

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

1st and 2nd April 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Ps 129; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS:

As a metaphor, death can stand for many things. The prophet Ezekiel witnessed the death of the nation. The gospel reports the death of Lazarus. Although Paul refers to the mortal character of our physical bodies, he is more concerned with spiritual life and death.

Death attacks each one of us in all three of these ways.

We are all mortal and subject to physical death; we are all sinners and must deal with the implications of spiritual death; we are all subject to the consequences of social sins such as terrorism, violence, group hatred, greed and ecological exploitation.

The question before us is whether or not we are going to allow death to reign in our lives and in our communities.

All three readings for this Sunday, as well as the psalm response, point out our inability to raise



ourselves out of the deaths that afflict us.

In the passage from Ezekiel, it is God who promises to open the graves of the people; the people are helpless to do anything. The psalmist cries to God from out of the depths of pain and helplessness.

Acknowledging human propensity to sin, Paul credits the Spirit of God with transforming death into life. Finally, it is Jesus who calls Lazarus out of the grave and returns him to his life.

We can see that God does not leave us to languish in our various deaths. Instead, God offers us new life out of the tombs.

All of this is accomplished through the mercy and compassion of God.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Please note that St Finbar's Primary has a new phone number: 4724 3600.

Sunday 2 April 5th Sunday of Lent. Year A	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 6.00pm Youth Mass. 7.30pm Senior Youth Group. P/C	Thursday 6 April	9.00am Mass. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers. P/C
Monday 3 April	9.00am Mass	Friday 7 April	9.00am Mass & Benediction 10.00am First Friday visits'. 1.00pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 4 April	9.00am Mass. 7.30pm Baptism Preparation. M/R	Saturday 8 April	9.00am Mass. 10.00am Funeral Mass for Monica Barron. 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 5 April	8:00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup. P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 6.45pm Bridge M/R 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 9 April Palm Sunday	7.30am and 9.30am Masses 11.00am Baptisms.

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.

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PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES ARE NOW IN THE NARTHEX.

Semiti says, "Through the voice of the poor we can become one, and it's very powerful."

Semiti grew up in an informal, or 'squatter', settlement in Fiji. More than a quarter of Fiji's people live in these settlements, with little hope of finding permanent housing and land.

Their situation is particularly vulnerable – many live in unstable shelters, and there is a constant threat of extreme climate events. Children have few opportunities for education, and unemployment levels are high. There is little access to public services such as roads, water supply, electricity and garbage collection.

Now Semiti is working together with other residents of informal settlements to make positive changes. He is the Director of the People's Community Network (PCN), which Caritas Australia supports. PCN helps empower landless people in Fiji, enabling them to address the issues that affect their lives.

The network helps people in each settlement to advocate together to improve their living conditions. They work in committees on issues relating to health and hygiene; care of the elderly and of women who need empowerment; education needs; and unemployment.



ST FINBAR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GLENBROOK

St Finbar's Primary School Glenbrook provides a Catholic Education for children in Years Kinder to Year 6.

We are enrolling now for 2018.

All considering enrolment are invited to contact the school office on 4724 3600.

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EASTER MINISTERS WANTED

There is a list of 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.

SINGERS NEEDED FOR THE EASTER VIGIL!

Practices are on every Wednesday at 11:30 am in the Church. For enquiries, please contact me at mhy.phillips@gmail.com or 4739 5782.

Thank you. Matthew.

MONICA BARRON'S FUNERAL MASS

will be celebrated on Saturday 8th April and 10.00am. All parishioners are invited to attend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Monica Barron, Jackie George Perkins, Mr. Verghefe (Father of Fr. Joe Penrith Parish), Carmel Koziol, Ben Gibson, Charlie Buda, Peter May, Dr. Patrick Cregan, Mary Ryan, Phil O'Donoghoe, Robert Pope (Jean di Nucci's father) and Coral Darr.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Mary Ann Manalili, Fr Maurice McNamara, Lyn Downes, Patricia Young, Ellen Moffitt, Pat Barrett, John Brown, Jane Bloor, Ena Baker, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Madge Boylan, Grant Madden, Robert Toirkens, Stan Currey, Pam Clyne, Emma Gleeson, Tony & Jacqui Visser, Jan Smith, John Camilleri, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, John Roebuck, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Shirley Glover and Cliff McHardy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Mary Dutfield, Marjory Plevy, John Burrowes, Imre Varga, Mary Kiel and Agnes Collins.

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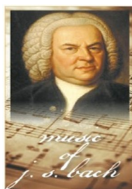
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POPE FRANCIS' WORDS:

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

GOOD FRIDAY – AT ST FINBAR'S



QUIET MEDITATION AT THE END OF THE DAY.

The traditional candlelight presentation of music of J. S. Bach, complemented by sacred readings from the Passion of Christ, will once again be held at 7.30pm on Good Friday evening in the church. The Blue Mountains Chorale conducted by Robert Ampt, will sing poignant excerpts from St. John's Passion and all will be encouraged to participate in moving congregational hymns accompanied by organ. There will be a retiring collection. Suggested donation \$15 and \$10 concession.

ST FINBAR'S EASTER TIMETABLE:

Sat/Sun 8th and 9th April: Palm Sunday.
Normal Mass and Reconciliation times.
NB– Mass will commence outside the church

Monday 10th April

Mass 9am

Reconciliation after Mass until 10am
Second Rite of Reconciliation 7:30pm at
Glenbrook in conjunction with
Emu Plains Parish

Tuesday 11th April

Mass 9am

Reconciliation after Mass until 10am

Wednesday 12th April

Mass 8am followed by Rosary
Reconciliation after Mass until 9am

Thursday 13th April: Holy Thursday

Mass at 7:30pm
Altar of Repose until 10pm

Friday 14th April: Good Friday


Stations of the Cross 10am
Reconciliation after Stations until 11:30am
Passion of Our Lord 3pm
Reconciliation after The Passion until 4:30pm
Concert: 7:30pm. The music of J. S. Bach,
complemented by sacred readings from the
Passion of Christ.

Saturday 15th April: Easter Vigil


Vigil celebrations at 7pm
(No Reconciliation today)

Sunday 16th April: Easter Sunday

Masses at 7.30am and 9.30am



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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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ROSTER FOR 8 AND 9 APRIL 2017 PALM SUNDAY

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		Volunteers please
Warden	Ken Schneider's Chris O'Meara	Rodney Moffitt	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Tom Torrance
1st Reading	Allan Jones	Ann Keating	Carmel Higgins
2nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Elizabeth Konza	Martin Rogers
Gospel Readers	Yvonne Scanlan	Terry Keogh	Steve Newton
	Maureen Tulk	Ann Keating	Carmel Higgins
	Eileen Jones	Elizabeth Konza	Martin Rogers
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	John Isaksen	Irene Aligno
I.T Operator	Thais Turner	Ellen Teece	Joseph Marceau
Musician	Matthew & Michael T		Naomi's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & family
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Richard Mason Margaret Richards Anthony Toutounji Andrew Wilson	Jim Tierney Kath Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	John Mullane Juliana Khnouf Mari McDonald Gerard Egan Garry Pursehouse Volunteer please Volunteer please
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell and Robyn Flynn		
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Hospitality	Anne King, Darren & Liz Dukes, Grace Buckley		
Church Care	Julie Fehon, Tania Walker, Janette Ankers, Lynda Favell & Kylie Lane		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass			Noreen Taylor



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