


# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

21 & 22 April 2018

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 117; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>22 of April</b></p> <p><b>4th Sunday</b> <b>of Easter</b> <b>Year B</b></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Baptism</b> <b>2.00pm Stringy Bach Concert</b></p>	<p><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p>	
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>23 of April</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b></p>		
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>24 of April</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b></p>	<p>This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>25 of April</b> <b>ANZAC Day</b></p>	<p><b>8.00am ANZAC Day Mass.</b> <b>7.00pm Bridge P/C</b></p>	<p>God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS</i></p>	
<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>26 of April</b> <i>St. Mark</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>1.30pm Bridge. P/C</b></p>	<p><i>On the 5th Sunday of each month we are not rostering anyone for the Presentation of the Gifts. This will allow parishioners who aren't on the roster to have an opportunity to do this. Next weekend if you like to take up the gifts, please let the Warden know before Mass. Thank you.</i></p>	
<p><b>Friday</b> <b>27 of April</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass + Benediction</b> <b>11.30 Cantabile Church</b> <b>1.00pm Bowlers</b></p>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:</b> Please note that the Preparation Sessions for the Sacrament of Penance start on Saturday the 5th of May at 4.30pm in the Parish Hall.</p>	
<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>28 of April</b> <i>St. Peter Chanel</i></p>	<p><b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice</b> <b>2.30pm School Staff Meeting P/C</b> <b>4.45pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>		
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>29 of April</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B</b></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass - SRE Commissioning Mass</b></p>		

**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

### **Good Shepherd Sunday 2018. 22nd April (Fourth Sunday of Easter)**

Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things. We could lose the chance to dream big and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write with us. God calls young people from our local communities to serve as priests and consecrated religious. We all have a role to play in helping young people to 'dream big' and hear this call. What can I do to foster vocations from this community?

Pope Francis – Message for 2018 World Day of Vocations 'It will not fill our hearts if we keep standing by the window with the excuse of waiting for the right time, without accepting this very day the risk of making a decision. Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now! Each one of us is called to become a witness of the Lord, here and now.

'We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous "yes", nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord.'

A prayer request: You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

### **STRINGY BACH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT - BAROQUE GRANDEUR**

Sunday the 22nd of April at 2pm.

Stringy Bach will kick off this year's series of St Finbar's concerts. Come to hear this inventive Chamber Orchestra performing works of the Baroque era (and more). From the sumptuousness of Versailles to the unbridled energy of Venice and the political instability of England, the music of Lully, Vivaldi and Purcell can be enjoyed by all under the beautiful acoustics and calm environment of St Finbar's. Led by Chris Lockhart Smith, Stringy Bach mostly comprises of a group of young, talented musicians from the Blue Mountains. Sunday April 22 @ 2pm. Entry \$15 for adults, \$10 concession & accompanied children free.

**MCCARTHY CATHOLIC TRADE TRAINING CENTER 2019 INFORMATION EVENING.** Will be held on Wednesday the 30th of May at 6.00pm. Please check the notice board for all the trades/vocations included.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR** In response to Pope Francis' appeal we invite you to attend the Life in the Spirit seminar. Participants testify to experiencing love, peace, joy, and their personal Pentecost and they also discover their spiritual gifts. 7:30pm Tuesday 24 April at 33 Bunnal Ave, Winmalee. Cost is free. To register text 0410 475 723. For further details: [bluemountainsdojcc.org/liss](http://bluemountainsdojcc.org/liss)

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

Kathleen Moore, Elise Redymane, Lorraine Bolin (Colleen McHardy's Niece), Anthony Hennessy, Julia Gunning, Ena Baker, Fr Peter McGrath, Grace Buckley and Fr George O'Mara.

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

Michael Rivas, 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, 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:**

Roland Duval, Eleanor Morgan, Grace Walkley, Alan Bryan, Madge Boylan, Raymond Merchant, Wayne Portelli and Cheryl Kirton.

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# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## MATTERS DISCUSSED IN THE PARISH COUNCIL, FINANCE, LITURGY AND OTHER COMMITTEES

- A date has been set (1st of June 7.30pm) for Adult Faith formation. The first topic will be on Catholicism followed by number of sessions on prayer, with other topics to follow.
- 8 members from the Parish community and all the teachers in our school attended the Liturgical formation workshops, with the aim of being involved in different ministries or to refresh their knowledge.
- We have started training our 10 new Junior Servers. Congratulations to our REC in our school as well as to Peter.
- The Liturgy Committee was a great help in organising the Holy Week Liturgy and thanks to everyone who offered their help.
- We have 3 young people from our Parish registered for the World Youth Day in 2019. The Parish is very happy to see more young people getting involved with the Youth Group. Congratulations to all the Core group Leaders.
- Our Pastoral Care team is doing a great job.
- We are at the beginning stage of starting a grief management team in the Parish with the assistance of Dr. Mark Walker who is a well-known Psychiatrist in Nepean Hospital. Dates and times to be announced soon.
- With the help of Dr. Sam a specialist in Pathology the Parish is organising a workshop on holistic health which includes, spiritual, mental and physical well being of a person. Date and time will be advertised in the Barra in the coming weeks.
- We are happy to welcome Leanne our new REC Coordinator for our school as Natalie is going on maternity leave.
- The Sacramental program will start on the 5th of May.
- Our Scripture teachers, Pastoral Care team, Hospitality ministry, Young Family group, Young Mothers group and Children's Liturgy group are all doing great ministry and congratulations to all.
- We have a lot more elderly, sick, house bound or in nursing home parishioners and Father Jolly tries to see them all from time to time. If any of your dear ones are home bound and wish to be seen by a priest, please let the Parish office know.
- We are managing pretty well with our finances and if everything goes well, we wish to be free from debt in a few years time. The Parish Council and the Finance Committee would like to express their gratitude to all those who support the Parish.

Father Jolly

**FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019.** Please note that there will be raffle tickets for sale on the Warden's table to support our Parish Youth Candidates for World Youth Day Panama 2019. We have 3 Candidates will be representing the Parish. The tickets are \$2 each. The Prizes include a Mazda 2 Car, \$2000 Cosmos Gift Card and many more (for more details check the notice board in the Narthex). Thank you for you support.

### ART OF MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Enrich your marriage with The Art of Marriage 2 day seminar on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Presented by the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community at Don Bosco Centre St Marys. For further details: [ssup.com.au/marriage](http://ssup.com.au/marriage) and RSVP by the 24<sup>th</sup> April contact 0410 475 723.

**SPRINGWOOD EAST TIMOR SUPPORT GROUP ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT** will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> May commencing 7:30 at St Thomas Aquinas Primary School hall. This has proved to be a popular and well supported event for nearly twenty years. Tables of 8-10. \$20 per head. Bookings are essential. Please contact Pam Gorman 4754 1160. All proceeds go to aid educational and health initiatives in East Timor. For more details please check the notice board.

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

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

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### ROSTER FOR 28 & 29 APRIL 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Rodney Moffitt	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Ruth Gott
Junior Server	Volunteer Please		Volunteer Please
Warden	Ken Schneiders & Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Volunteer Please
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Allan Jones	Ann Keating	Carmel Higgins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dawn Wills	Elizabeth Konza	Martin Rogers
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	John Isaksen	Irene Aligno
IT Operator	Robyn Flynn	Elizabeth Konza	Patrick Watson
Music			Cantabile
Presentation of the Gifts	Parishioners are	Invited to offer	To bring up the gifts
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Margaret Richards	Kath Tierney Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	Juliana Khnouf Mari McDonald Gerard Egan Garry Pursehouse Annisia Nilsson Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday		
Cashier	Joe Grange		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Martin & Lyndel Rogers		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie & Jessica Doherty		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Noreen Taylor		

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