

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

13th & 14th April 2019

Entrance Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 21; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47



St. Finbar's Parish would like to welcome Father Mick O'Callaghan for the Weekend Masses

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE

Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C
Monday 15th April	9.00am Fun Singers 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 6.30pm Stations of the Cross Rehearsal 7.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Way—Emu Plains
Tuesday 16th April	10.00am Timeout Tuesday M/R 7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Wednesday 17th April	6.15 Bridge lessons M/R 7.00pm Bridge P/C
Thursday 18th April <i>Thursday of the Lord's Supper</i>	1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm The Lord's Supper 9.00– 10.00pm The Altar of Repose
Friday 19th April <i>The Passion of the Lord</i> <i>Fast & Abstinence from meat</i>	10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm The Passion of the Lord 7.30pm Good Friday Bach Meditation Concert
Saturday 20th April <i>Holy Saturday</i>	11.30am Te Deum Choir practice. Church 7.30pm The Easter Vigil of the Holy Night
Sunday 21st April <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass

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RETURN
PROJECT
COMPASSION
BOXES SO
THEY CAN
FORM PART
OF THE
OFFERINGS
ON
HOLY
THURSDAY
EVENING.**

Warning:

*Incense will be
used on Holy
Thursday and
Easter Vigil
Masses.*



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

You may have noticed over the last couple of weeks that the Blessed Sacrament is NOT currently reserved in the tabernacle adjacent to the altar. You might also have noticed that the light is off and the veil is missing from the tabernacle. The reason is because there is a mechanical problem with the tabernacle mechanism meaning it cannot be closed or locked. This is being addressed. The Blessed Sacrament IS reserved in the tabernacle within the sacristy, where the light is on and the tabernacle veil is in place. As soon as practicable the Blessed Sacrament will be returned to the tabernacle adjacent to the altar.

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

MINI-RETREAT EXPERIENCE WITH DR BONNIE THURSTON

Through our fortunate new support of Marist Brother, Mark O'Connor, it's great to be able to invite those able and keen to enjoy a mini-retreat day on Tuesday 7th May. It's a four-hour time from 10am-2pm at the Institute for Mission at Blacktown. We'll put on nibbles and refreshments to have during the time and enjoy a break for your BYO lunch as part of the day. For RSVP please check the flyer on the notice board.

FUN SINGERS. This Monday the 15th of April.

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.

First Spiritual Exercises Retreat (Jesuit Retreat).

This is an excellent form of retreat for busy people, since it links prayer with our experiences and helps us to recognise the presence of the Lord in a variety of happenings. Your prayer is done alone, at home or in some quiet place, and at a time convenient to you. The retreat takes the form of weekly small groups (April 29 to May 24). **Brochure & Application Form** are at the church entrance.

If opting for the BOOK, please have your application form & payment to the Lawson parish office by this Wednesday (17th) for ordering purposes. For more details **Carol & Len Teodori-Blahut, 4758-7549; carol.len@me.com**

Easter Sunrise Service

Elizabeth Lookout—Glenbrook

Date: Sunday, 21st April 2019

Time: 6am (sunrise is 6.21am)

Location: Elizabeth Lookout, Glenbrook. Gates open 5.30am – enter via vehicle track that branches off to the right on the Northern end of Barnet St (keep to the right on track).

Bring: Chair or rug. Hot cross buns and tea/coffee to be shared. Easter egg hunt for kids.

An initiative of The Glenbrook-Blaxland Inter-church Group.

This is an ecumenical, non-denominational service. All welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Robyn Price (pat Psaila's sister), Paul Trevaskis, David Burke, Eva Lynch, Joyce Farnham (Ray and Sue Farnham's mother), Lucy Groves and Patricia Psaila.

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:

Pauline Perkins, Max Callaghan, Laura Wilson, Andrew Mason, Robert Hill, Daniel Newman, Mathieu Fransen, Patricia Young, Leonard Mott, Rein Bruinsma, Benjamin Lowe and Baby Gwen Fielden.

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to love,
and then to
part is the..."*



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

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

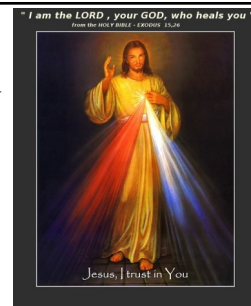
The Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. The message of The Divine Mercy is that God loves all of us, no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others, so that everyone will share in His joy. The message is a reminder of what the Church has always taught: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness.

We can remember the Divine Mercy message by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for God's Mercy

B - Be merciful to others

C - Completely trust in Jesus.



Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday – 28th of April 2019 – St. Bonaventure's Church Leura

Are having a celebration at 3pm followed by Mass at 5pm. Please come "Jesus said: The Souls that go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on this day will obtain complete remission of all sins and punishment".

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration Sunday 28 April 2019. Main Celebrant: Fr. Adam Crouch MGL. Guest Speaker: Fr. Michael Giteau Galhuku @ St. Thomas Aquinas Church 168 Hawkesbury Rd. Springwood - 1.30pm Blessing of Divine Mercy Image, Reconciliation, Praise, Reflection, Divine Mercy Chaplet. 2.30pm - Holy Mass, Veneration of the Mercy Image and Personal Prayer and Healing Ministry.

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.

A sincere thank you to all the St Finbars parishioners who have been so generous in their prayers, well wishes, flowers and food for me since my recent illness. I am home from hospital and recovering slowly. What a wonderful group of people we are blessed with in our parish. May God bless you, regards Margaret Rivas.

TIMEOUT TUESDAY, 16th April.

St Finbar's Parish Centre. 10am - 1pm.

A very relaxing morning with great company.

ST FINBAR'S CHURCH PRAYER WALK (located

at rear of church) - With Holy Week in mind, parishioners are invited to spend a few minutes in walking around the church on the path, which is more formally known as the 'Prayer Walk'. The gardens are much improved and provide visual delight, a communing with nature and a sense of peace. So, take time to wander the path for a little relax. If you can assist by having any children stay to the paths, the plants will thank you!

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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ROSTER FOR 20TH & 21ST APRIL 2019

Liturgical Ministries	Holy Thursday 7.30pm	The Lord's Passion 3.00pm	7.30 pm Easter Vigil	7.30 am Easter Sunday	9.30 am Easter Sunday
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
Incense	Anaru Veitch		Anaru Veitch		
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll Ahyiesha D'Souza Deacon Tan	Martin Rogers Deacon Tan	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Volunteer Please	Ethan Cameron	Volunteer Please		Andy Rogers Ann & Alex Walker
Warden	Rodney Moffitt	Rodney Moffitt	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Volunteers Please		Volunteers Please		Volunteers Please
1 st Reading	Carl Moll	Maire Griffin	Eileen Jones Allan Jones Volunteer Please	Maura Williams	Carmel Higgins
2 nd Reading	Joanne Stubbs	Beth Culliver	Beth Culliver	Geraldine Lohan	Volunteer Please
Gospel Readers		N: Dawn Willis D: Ken Schneiders C: Terry Keogh			
Intercession	Patricia Murnane	Elizabeth Konza Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	John De Mattia	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operator	Robyn Flynn		Henry Hanko	Ellen Teece	Patrick Watson
Music	Naomi's Group	Holy Light & Youth Choir	Matthew Phillips & Choir	--	J. Long & A. Hobbs
Minister of Communion	Brian Robertson Thea Robertson Huia Kingi Lorraine Brown Mila Svehla Pat Barrett Sue McGrath		Brian Robertson Thea Robertson Huia Kingi Lorraine Brown Gerard Egan Margaret Richards Sybil Mason	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh Jean Di Nucci Volunteer Please	Therese Luczak Annisia Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins

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St Finbar's Glenbrook, Finance Committee Meeting Report for 19.3.19

The Parish Finance Committee met on Tuesday 19th of March. It was decided to share with our parishioners the impact of your valuable financial contributions and how it has assisted in reducing the parish debt. Below is a detailed summary of where your contributions are used and how our debt has been reduced by some 60% in the past 5 years or so. Other items of discussion included:

The parish has completed the revaluing of the parish assets which includes the land, buildings and the organ.

The completion and payment for the wonderful stained-glass window.

Ideas to moderate any extreme hot/cold conditions in the church, which may include air conditioning.

Provision of a maintenance program for our assets and also about centralizing all information about the physical infrastructure including all aspects of the buildings, including internet, electricity, gas, and water provision.

Investigating the creation of a small columbarium within the prayer walk at the rear of the church.

Thank you for all your contributions. Carl Moll, Chairperson Finance Committee

Some Finance Facts for St Finbar's Glenbrook as at March 2019

Our Income:

Sunday's First Collection: goes entirely to the Diocese to be shared across all parishes to assist the living expenses of priests. <i>Therefore, some money is returned to St Finbar's to assist funding of living expenses of the parish priest, apart from his car and phone/internet usage. The parish funds the difference. Fr Jolly's modest living expenses and his respect for parish financial needs are highly appreciated.</i> <i>However, even with Fr Jolly's actions, in recent times the first collection donations have fallen to below what we are receiving back from the Diocese!</i>	The Second Collection: <i>stays within the parish</i> It is gained through - the envelope system, loose cash, regular credit card donations regular direct debit donations What is it used for? All parish running expenses, including parish ministries eg. Youth, SRE program, financial support for Fr Jolly's needs, hospitality, insurance, liturgical costs, rates, electricity, water, repairs and maintenance, wages, superannuation, office expenses including computer/photocopier costs and all other costs that occur from time to time. Our largest debt is the Bank Loan - currently liability is \$185,271.76 plus interest which will total approximately \$9000 in the 2018-2019 financial year.	Other Income: Donations from parishioners for specific projects, eg. stained glass window. Modest to small income through: Non-specific donations Advertisements in the Bulletin Church hall hire Piety Stall sales
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Parramatta Catholic Foundation (old Diocesan Works Fund DWF) – Parramatta Catholic Foundation needs to raise \$2.5 million annually to sustain the works of the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains - including the formation of our seminarians, providing Christian education in public schools, the empowering of our disabled with job training, supporting our deaf and housing vulnerable single mothers facing homelessness. *Parramatta Catholic Foundation* supports Holy Spirit Seminary, The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Ephpheta Centre and CatholicCare.

To support the funding needs of the Foundation there are 4 Parish appeals per year. Each Parish is given a quota which is related to the income of the particular parish in the prior financial year. Parishioners are asked to donate to the fund and parishes are expected to make up the balance so that the target is reached. Recently Glenbrook's donations have not reached the target and our current financial needs mean that we are significantly in arrears.

Current and future financial considerations include: (random order)

Completion of bank loan repayment in the next few years.

Provide more support to parish pastoral and educational needs especially through existing parish groups. We've managed to allocate more resources for 2018-2019 but we want to do better.

Repay the arrears owing to the Catholic Foundation.

Consider the feasibility of air conditioning of the church.

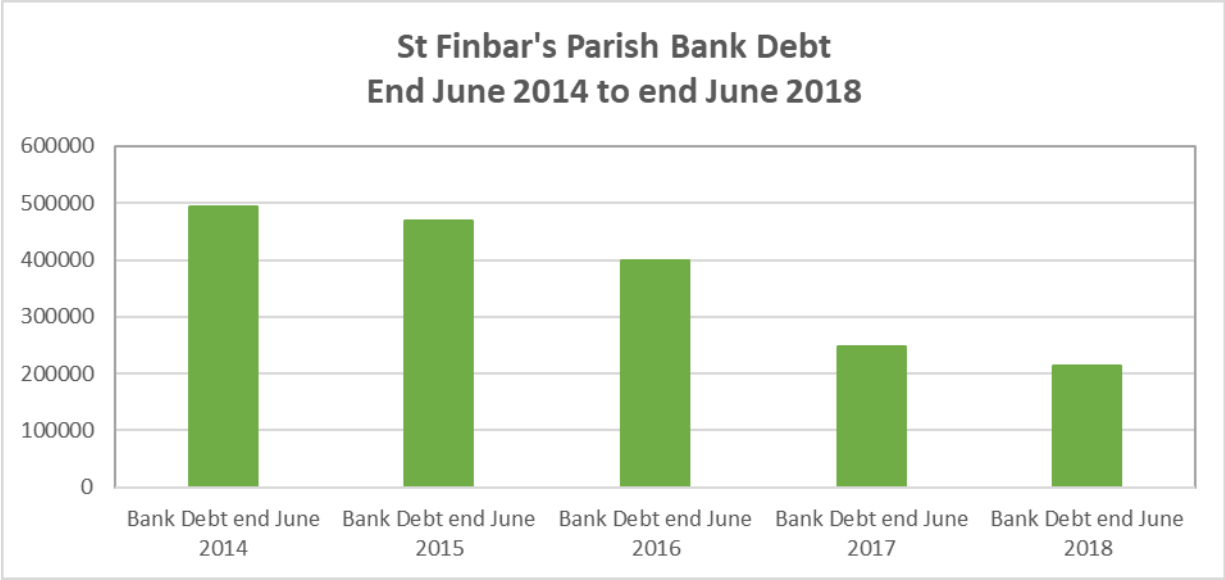
Attend to some more costly maintenance needs of the church and other buildings including the presbytery. Some of this maintenance needs to take place in 2019.

Replacement car for Fr Jolly when his car is no longer sustainable.

Below are 2 graphs regarding our progress towards eliminating our bank loan.

It is hoped that you will be pleased. Your ongoing financial support through the Second Collection has created this result! We want to recognize the faithful patience that you display with the many dreams you hold for the future for our parish while we all work to achieve real financial viability and sustainability. We too share these same dreams.

With good wishes, *Carl Moll, Finance Committee Chairperson on behalf of the Finance Committee.*



Beyond ongoing parishioner monetary contributions, the significant actions which have contributed to the marked reduction of bank debt over a relatively short period of time are:

- the astute stewardship (and worry) by Fr Jolly to help us meet our financial obligations;
- the renegotiation of the bank loan to more favourable arrangements which includes paying down the loan amount (the capital) at a faster rate than previously;
- reviewing various parish accounts such as electricity provider and the photocopier supplier to achieve better terms and at a cheaper price;
- developing realistic and affordable annual budgets.

