

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

**8th and 9th April 2017**

**Palm Sunday, Year A**

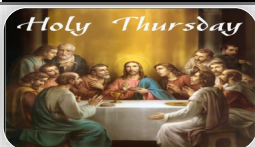
Is 50:4-7; Ps 21; Phil 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27: 66



**PLEASE  
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OFFERINGS ON  
HOLY  
THURSDAY**

<b>SUNDAY 9 APRIL PALM SUNDAY</b>	7.30am and 9.30am Masses. 11.00 Baptisms.
<b>MONDAY 10 APRIL</b>	9.00am Mass Reconciliation after Mass until 10.00am 7.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at St Finbar's Parish.
<b>TUESDAY 11 APRIL</b>	9.00am Mass with Reconciliation after Mass till 10.00am
<b>WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL</b>	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary Confessions after Mass till 9.00am 9.00am Pastoral Care meeting. M/R 6.45pm Bridge. P/C 7.30pm Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral

**HOLY THURSDAY  
13 APRIL**



**No morning Mass**

No Bridge today

**7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper.**  
with adoration at Altar of Repose till 10pm

**GOOD FRIDAY  
14 APRIL**

**A DAY OF FAST,  
AND ABSTINENCE  
FROM MEAT**



**No morning Mass.**

✚ 10.00am Stations of the Cross

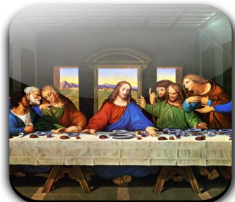
Confessions after stations till 11.30am

✚ 3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Confessions after the Passion till 4.30pm

7.30pm Music of J. S. Bach and Sacred Readings

**HOLY SATURDAY  
15 APRIL**



**No morning Mass**

**No confessions in the afternoon.**

**7.00pm Easter Vigil including**

✚ The Solemn Beginning or Lucernarium  
including the Lighting of the Fire and Exsultet

✚ The Liturgy of the Word

with 3 readings, Epistle, Solemn Alleluia & Gospel

✚ Baptismal and Confirmation Liturgy

Litany, Blessing of Water and Font,

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

✚ Liturgy of the Eucharist

**EASTER SUNDAY  
16 APRIL**



**7.30AM AND 9.30AM MASSES**

**No Evening Mass**

**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



**PROJECT COMPASSION:** When Typhoon Santi destroyed her home in coastal Philippines, Aloma feared for her family's safety and their future. Extreme weather events such as typhoons and cyclones are a common occurrence in this country, threatening the safety and food security of many families.

In the Philippines, GDP per capita is around one-tenth that of Australia's, and life expectancy is around 14 years lower. Poverty is the single most important factor determining vulnerability to natural disasters, which makes communities like Aloma's particularly vulnerable.

However, confidence began to replace fear for Aloma as she began participating in the Integrated Community Development Program (ICDP) in 2011. The program, run by the Socio Pastoral Action Center Foundation Inc., is supported by Caritas Australia. It helps communities to prepare for disasters, and adopt environmentally friendly practices.

Aloma's training in disaster risk reduction empowered her to take a leadership role in her community in caring for the environment. She manages logistics during natural disasters, and encourages the families in her village to plant mangroves for land conservation.

The program also offers guidance on working together for the common good. As a result, Aloma says, "All the skills that I learned, I pass on to friends and neighbours."



## 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.

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

**BIBLE STUDY. The Gospel of John.** On Wednesdays, 26th April, 3rd May and 10th May in Meeting Room St Finbars, 7.30-9pm. Bring a Bible. Gideon Goosen: telephone 47395273. Please see notice board for more information.

**THE YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS SCHEDULED FOR EASTER SUNDAY WILL BE CANCELLED .**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Geoffrey McNay, Joseph Ryan, 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:** Peter O'Keefe (Beth Gibbeson's brother) , 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:** Merle Lemmon, Max Callaghan, Banda Nassif, John Gibson, James Sims, Wallace Whye, Margaret Noonan, John Downes, Mary McAtamney, Joan Barker, Kevin O'Duffy, Holly O'Toole, Laura Wilson, Andrew Mason and Charles Hill.

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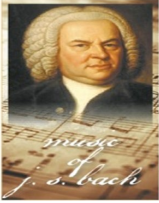
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**LEURA MEMORIAL GARDENS FUNERALS**



## 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 an entry collection. Suggested donation \$15 and \$10 concession.

### **PARISH PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING POLICY:**

The Diocese of Parramatta (the Diocese) recognises that parishioners take photographs at special occasions within the Church and at other parish events. A document outlining the Diocese's guidelines for parishioners when they want to share these photographs and/or videos on social media is located in **the Narthex**.

The Diocese is aware that parishioners enjoy taking photographs and videos at parish events and subsequently wish to share them on social media. The Diocese asks for parishioners' cooperation and care concerning the use and distribution of photographs and videos of other individuals, in particular, of children which were taken at parish events.

Why do I need to take care using and distributing photographs of other individuals?

Some individuals and families have real legal and safety issues which could put individual/s at risk if an image is made public online. More generally, it is respectful of the privacy of other members of the Church community to ask permission before posting an image online.

Even if social media settings are private, it is easy for images to become public, particularly if they are tagged or shared by others.

## SOLAR PANELS SAVING MONEY FOR PARISH

The solar panel installation is now working for us and saving on electricity costs for the parish. The latest bill from our electricity supplier shows a reduction of 75% compared to our last bill. This is because we are using all the energy we produce ourselves, and only calling on our supplier when our demand exceeds what we can supply (e.g. on dull wet days and at night etc.). Once again, many thanks to all who contributed to this initiative in our parish.

**THE HOLY THURSDAY** collections will be for the support of the clergy and Seminarians in the Missions.

### GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION:

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. This collection is sent to the Holy Land Commissariat to promote the missionary work of the church. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus, many of which parishioners would have visited on various pilgrimages. Last year Australian Catholics donated more than \$1.3 million to this cause. You are asked to give generously again this year, and to pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

**MUSICIAN'S THANK YOU:** On behalf of the parish community, I would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all the musicians and the IT team for putting in the hard work and hours of practice in preparation for our Holy Week Easter celebration. Your effort is greatly appreciated. Matthew Phillips.

**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION,** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 1:30 pm. Praise & worship, Reconciliation, Divine Mercy Chaplet – 2:30 pm.

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### Sacraments

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

**Office Hours:** 8.30am - 4.00pm  
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## ROSTER FOR 15 AND 16 APRIL 2017 EASTER WEEKEND

Liturgical Ministries	Easter Vigil Separate Roster	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan		Rodney Moffitt	Dawn Willis
Senior Server		Andrew Teece	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Easter Vigil Separate Roster		Andy Rogers Alex Walker
Thurifier			
Warden		Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer			Peter & Trish Hurley
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading		Maura Williams	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading		Geraldine Lohan	Kylie Lane
Intercession		John De Mattia	Ruth Gott
I.T Operator		Ralph Maples	Sean Farrell
Musicians			Ruth's Group
Presentation of the Gifts		Rivas Family	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Easter Vigil Separate Roster	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Margaret Rivas	Therese Luczak Annisia Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins Volunteer please Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Ken Townsend		
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