



The Barra

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

26 and 27 March 2016

Easter Sunday, Year C

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4; Sequence; John 20:1-9

Sunday 27 March 2016: Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Christ Is Risen, Alleluia

EASTER SUNDAY 27 MARCH	7.30am and 9.30am Masses.	THURSDAY 31 MARCH	9.00am Mass 9.30am Bridge beginners class. P/C 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
MONDAY 28 MARCH	10.30am Latin Mass.	FRIDAY 1 APRIL	9.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction. 10.30am First Friday visits. 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
TUESDAY 29 MARCH	9.00am Mass.	SATURDAY 2 APRIL	9.00am Mass 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass
WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup. P/C	SUNDAY 3 APRIL JUBILEE CELEBRATION	<u>NO 7.30am Mass today.</u> 9.30am Mass. 10.30am Jubilee Celebration morning tea. P/C 6.00pm Edge Youth Group. P/C

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.

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Easter Sunday

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Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth. *Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS*

Dear parishioners and visitors,

On behalf of the Parish team, we would like to wish all parishioners and visitors a happy and holy Easter. Thank you to all those involved in our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies and the Garden Club for maintaining our beautiful gardens. Fr Jolly, Margaret and Peter.

We welcome home Fr Maurice McNamara (Fr Mac) to our parish.
Thank you for all your prayers and good wishes. He is still recuperating,
hopefully he will be back to his usual self shortly.

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2016 YEAR OF MERCY PASCHAL CANDLE The 2016 Paschal Candle sets out to marry the two themes of hurt and mercy, following the initiative of Pope Francis who announced the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Through the resurrection of Jesus, all the pain and hurt of the Cross (and our crosses) are swept up into the Mercy of God who transforms them into light, promise, hope and renewal.



The Easter Liturgies are the high point in the Church's year, and St Finbar's always carries them out superbly.
But this does not just happen.
Many parishioners and many ministries are involved, often preparing and practising for weeks in advance, to ensure the Easter Liturgies are of the highest standard.

Closing of our Jubilee Celebrations Divine Mercy Sunday April 3 2016

All parishioners both past and present are invited to attend the 9.30am Mass on Sunday April 3. Please feel free to invite any person who may be interested in attending. We are having a celebration after the Mass in the Parish Centre.

Rev. Father Peter Williams will be the main Celebrant along with past priests of our Parish.

Please note the 7.30am Mass will be cancelled that morning!

NB please remember that daylight saving finishes at 3.00am Sunday morning, so clocks go **BACK 1 hour.**

IT NEWS: A big thank you to all the IT Developers and Presenters, who have worked tirelessly during the past weeks to enhance our Easter Ceremonies. If there are any parishioners, who would like to join this dynamic team, please contact Jayne 4739 6674.

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: Peng Lee, Fr Mac, Joan Lohrey, 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: Gareth Hogan, Jean Blencowe, Rosemond Coughlan, Cecil Luczak, Harold Gapps, Mary Dutfeld and Marjory Plevy.

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Confessions: Sat 4.45-5.15pm
 Baptisms: By Appointment
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Next week's Roster at St Finbar's, 2 and 3 April 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm		9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	NO	Paulina Grodzicki
Senior Server	Victoria De Mattia	7.30AM	Gary Pursehouse
Junior Server	Patrick, Alex & Johnny McLoughlin	MASS TODAY	Hannah Stanford Brendan Khnouf Riley McKenzie
Warden	Vince Dobson Allan Jones	NO	George Grodzicki
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson	7.30AM MASS TODAY	Lukas & Kristina Rajnoch
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan		Andrew Teece
2 nd Reading	Julie-Ann McLoughlin		Annie Teece
Intercession	Annie McLoughlin	NO	Various Groups
I.T Operator	Jim McLoughlin	7.30AM MASS TODAY	Amie Farrell
Musician	No Music		Claire, Children's Choir and Youth
Presentation of the Gifts	Ryan & Ahyiesha D'Souza	NO 7.30AM MASS TODAY	Dorothea Walsh
Minister of Communion	Beth Gibbeson John Verhoeven Noreen Taylor Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara Reg Moore Volunteer please		Stephen Brown Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher Margaret Rivas Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	Lauren		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell and Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance & Vicky Ang		
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