



The Barra

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

2 and 3 April 2016

Second Sunday of Easter Year C

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 117; Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

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.**



The readings for the Sundays after Easter all provide mystagogical catechesis for the entire church, with a special emphasis for the newly baptised. This instruction is meant to help us recognise the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst. The overarching theme for the Second Sunday of Easter is the celebration of this presence in several manifestations.

While we might seek some obvious, tangible manifestation, each reading speaks of the presence of Christ in a way that we would not expect Christ to be present. He is there in the very throes of sickness, in fear and doubt, in the celebration of the liturgy. These presences challenge us to go beneath appearances, beneath the mundane and banal of life, and there discover the risen Lord in personal mystical experience, in the ministry of the believing community, and in the transformative possibilities of the liturgy.

Experiences of the Risen Lord are not reserved for extraordinarily holy people. Any one of us can be invited into a deep personal encounter when we least expect it, in the most unlikely places, with effects that overwhelm us. In fact, the Risen Christ is always just around the next corner, eager to enter our lives with the transforming power of the resurrection. Being part of a community of believers in prayer can be one of the most profound religious experiences. It not only transforms the present, but it also entrusts us with a vision of what is yet to be, an eschatological hope for a glorious future. *Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 3 APRIL <i>JUBILEE CELEBRATION</i>	9.30am Mass 10.30am Jubilee Celebration morning tea. P/C 6.00pm The Lounge Group. P/C	THURSDAY 7 APRIL <i>ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	9.00am Mass 9.30am Bridge beginners class. P/C 10.00am Funeral Mass for Deborah Saporito. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 3.30pm Children's Choir practice. Church 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
MONDAY 4 APRIL <i>THE ANNUNCIATION</i>	10.30am Latin Mass.	FRIDAY 8 APRIL	9.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction. 1.00pm Bowlers P/C
TUESDAY 5 APRIL	9.00am Mass. 7.00pm Pastoral Council meeting. P/C 7.30pm Baptism Preparation. M/R	SATURDAY 9 APRIL	9.00am Mass 3.00pm Parents Prayer Group. P/C 4.45pm - 5.15pm Confessions. 5:30pm Vigil Mass
WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	SUNDAY 10 APRIL	7.30am Mass. 9.30am Mass. 11.00am Baptisms.

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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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.

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.

CATHOLICCARE SOCIAL SERVICES SOLO PARENT SERVICES

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Tuesdays fortnightly: 05th April — 12th July 2016 VENUE: 38 Prince St (cnr First Ave) Blacktown

TIME: 10.30 am — 12.30 pm

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Just a reminder the Youth Mass has been cancelled this week because of the end of Jubilee Year Mass on at 9:30am Sunday morning.

The Lounge will run from 6:00 to 8:30pm on Sunday evening. There will be Q&A with Liam, games, food and fun. A head count will be taken at 6:15pm for catering purposes so if you are going to be late please let us know so we can order appropriate amounts of food. See you on Sunday,
St Finbar Youth Team

Next Youth Mass 17th April.

Next Edge Group 1st May (sorry you have to wait so long little people)



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PARISH POTTED HISTORY 31- Did you know?

More 60s, 70s and into the 80s - The Hughes family by Maura Williams & Geraldine Lohan

Mick and Lena Hughes moved to Blaxland East in December 1967 with their daughters Lillian (Pockran), Geraldine (Lohan), Maura (Williams) and son Gerard.

Mick was a builder who had built many homes in the Blaxland, Glenbrook area in the 60s and 70s. He was a very active member of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Penrith and when the family moved to the mountains, he joined the Glenbrook conference where he was involved in many charitable works. He would often take meals, which had been cooked by Lena, to those who needed them. He headed up the volunteer building works for homes which were destroyed by the devastating bushfires of 1968.

The family enjoyed the social aspects of St Finbar's, attending the Balls, parish dinners and social evenings. Lillian, Geraldine and Maura all settled in the Mt Riverview, Blaxland East area and their 11 children were baptised by Fr Fay in the old Church Hall. 9 those children attended St Finbar's School.

When the St Finbar's school building programme for additional classrooms by volunteer labour was commenced, Mick was one of the team leaders, spending many hours at the site.



The Stained Glass Window Photo: Peter McMahon

Mick's faith was very important to him. He was a devout Catholic attending daily Mass, providing lifts to those unable to drive. When he became ill and unable to drive, he appreciated parishioners driving him to daily Mass.

Mick had developed a close friendship with Fr Danny Fay over the years and it was a long held dream of Fr Fay to build a 'proper' Church at St Finbar's. Mick had been the builder of St Nicholas of Myra Church in Penrith and he had always hoped to be involved in the building of our new Church.

Sadly Mick passed away in 1992. The Parish thought it fitting that Lena turn the first sod for our new Church which Lena felt very honoured to do. The stained glass window near the Baptismal Font was donated by Lena in Mick's memory.

Geraldine and Maura were often asked to read at Mass (in the days before the rosters) and are still involved in the liturgy ministry. *Thank you Geraldine and Maura*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Constance Watson, (Noreen Taylor's cousin) , 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, Jim Daley, Grace Fenech, and Lachlan Throughgood.

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

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: John Burrowes, Imre Varga, Mary Kiel, Agnes Collins, John Gibson, James Sims, Wallace Whye and Margaret Noonan.

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

Office Hours: 8.30am – 4.00pm
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Next week's Roster at St Finbar's, 9 and 10 April 2016

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Rodney Moffitt	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Andrew Duval
Junior Server	Lara Selby Kate Hanigan		Christopher, Margaret & Nicolas Gott
Warden	Ken Schneiders Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Tom Torrance
1st Reading	John Killeen	Ann Keating	Irene Aligno
2nd Reading	Joe Grange	Elizabeth Konza	Irene Aligno
Intercession	Jacqui Visser	John Isaksen	Joanne Stubbs
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	Ann & Ray Keating	Gott Family
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea & Brian Robertson Richard Mason Margaret Richards John Brown Volunteer	Kath & Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	John Mullane Juliana Khnouf Mari McDonald Gerard Egan Gary Pursehouse Volunteer Volunteer
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Cashier	Peter McMahon & Ken Townsend		
Hospitality	Anne King, Darren & Liz Dukes and Grace Buckley		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Huia Kingi and Jessica Doherty		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Melissa McDonald & Rodney Moffitt		
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