



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
Fifty Years as a Parish in the Lower Blue Mountains

**12 and 13 March 2016**

**5th Sunday of Lent, Year C**

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 125; Phil 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

<b>MONDAY 14 MARCH</b>	7.30PM	PARENTS INFORMATION NIGHT FOR SACRAMENTS
<b>HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE AT ST FINBAR'S</b>		
<b>MONDAY 21 MARCH</b>	7.30pm At Emu Plains Parish	2nd Rite of Reconciliation together with Emu Plains Parish
<b>TUESDAY 22 MARCH</b>	9.30AM & 7.00PM	Reconciliation after 9.00am Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH</b>	8.30AM 7.30PM	Reconciliation after 8.00am Mass <b>CHRISM MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL</b>
<b>HOLY THURSDAY 24 MARCH</b>	9.00AM—10.00 AM 7.30PM	Reconciliation <b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY 25 MARCH</b>	10.00AM 10.30AM—11.30AM	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> Reconciliation after Stations of the Cross
<b>GOOD FRIDAY 26 MARCH</b>	3.00PM 7.30PM	<b>CELEBRATIONS OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b> Music OF JS BACH and Sacred Readings for Good Friday
<b>HOLY SATURDAY 27 MARCH</b>	7.00PM	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b> (No Reconciliation today)
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>7.30AM &amp; 9.30AM</b>	<b>MASSES</b> (No Evening Mass)

<b>Sunday 13 March</b>	<b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> 11.00am Baptisms.	<b>Thursday 17 March</b> <i>St Patrick's Day</i> <b>10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea. P/C</b> 9:30am Beginners Bridge M/R 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir Practice. Church 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
<b>Monday 14 March</b>	<b>10.30am Latin Mass.</b> 5.00pm SVDP meeting. M/R 7.30pm Parents Sacramental meeting. P/C	<b>Friday 18 March</b> <b>9.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction.</b> 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
<b>Tuesday 15 March</b>	<b>9.00 Mass.</b> 10.00am Caring for Carers. P/C 11.30am Cantabile practice. Church	<b>Saturday 19 March</b> <i>St Joseph's Day</i> <b>9.00am Mass.</b> 2.00pm Pilgrimage Reunion. P/C 3.30pm RCIA. W/S <b>4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions.</b> <b>5:30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 16 March</b>	<b>8.00am Mass followed by the Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	<b>Sunday 20 March</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>7.30am and 9.30am Masses.</b> 1.30pm Bridge. P/C <i>No Youth Mass this week.</i>

**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.

# St. Finbar's Parish News



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Before enrolling in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, supported by Caritas Australia, young midwife Sreymom lacked the practical experience necessary to safely assist childbirth. Now, with the skills and knowledge gained through the program, Sreymom is a trusted midwife who is helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region.

**THE RCIA** catechumens, candidates, sponsors and team would appreciate your prayers and support. We are now in the period of Catechumenate. Barry, Daniel, Michelle and Sarah are invited into the mystery of God's love, to a gospel way of life. The Catechumenate uses language of nurture such as growth, maturity, response and promise. It is essentially a time of apprenticeship. This is a period to experience being called and chosen, a time to respond through conversion. During the Vigil Mass in the Sundays of Lent we have Scrutinies, special prayers, rites and blessings with deep meaning relating back to the Early Church. Thank you to all at St Finbars for keeping us in your prayers.

## FINAL PLEA FOR DIOCESAN WORKS FUND

Many thanks to all those parishioners who have given generously to the DWF over the last two weekends. However we are still about \$1000 short of our quota. Please help us to reach our target so we don't have to use our very scarce parish funds for this appeal. Please make sure you use an envelope from the seat or the Wardens' table and put on any collection this weekend.

## WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH; 7.30PM FINAL EASTER VIGIL CHOIR PRACTICE (CHURCH)

**CARING FOR CARERS** & others who would benefit from PRAYER THROUGH ART. As we enter into the last few weeks of Lent, PRAYER through ART (no artistic talent is required) explores feelings in a colourful REFLECTIVE WAY. Presented by Margaret Richards. Morning Tea provided. TUESDAY 15th March at St Finbar's Parish Centre. 10am - 12noon. For more information please contact Kath 47392651

## MUSIC OF JS BACH: And Sacred Readings for Good Friday, 25 March 2016 at 7.30pm

*The Blue Mountains Chorale Robert Ampt – Conductor  
with Organist Amy Johansen – Choir accompanist*

Some of the profound music of JS Bach will again be part of this year's meditation in St. Finbar's on Good Friday. Offering choral and organ music together with special readings and meditations, this annual service will feature several of the wonderful choral settings from the Passion. In the tradition of the Bach settings, the congregation will also participate, singing some of the great Passion hymns. There will be a retiring offering.



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# St. Finbar's Parish News

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** The Parish Finance Committee met on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. We reviewed the parish accounts and are able to report that all our financial obligations are being met. We continue to work towards supporting Fr Jolly and the parish in further reducing this debt.

## EASTER CEREMONIES

We are now calling for volunteers for all the Easter ceremonies for 2016. You will find a blank roster in the church narthex, near the Wardens' table. Please put your name down for all ceremonies that you are able to volunteer for and thus become fully involved in celebrating Easter this year.

**WYD TICKETS:** We have **44 World Youth Day raffle booklets to be returned.** Those who are still holding them please bring back them this week, as they have to be sent back to Parramatta. Fr Jolly.

**FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION:** On **Monday 14th March** we are holding an Information Night for the parents of children who wish to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation. The evening will be held in the Parish Centre from 7.30pm. Dates and requirements for participation in each of the sacramental journeys will be discussed and distributed at this meeting.



Great to see so many keen young people at the Youth Mass on the weekend! **Edge group:** had some choices to make which either lead them closer to or further from the feast.

**Lounge group:** used the human hungry hippo balls from last year to stimulate discussion on the daily battle of good versus evil.

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for the little Fiji boy Ashmit - he came through his brain surgery well and will now continue on to radiation therapy. His prognosis is still something like 50/50 but with your prayers I'm sure it will tip in his favour.

## Youth News



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Moira Thomson (Eileen Jones's aunt), Matthew Jacka, Dr Caroline Brayley (Aunt of Merrilee and John Verhoeven), Mel Nethrey (Elizabeth Rowe's mother), Jim Cook, Warwick Grange (Gerard Egan's cousin), Dela Baron (Erika McNay's mother), Patrick Walsh and Lachlan Throughgood.

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

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Robert Bunda, Tony Clyne, John Everett, Tadeusz Opiel, Ruben Stanford, Dorothea Egan, May Hurry, Michael Cloran, John Burrett, Bill Taylor, Emily McColl, Lance Baker, and Scott Robertson.

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## PARISH INFORMATION

### **Sacraments**

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

**Office Hours:** 8.30am – 4.00pm  
 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
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## Next week's Roster at St Finbar's, Palm Sunday 19 and 20 March 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 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Ralph Maples	Ann Keating	Stan Callaghan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Trish Hurley
Intercession	Duane Parslow	John Isaksen	Peter Hurley
Presentation of the Gifts	Chris & Sandra O'Meara	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	Therese Luczak Jean Di Nucci Annissa Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Danielle		
Cashier	Geoff Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Vicki Rendes & Maggie Trevena		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Sally Doyle, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young and Beth Killeen		
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