneys.com

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS Followed by prayer for healing & individual ministry, Celebrant Fr. Ken Barker MGL Sunday 17 June 2018, 2:00pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Rd & Swanston St, St Marys. All Welcome!

NEW ROSTERS AUGUST 2018 TO JANUARY 2019. Our current rosters for all liturgies finish on the 31st of July 2018. I will start processing the next roster in the next few weeks. If anyone would like to volunteer to join our many ministries, please contact me at the Parish Office 47398928 or email: secretary@stfinbars.org.au. Also, if you wish to change your current commitment please contact me before the end of June. Thank you, Juliana Khnouf

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 10 June 2018.

Just a reminder, that all Journey Catholic Radio information is always a week in advance.

This week on the Journey, the Gospel of Mark is reflected on by Fr Mike Delany, our very own Pete Gilmore talks about the Family Resemblance and Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent encourages us with Passing on the Faith. We thank you for taking the time to listen to Journey Catholic Radio, the show that is about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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Baptisms: By Appointment
Weddings: By Appointment

Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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ROSTER FOR 9 & 10 JUNE 2018

| Liturgical Ministries | 5.30 pm | 7.30 am | 9.30 am |
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| Sacristan | John Verhoeven | Rodney Moffitt | Deb Lawrence |
| Senior Server | Peter McMahon | 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 st Reading | Beth Culliver | Ann Keating | Carmel Higgins |
| 2 nd Reading | Maureen Tulk | Elizabeth Konza | Erin Kelly |
| Intercession | Jacqui Visser | John Isaksen | Irene Aligno |
| IT Operator | Yvonne Etherington | Ellen Teece | Jim McLoughlin |
| Music | M. Phillips & M. Taylor | | Naomi's Group |
| Presentation of the Gifts | Chris & Sandra O'Meara | Kay Whitty | Tom Torrance |
| Minister of Communion | Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Margaret Richards | Kath Tierney Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating | John Mullane Juliana Khnouf Gerard Egan Garry Purchasehouse |
| Children's Liturgy | Michelle | | |
| Cashier | Margaret Christensen & Ruth Gott | | |
| Hospitality | Anne King, Daren & Liz Dukes | | |
| Church Care | Kath & Jim Tierney, Eileen Jones & Gwen Cullinan | | |
| Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass | Beth Culliver | | |
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