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Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

9 and 10 April 2016
Third Sunday of Easter Year C

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalm 29; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21: 1-19

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised.

In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light.

A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS.

Sunday 10 April 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 11.00am Baptisms.	Thursday 14 April 9.00am Mass. 9:30am Beginners Bridge M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C
Monday 11 April 10.30am Latin Mass. 5.00pm SVDP meeting. M/R <i>St Stanislaus</i>	Friday 15 April 9.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction. 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
Tuesday 12 April 9.00 Mass.	Saturday 16 April 9.00am Mass. 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 13 April 8.00am Mass then the Rosary 9.00am Pastoral Care meeting. M/R 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 2.00pm Pastoral Care Speaker. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 17 April 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass followed by Senior Youth Group. P/C

WELCOME to all visitors to our church today. We extend 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 and Information pack.

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ORDINATION OF GEORGE BRYAN: 8 MAY

We are very proud to announce that one of our parishioners, George Bryan, will be ordained on May 8.

Everyone is invited to the ordination of George as a Permanent Deacon at the 11am Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on Sunday 8 May. The Second Vatican Council reinvigorated the ancient order of deacons, reinstituting the Permanent Diaconate. The principal celebrant will be Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Bishop of Broken Bay.

CATHOLIC CARE SERVICES SPRINGWOOD

Ever wondered what Catholic Care services have to offer? The Pastoral care team has invited Celia Vagg from the Springwood office for an information afternoon here in the Parish Centre next Wednesday 13th April at 2:00pm.

Sandwiches, cake, tea and coffee provided. Please come, as we are often unaware of the services provided in our local community. Besides, it is always good to enjoy cake and tea with friends from the parish. Further information call Margaret Richards 4739 6470

CARING FOR CARERS: 'Crafty Morning' on TUESDAY 19th April. at St Finbar's Parish.

10am - 12noon. An invitation is extended to Carers & others who would like a relaxed morning in the company of like minded people with craft, or to just enjoy a cuppa & chat. Why not bring your own craft? Kath 47392651

ST. FINBAR'S GENEROSITY Parishioners should be proud of their generosity to the needy over the Easter period. You have contributed \$5019 to Project Compassion and \$3882 to the upkeep of the Holy Places. Thanks to all who donated.

A NEW CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER is being emailed to those who have given their email addresses. Rosters are also available in the Narthex for those not receiving via email. Please take note as a few people have left the ministry and there are a few changes. Thank you, Heather

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Deborah Saporito, Constance Watson, (Noreen Taylor's cousin), Moira Thomson (Eileen Jones's aunt), Matthew Jacka, Dr Caroline Brayley (Aunt of Merrilee and John Verhoeven) and Mel Nethrey (Elizabeth Rowe's mother).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: John Roebuck, Peng Lee, Fr Mac, Joan Lohrey, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Fr Max Barrett CSSR (Jim's brother), Colin Haywood, Roslyn Agar, Colleen Nolan, John Camilleri, Margaret Burley, Ray and Jan Smith, Steven McCormack, Maddison Farrugia, Ken & Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy, Ben Gibson and Emma Gleeson.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Merle Lemmon, Max Callaghan, Frank Xuereb, John Downes, Mary McAtamney, Joan Barker, Kevin O'Duffy, Holly O'Toole, Laura Wilson, Andrew Mason, Charles Hill and Daniel Newman.

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50th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL THANKS: Special thanks to the following people:

The 50th Anniversary Committee for their organisation of the Jubilee celebrations and the preparation of this liturgy. Mary Lopez, Claire Brown and the St Finbar's Youth and Children's Choir for their wonderful music.

The Hospitality Team for the delicious morning tea. To all the people who contributed with the morning tea e.g. setting up, cakes, sandwiches, etc. and all the cleaning up after the conclusion of the tea. Trish Munane for the "Potted History" series and the wonderful photos taken on the day during the conclusion of our Jubilee.

All who participated in the liturgy today.

From the 50th Anniversary Committee: Fr Jolly Chacko, Vince Dobson, Bernie Fisher, Leesa Gillard, Elizabeth Konza, Patricia Murnane, Margaret Rivas and Noreen Taylor

PHOTOS FROM THE ANNIVERSARY – A display is in the narthex on the tables. Hope you enjoy them. If you were photographed but can't find it, the reason will be that the photo was not flattering for you. A couple have been cropped in printing and this can be amended for further printing. Please help to keep these photos clean and uncrumpled. **They must not be removed.** *Thank you for your help.*

Identification of people: Some names have been written but could you please help us by writing correct names where required? Thank you.

Ordering copies: Available for 30cents per copy. Small envelopes are available at the Wardens' table. Could you please write your name, phone contact and photo number/s and how many of each selected photo? Place the CORRECT MONEY in the envelope and hand the sealed and labelled envelope to the wardens for the collection box. **THIS OFFER CLOSSES ON 1ST MAY** – the sixth Sunday of Easter.

With thanks, Patricia Murnane



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 Baptisms: By Appointment
 Weddings: By Appointment

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Next week's Roster at St Finbar's, 16 and 17 April 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Rodney Moffitt	Peter McMahon
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	George Bryan	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Isaiah & Xavier Soriano		Sinead Gordon Andy Rogers Alex Walker
Warden	Richard Mason	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	David Shatford	Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Terry Keogh	Peter Hurley
Intercession	Margaret Moore	Marcia Pereira	Gary Clune
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & family
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett John Killeen Jacqui Visser Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher Volunteer please	Terry & Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Volunteer please	Jean Di Nucci Annis Nilsson Irene Aligno Erin Kelly Therese Luczak Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Cashier	Geoff Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Vicki Rendes & Maggie Trevena		
Church Care	Erika McNay, Margaret & Ian Dickson, Noreen Taylor, Heather & Steve Lee		
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