



# The Barbra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
6th Sunday of Easter—Year C

25th & 26th May 2019

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 66; Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29. Eucharistic Prayer II, Easter Preface I

		Reflection on the Gospel
<b>Sunday</b> <b>26th May</b> <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> 9.00am Netball Meeting P/C <b>9.30am Mass</b> 11.00am Baptism	 <p>Just like last week's gospel, this passage also comes from the Last Supper discourse in the Gospel of John. Again, although its original context was pre-crucifixion, the language works in the post-resurrection Easter season as we anticipate the celebration of the Ascension next week. This double purpose language is, of course, no accident. The gospel was written 60 or more years after the death and resurrection of Jesus and so the writer was consciously conveying the double meaning of 'going away': Jesus going to his death; and Jesus going back to the Father. But Jesus also promises his return in this speech. Continuing the double meaning, the gospel writer knew that Jesus had come good on his promise to return after his death and so conveys to the gospel audience, and to us, a sense of confidence and hope that the second promised return will also be fulfilled at the right time. In the meantime, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to the world. The Holy Spirit is to be the Advocate (the Paraclete) of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit performs a dual purpose: firstly, to carry on the teaching; and secondly, to continue to remind the believers of all that Jesus said and did. The action of the Holy Spirit continues in the world today – inspiring and teaching those who are open to hearing and keeping alive the memory of Jesus, his teaching and his compassion. We talk about being full of school spirit and team spirit but these feelings of loyalty and commitment are only a distant echo of what it is to be filled with the Holy Spirit.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p>
	<b>Monday</b> <b>27th May</b> <b>9.00am Mass</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	
	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>28th May</b> <b>9.00am Mass</b> 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Netball meeting P/C	
	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>29th May</b> <b>8.00am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>30th May</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	<p>Dear Parishioners, Bishop Vincent has given us his permission and approval for the installation of a reverse cycle air conditioning system in our Church. <b>Father Jolly</b></p>
	<b>Friday</b> <b>31st May</b> <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <b>9.00am Mass followed by Benediction</b> 1.00pm Bowlers	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>1st June</b> <i>St. Justin</i>	7.30am Men's Breakfast <b>9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum Choir practice <b>2.00pm The Sacrament of First Reconciliation</b> <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<p><b>SUNDAY BAPTISMS:</b> The Parish joyfully announces the Baptisms of Felicity Marie Magagna &amp; Adaline Marjory Murphy this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.</p> 
	<b>Sunday</b> <b>2nd June</b> <i>The Ascension of Our Lord</i> <b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 2.00pm The Stringy Bach Chamber Orchestra <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group 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. Our Parish lies within the Traditional Country of the Darug people—The Aboriginal Custodians of our area.

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## THE STRINGY BACH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Returns to St Finbar's on Sunday, June 2 @ 2pm. Great works from the Baroque era are presented, along with the first movement of Schubert's beautiful Rosamunde Quartet.

The second half brings the passion and energy of the modern tango of Astor Piazzolla, followed by Arvo Pärt's timeless, hauntingly beautiful Cantus in Memoriam to Benjamin Britten, which includes the historic St Finbar's organ. Gradually, the mood will be lifted with a finish that will leave a smile on everyone's face.

Tickets at the door: \$20 for family, \$10 for individual, \$5 pensioners

Chris Lockhart Smith

**ST FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB – 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.** SFNC are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. We are looking for old photos for a slideshow and our Year Book. If you have any old photos could you please scan and email them to [sfnc50th@gmail.com](mailto:sfnc50th@gmail.com). *Janette Ankers, President, SFNC*

*Church Care Rosters from June to November, 2019 have now been emailed.*

*The Group can always use extra volunteers, if you're interested and would like to find out more please contact Heather Lee 02 4739 4906.*

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 2 June 2019.** This week on the Journey, our Gospel is Luke 24:46-53. Mother Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey with a reminder To Make It Easy, Sam Clear in his Walking the Walk God spot encourages Unity, and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy shares the joy of Sharing Faith. Our music selection just seems to get better and better every week with amazing Christian music artists worldwide. [WWW.jcr.org.au](http://WWW.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**WEEKDAY MASS BOOKS** Each year the parish purchases about a dozen weekday Mass books for use by parishioners who come to weekday Masses. Many of the books have “gone missing” leaving only a couple still in the church. It is suspected that parishioners have inadvertently taken them home. Please have a search around at home and return any Mass books to the church so others can use them.

## **Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection** PRESENT

A Pentecost retreat day. Rest and Inspiration for the journey.

Join Bishop Vincent as we reflect and share.

Saturday 8th June, 9:00am - 4.00pm

Mount Schoenstatt Fairlight Rd Mulgoa, Registration essential.

Call or email; 8838 3460, email [lmckeogh@parracatholic.org](mailto:lmckeogh@parracatholic.org)

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Denis Smith, Anita Dyson, Michael Wilcox, Margaret Mead, Eli Chacko (Father Jolly's Mother), Paul Trevaskis, David Burke, Eva Lynch, Lucy Groves, Patricia Psaila.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:**

Ryder Lopez, Maria Macri, Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Sandra & Chris Paine, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Josephine Teece, Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, Jacqui Visser, Elise Doyle, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Little Majella and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

Harry Nolan, 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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and then to  
part is the..."*



*...saddest  
journey of  
the human  
heart"*

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## VOTIVE CANDLE

A Votive Candle or Prayer Candle is intended to be lit as a votive offering, an act of Christian prayer especially within the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox and Lutheran Churches. It is also a practice in Hinduism and Buddhism. Candles are lit for prayer intentions. To light a candle for someone indicates one's intention to say a prayer for another person and the candle symbolizes that prayer. In the Roman Catholic and in high Anglican Church tradition they have votive candles for purposes of praying for the dead, asking for saintly intercession for the living and honouring the Blessed Virgin and Saints.

Following the discussion and the decision of the Parish Council, a Votive Candle stand is placed near the Statue of Our Blessed Mother closer to the Tabernacle. Just drop a gold coin, the light will come on and say a prayer for your loved ones.



## BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERDS APPEAL – 1 AND 2 JUNE

**When God calls, will you help them answer?** The Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is training 15 young men to be true shepherds of Christ's flock and future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will support our seminarians to prepare for the priesthood and a life of community service. **Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherds Appeal envelopes or online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)**



## ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST

*Date* - Saturday 1st June 2019

*Time* - 7:30 am – 9:00

*Venue* - Parish hall



The parish is holding another Men's breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their sons, grandsons, neighbours and friends. For catering purposes, we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 26th May 2019.

Please add your name to the list on the warden's table.

Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775

Lina Wiecek from our Hospitality Team is looking for additional kitchen helpers to assist at the Men's Breakfast on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2019. If you are able to assist from 7.30 to 9 am please contact Lina on **0414 323 265**.

## Diocese of Parramatta Notices: Positions Vacant

- Liturgy Administrative Support Assistant - Office for Worship
- Fundraising Campaigns Executive - The Catholic Foundation

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

**PENTECOST RETREAT** - "Moved by the Spirit." Please join us as we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit with a one-day semi-silent retreat. Sunday 9th June 2019 (9.30am-4pm). Cost \$50 inclusive of meals. Venue: The Centre 14 Francis St, Randwick. All ages welcome. Contact Verbum Dei Missionaries at [verbumdeisydney@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeisydney@gmail.com) or phone us on 9341 5848.

**SEMINAR - DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM.** Each year Solo Parent Services offer a Seminar for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding of the Legal system, which can benefit those experiencing a marital breakdown. Topics addressed: How to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers to minimize your legal fees, how to protect your rights regarding family assets and Estates. **Date:** Tuesday 04<sup>th</sup> June. **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. **Time:** 6.45pm for a 7pm Start to 9pm. **Cost:** \$10

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# PARISH INFORMATION

## Sacraments

Confessions: Sat 4.45-5.15pm  
Baptisms: By Appointment  
Weddings: By Appointment

**Office Hours:** 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

Office Phone: (02) 4739 8928

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## ROSTER FOR 1ST & 2ND JUNE 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Volunteer Please	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	Carl Moll	Volunteer Please
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Grace Incorvil & Keira Vermaak
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Volunteer please	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance & Sue McGrath
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Peter McMahon	Terry Keogh	Jesse Mowbray
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Katy Ferris	Andrew Teece	Briony Mowbray
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	Annie Teece	Martin Rogers
I.T Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Musician	Dawn Willis		J. Long & A. Hobbs
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Volunteers Please
Minister of Communion	Kylie Mills John Verhoeven Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller John Killeen	Garry Pursehouse Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher
Children's Liturgy	Elizabeth		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance & Vicky Ang		
Church Care	Leanne Brown & Stage 3 Students		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		

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