



The Barbra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

1st & 2nd June 2019

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 46; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53. Eucharistic Prayer 3, Preface I of the Ascension

		Reflection on the Gospel
Sunday 2nd June <i>The</i> <i>Ascension of</i> <i>Our Lord</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 2.00pm The Stringy Bach Chamber Orchestra 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group Yr. 7 & up P/C	<p>The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth. Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.</p> <p>Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.</p> 
	Monday 3rd June <i>Charles</i> <i>Lwanga &</i> <i>Companions</i>	
Tuesday 4th June	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R	<p>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA</p> <p>Thomas Oxley's Funeral Mass will be held on Monday the 3rd of June at 11.00am. Please keep Tom's Family in your prayers.</p> <p>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 book 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.</p>
Wednesday 5th June <i>St. Boniface</i>	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 6th June	9.00am Mass 1.00pm SRE Meeting M/R 1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	
Friday 7th June	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction 10.30am First Friday Visits 1.00pm Bowlers	
Saturday 8th June	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 9th June <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Sunday</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism	

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 this 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 – 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

SFNC are celebrating their 50th 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.

Janette Ankers, President, SFNC

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When: June 14: – June 16

Presenter: John Charadia and Artist Tutors

Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)

“Flesh and spirit, concealment and revelation, time and eternity, divine glory and vulnerability: these contradictions are all wrapped in the holy gift of Christmas.” Verna Holyhead

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**, with a focus on 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 04th June. **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. **Time:** 6.45pm for a 7pm Start to 9pm. **Cost:** \$10
Registration Essential via phone: Ph. 8843 2530 **or email:** soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Thomas Oxley, 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, 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:

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

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to love,
and then to
part is the..."* *...saddest
journey of
the human
heart"*

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ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

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**

Help them answer God's call
AND JOIN US AS MISSIONARIES OF THE GOSPEL



ADULT CONFIRMATION 2019. The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on **Saturday 31st August, 9.30am – 2.00pm** at **IFM (Institute For Mission)** in the **Downstairs Room**, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown 2148 (off Flushcombe Road). A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis.

FR. ROB GALEA PRAISE & WORSHIP CONCERT – Tuesday 11th June 2019 – 7.30pm. At Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill – 125 Barnier Drive Quakers Hill. \$20.00 per ticket. All funds raised will go towards the renovation project at Mary Immaculate Church. For tickets contact the parish office 9626 3326 or Ged 0477 151 279 or our website www.maryimmac.org.au

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

Positions Vacant

- Liturgy Administrative Support Assistant - Office for Worship
- Fundraising Campaigns Executive - The Catholic Foundation
- Parish Coordinator of Ministries (Part-Time) - Parish of Richmond

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

CYP LIFTED Retreat 2019: July 5 – 7

CYP invites young adults aged 18 – 35 to attend the annual LIFTED Retreat from July 5-7 at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. You can expect great guest speakers, stimulating discussions, adoration, daily Mass, Reconciliation, soul-stirring music and delicious food. The theme is inspired by Pope Francis – 'Dare to be Different' Register now @ <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat/>

Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Perth: 7 – 11 December 2019

ACYF19 is a biennial national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Bishops of Australia. The event involves three days of exciting, large scale Plenary, tens of workshops, concerts, prayer experiences, fun, expos and concludes with an outdoor Mass with the City of Perth. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta will be leading an expected 200 participants. Free twin-share hotel accommodation is being offered now. For more information and to register visit www.catholicyouthparramatta.org

Holy Hour for Vocations: 6 June

Youth aged 18 to 35 are invited to join The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for the Holy Hour for Vocations at the St Joseph Convent, Quakers Hill, on Thursday 6 June at 7pm. Dinner will be served afterwards. RSVP to Sr Paula – vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

Women in Leadership: 4 - 7 July

The Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo invites women of any age and any experience in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes, anywhere to the Women in Leadership workshop. The aim is to support women to explore their unique gifts – as people, as women and as leaders. 4-7 July. 02 4236 0533 or cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au for more information.

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Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

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Parish School: Principal Mrs Robyn Clarke

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ROSTER FOR 8TH & 9TH JUNE 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Volunteer Please	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Katia Apps	Joshua & Lucy Toutounji	Emily Dowling & Nicola De La Mare
Warden	Ken Schneiders & Chris O'Meara	Volunteer please	Volunteer Please
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Lukas & Kristina Rajnoch
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Ann Keating	Irene Aligno
2 nd Reading	Joe Grange	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Amanda Moore
I.T Operator	Robyn Flynn	Terry Keogh	Jim McLoughlin
Musician	Cantabile		Naomi's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Margaret Richards	Kath Tierney Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	Avril Llewellyn Gerard Egan Juliana Khnouf Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Michelle W		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Joe Grange		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Daren & Liz Dukes		
Church Care	Julie Fehon, Tania Walker, Janette Ankers, Lynda Favell & Kylie Lane		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Beth Culliver		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh		

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