

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year C
6th & 7th of April 2019

Isaiah 43:16-21; Ps 125; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Sunday 7th April <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Youth Group Year 7 & up.	<p><i>St. Finbar's Parish would like to welcome Father Paul Hanna for the Vigil Mass, Father Mick O'Callaghan for the 7.30am and 9.30am and Father Michael for the Youth Mass</i></p> <p><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p> <p>Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent. Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet. The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving. Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA</i></p>	
Monday 8th April	<u>No weekday Masses until Fr Jolly returns</u> 10.00am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R		
Tuesday 9th April	7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	<p>Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA</i></p>	
Wednesday 10th April	9.30am Playgroup P/C 6:15 Bridge lessons M/R 7.00pm Bridge P/C		
Thursday 11th April	1.30pm Bridge P/C 2.00pm SRE Orientation M/R 7.00pm Lenten Group M/R 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C		
Friday 12th April	1.00pm Bowlers 4.00pm Cambodia Concert Rehearsal P/C		
Saturday 13th April	11:30am Te Deum Choir practice. Church 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass 7.30pm Cambodian School Fund Raising Concert P/C		
Sunday 14th April <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C	<p><u>TIMEOUT TUESDAY, 16th April.</u> St Finbar's Parish Centre. 10am - 1pm. A very relaxing morning with great company.</p>	

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. Our Parish lies within the Traditional Country of the Darug people— The Aboriginal Custodians of our area.

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

GOOD FRIDAY AT ST FINBAR'S – MUSIC OF J. S. BACH AND SACRED READINGS - Friday 19th April at 7.30pm.

With beautiful music, appropriate readings, and a powerful devotional atmosphere, the traditional Good Friday service at St Finbar's will be one of the very special ceremonies during this year's Lenten Season. Offering choral and organ music of J. S. Bach, together with special readings and meditations, this annual service will feature several of the wonderful chorale settings from the Passions as well as two movements from the cantata Christ Lay in Death's Dark Bonds. The congregation will also participate, singing some of the great Passion hymns.

The Blue Mountains Chorale will be joined by Sydney City Organist, Robert Ampt, who will direct the choir as well as perform several Bach works on the organ. There will be a request for a suggested donation.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS will end this Sunday morning please remember to put your clocks back one hour.

EASTER ROSTERS - 2019.

We are still in need of a few more volunteers for the Easter Rosters, please put your name down if you can help. Thank you for all your help and support. Wishing you and your families a blessed Easter.

FATHER JOLLY'S MOTHER

The latest information from Fr Jolly concerning his mother is that she is still in a Coma Stage and they can only watch and wait. He sends his thanks to all parishioners for their prayerful support and care.

First Spiritual Exercises Retreat.

28 April – 25 May 2019

You don't need any special qualifications. All you need is the desire to open yourself to God and the generosity to take some practical steps to find time for prayer. Where you are now is where God is waiting for you.

The retreat takes the form of small groups (of 6-8 persons) facilitated by a Jesuit priest, **Fr. Meyo Obwanda**, from Kenya, meeting once per week over four weeks. Options for group-times & locations are available.

Brochure & Application Form are at the church entrance (or go to the Parish website).

For more details **Carol & Len Teodori-Blahut, 4758-7549; carol.len@me.com**

ANNUAL CONCERT FOR BUSH SCHOOL CAMBODIA

Our 2019 school fundraising concert will be held in St Finbar's Hall on Saturday 13th April, commencing 7.30pm.

We promise a night of lively musical entertainment, with a tasty supper and some great raffle prizes.

The cost is \$25 pp, \$45 for family, with some concessions available.

To book, phone Doug on 0403 303 943 or 47015459.

Some tickets will be available at the door. Also see the flyer in the Narthex.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Paul Trevaskis, David Burke, Eva Lynch, Joyce Farnham (Ray and Sue Farnham's mother), Lucy Groves, Patricia Psaila, Joan Kelly and Arthur Rosario (June Bouche's Father).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Margaret Rivas, Ryder Lopez, Maria Macri, Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Chris Paine, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Josephine Teece, Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, Jacqui Visser, Elise Doyle, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Little Majella, Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson) and Moira Mercer (Eileen Jones' sister).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Mary Kiel, Agnes Collins, John Gibson, James Sims, Wallace Whye, Margaret Noonan, John Downes, Mary McAtamney, Joan Baker, Kevin O'Duffy and Holly O'Toole.

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*...saddest
journey of
the human
heart"*

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ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

Positions Vacant

- Risk Officer - Diocese of Parramatta
- Sacramental Coordinator - Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens Parish

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

- Transition Housing Worker - CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

More details at: ccss.org.au

Palm Sunday Procession: 14 April

The annual Palm Sunday procession is on again. Process with Bishop Vincent from Parramatta Town Hall to St Patrick's Cathedral for a World Youth Day Mass and Event on Palm Sunday. Starting at 5:20pm.

Register at: parracatholic.org/cyp

Good Friday Night Walk: 19 April

Join over 1,500 youth and young adults on Good Friday from 10pm on one of two overnight 'routes of reflection' from either Guildford Parish or Blacktown Parish, through five parishes to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Registrations are mandatory. More details at: parracatholic.org/cyp

IFM Workshop: 24 April

The second half of life enrichment at the Institute for Mission offers an encouraging workshop for men and women who are over 50 years of age "From Invisible to Invincible - Embracing God's gift of years." Held on 24 April from 10am to 1pm and 1 May from 6pm to 9pm. Registration and questions welcome to Sr Grace 02 9296 6369 or grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au.

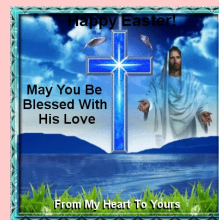
Divine Mercy Devotion: 28 April

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions will be held at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith. Starts at 2.30pm 28 April and includes: Blessing of Divine Mercy Image; Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Stations of the Cross; Homily and Benediction; Reconciliation until 4pm; Afternoon tea 4.15pm - 5.15pm; Divine Mercy Mass at 6pm.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session: 11 May

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at the IFM Blacktown on 11 May 2019 from 10am to 12pm. For further information, visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or contact Deacon Willy Limjap 0428 332 619 or Deacon George Bryan 0408 440 769.

ST FINBAR'S EASTER TIMETABLE:



Sat/Sun 13th & 14th April: Palm Sunday.
Normal Mass and Reconciliation time Saturday at 4.45pm

NB— Mass will commence outside the church

Second Rite of Reconciliation on Monday the 15th of April 7:30pm

at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains

Thursday 18th of March: Holy Thursday
Mass at 7:30pm
Altar of Repose until 10pm

Friday 19th of April: Good Friday
Stations of the Cross 10am

Passion of Our Lord 3pm

Saturday 20th of April: Easter Vigil
Vigil celebrations at 7.30pm

Sunday 21st of April: Easter Sunday
Masses at 7.30am and 9.30am

Annual Seminar - Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Services together with the Catholic Tribunal Office hosts an Information Seminar on Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church.

The evening is open to anyone who is interested in gaining a greater understanding of the Annulment Process. **Date:** Tuesday 7th May. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm. **Venue:** St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta (onsite parking via Victoria Rd). **No charge:** Donations welcome. **Registration Essential:** PH: 8843 2575 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

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ROSTER FOR 13TH & 14TH APRIL 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	John Verhoeven	Volunteer please	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Katia Apps		Rocco Siciliano Emily Dowling Nicola De La Mare
Warden	Ken Schneiders Chris O'Meara	Volunteer please	Kylie Mills
Welcomer	Margaret Moore		Lukas & Kristina Rajnoch
1 st Reading	Gerard Egan	Ann Keating	Irene Aligno
2 nd Reading	Joe Grange	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Amanda Moore
I.T Operator	Thais Turner	Terry Keogh	Jim McLoughlin
Musician	M. Taylor & M. Phillips		Naomi's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh & Margaret Christensen
Minister of Communion	Sybil Mason Thea Robertson Brian Robertson Margaret Richards	Kath Tierney Jim Tierney Gwen Cullinan Ann Keating	Avril Llewellyn John Mullane Gerard Egan Juliana Khnouf
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday		
Cashier	Margaret Christensen & Joe Grange		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Liz & Darren Dukes.		
Church Care	Julie Fehon, Tania Walker, Janette Ankers, Lynda Favell & Kylie Lane		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Beth Culliver		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Neil Evans & Helen Keogh		

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