



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

5th Sunday of Lent Year B

17th & 18th of March 2018

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 50; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Sunday 18th March 5th Sunday of Lent. Year B	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Reflection on the Gospel</h3> <p>I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response. This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response. And there was a response full of allusions to the future. Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground. Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene? People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life. We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Reflection by Fr Michael Tate</i></p>
Monday 19th March <i>St Joseph,</i> <i>Spouse of the</i> <i>Blessed</i> <i>Virgin Mary.</i>	9.00am Mass 9.00am Fun Singers 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.00pm ME Oriental Dance Group P/C	
Tuesday 20th March	9.00am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday M/R 7.00pm Choir Practice 7.30pm Finance Committee Meeting	
Wednesday 21st March	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup 7.00pm Lenten Group M/R 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 22nd March	9.00am Mass. 10.00am -3.00pm School in Church 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C	
Friday 23rd March	9.00am Mass + Benediction 10.am -11.30 School in Church 11.30 Cantabile Church 1.00pm Bowlers 2.00pm –3.30 School in Church 7.15pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Mass	
Saturday 24th March	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	<h3 style="text-align: center;">EASTER MINISTERS</h3> <p>There is a list for the Easter Ceremonies on the notice board in the Narthex. Parishioners are invited to place their names against any ministry that has vacancies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Normal rosters will apply on Easter Sunday. Thank you.</p>
Sunday 25th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass	

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

TIMEOUT TUESDAY: 20th March. St Finbar's Parish Centre 10am - 1pm. If you wish to observe or be involved in new skills such as crocheting, knitting and patchwork etc or just want a 'chinwag' this is the group for YOU especially CARERS. EVERYONE most welcome, age is no barrier - from the young in age to the young in heart. "A LITTLE TIMEOUT, REFRESH - MAKING IS GOOD FOR YOU" So why not come and enjoy a great morning relaxing with wonderful company. For more information contact Kath 47392651 or email ktierney@bigpond.net.au

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE LECTURE SERIES

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) has engaged Dr Laurie Woods to present on the Gospel of Mark. Venue: IFM, Marion St, Blacktown. Time: 10 am - 2pm. Dates: Friday 23 March, Friday April 6, 13. All are welcome. BYO lunch. RSVPs to Maree 02 9890 4731.

POSITIONS VACANT

Credo Youth Group Coordinator - St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
For further information, please visit www.stpatscathedral.com.au

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION: 25 MARCH

Catholic Youth Parramatta are hosting the annual Palm Sunday Procession. Starting at Parramatta Town Hall on Sunday 25th March at 5:15pm and walking to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Details at: parracatholic.org/cyp

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK: 30 MARCH

Catholic Youth Parramatta are hosting the annual Good Friday Night Walk. Starting Friday 30th March at 10:00pm from St Patrick's Church, Blacktown and finishing at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Details at: parracatholic.org/cyp

FIRST MASS AT ST LUKE'S MARSDEN PARK: 8 APRIL

The new St Luke's Catholic Faith Community, Marsden Park invites you to join them as Bishop Vincent Long, assisted by Deacon Tony, leads their first Mass at St Luke's College, Frontier Avenue, Marsden Park on 8 April at 10am. More info at: <https://stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au>

'LOVING LIFE, LIVING LOVE', part of the KERYGMA SERIES, an event aimed for teens and adults.

When: **Wednesday 21st March, Mass at 7pm followed by talk**

Speakers: **Simon and Madeleine Carrington**

Topic: Love, Relationships, Chastity, Online bullying, Protection against porn, the dangers of the internet, etc
Place: St. Padre Pio Parish, 34-38 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ena Baker, Fr Peter McGrath, Grace Buckley, Fr George O'Mara, Robert Sisson, Olive O'Neil (Cath Newton's mum), Robyn Kopp, Geoff Shalala and Yelica (Georgina Barisic's mother passed away last week in Croatia).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Elise Redymane, Fr. Chris de Souza, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Josephine Teece, Ken & Kathleen Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Ellen Moffitt, Jane Bloor, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, Jacqui Visser, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, John Roebuck, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Shirley Glover, Little Majella and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Scott Robertson, Carmel Koziol, Clare Druhan, Thelma Sparks, Thomas Boylan, Ruby Luland, Lyndall McManus and Debra Saporito.

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LEURA MEMORIAL GARDENS FUNERALS

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Fun Singers Monday 19th St Patricks program, Irish Dress please. Don't forget your Green Irish booklet, and Blue book. We will be celebrating a special Birthday for one of the residents. Lunch at O' Donohues Irish Pub after program to farewell Elsie. Please let me know if you will be able to attend the Lunch. Thanks. Marie Hurley

CHOIR PRACTICE for the Easter Vigil will be held every Tuesday evening at 7 pm in the church. I would like to extend an invitation to people of all ages and musical abilities, and especially if you are new to the parish.

Thanks to all Parishioners who supported Bush School Cambodia by attending our concert last Saturday night, by contributing items for the supper, or by making a donation. The Concert provided a good night of entertainment and raised over \$4000 for the school. Thanks also to Father Jolly for his encouragement and support. Doug Frewer.

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP
Catholic Care Solo Parent Services' YWSG is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. **Next gathering:** Tuesday 20th March. **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. Registration: Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED. This support group is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those struggling through a separation or divorce. **Next Gathering:** Tuesday 27th March **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta **Time:** 7pm – 9pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

ASHES TO EASTER CONCERT-REFLECTION with Peter Kearney. **Thursday 22nd March**, 7.00-8.15pm in Good Shepherd Church, Hyatts Road, Plumpton. Free admission. Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic Singer-songwriter and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where is Your Song, my Lord?'. "A beautiful Lenten reflection ... prayerful and spiritual, a worthwhile part of our Lenten journey".

ST FINBAR'S EASTER TIMETABLE:



Sat/Sun 24th and 25th of March: Palm Sunday.
Normal Mass and Reconciliation times.
NB– Mass will commence outside the church

Monday 26th of March
Mass 9am
Reconciliation after Mass
Second Rite of Reconciliation 7:30pm at Glenbrook in conjunction with Emu Plains Parish

Tuesday 27th of March
Mass 9am
Reconciliation after Mass
Wednesday 28th of March
Mass 8am followed by Rosary
Reconciliation after Mass

Thursday 29th of March: Holy Thursday
Mass at 7:30pm
Altar of Repose until 10pm

Friday 30th of March: Good Friday
Stations of the Cross 10am
Reconciliation after Stations
Passion of Our Lord 3pm
Reconciliation after The Passion

Saturday 31st of March: Easter Vigil
Vigil celebrations at 7.30pm
(No Reconciliation today)

Sunday 1st of April: Easter Sunday
Masses at 7.30am and 9.30am
(NB Day light saving time has ended)

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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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ROSTER FOR 24 & 25 MARCH 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Rodney Moffitt	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Riley Farrell		Mitchell Mathew
Warden	Reg Moore	Rodney Moffitt	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Mary Creenaune	Briony Mowbray
2 nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Ann Keating	Jesse Mowbray
Intercession	Jacqui Visser	Kevin Flynn	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operator	Patrick Watson	Andrew Teece	Sean Farrell
Music	Te Deum		Holy Light
Presentation of the Gifts	Lee Family	Rivas Family	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Vince Dobson Noreen Taylor Lorraine Brown Allan Jones	Terry Madden Rodney Moffitt Volunteer Please Volunteer Please	Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Avril Llewellyn Todd Stanford Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Cashier	Ann Keating & Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Tom Torrance, Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Church Care	Natalie Platt, Rebecca Southern & Year 6 Group		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		

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