



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

20th & 21st April 2019

Easter Sunday, Year C

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 117; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9



Christ Is Risen, Alleluia

Joy of Easter:

On behalf of Father Jolly and the Parish Staff, we wish you all many blessings of Easter 2019

Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass	Thursday 25th April	9.00am ANZAC Day Mass 1.30pm Bridge. P/C
Monday 22nd April	<u>No weekday Masses until Fr Jolly returns</u>	Friday 26th April	1.00pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 23rd April	7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice	Saturday 27th April	Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm– 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 24th April	6.15pm Bridge Lessons M/R 7.00pm Bridge P/C	Sunday 28th April Divine Mercy Sunday	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism

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 .

THE STAINED-GLASS WINDOW! - What does it mean? Part 1 of 3 weeks of information



The new addition to our northern window is the major and second part of a three-part stained-glass window. It was planned at the time of the building of our lovely church with the blue section being completed with finances available at that time. During 2018 the parish was gifted with a generous donation from the estate of Father Brian Larkey who, by 1995 and with the support of parishioners, turned the wish for a new church into a reality. This 2nd part has been funded by Fr Larkey with the addition of contributions from individual parishioners in 2018.

Father Larkey had a deep appreciation of the 'Australian' style of Catholicism which is shaped by distance and the environment in which we live. Additionally, he showed a great respect and interest in Aboriginal culture especially in its artistic expression. The fact of our location within the Blue Mountains National Park, a World Heritage area, is a fundamental factor in design.

Elements of our Church reflect these understandings, such as: the ochre-coloured glass in the ceiling, the use of natural elements, the symbolism and decoration of the main doors, the symbols on the altar, chair and ambo; the baptismal font.

First Spiritual Exercises Retreat.

28 April – 25 May 2019

Last chance to take up this great opportunity. You are invited to take time out:

- For reflection about life and its many challenges
- To allow God's word to sink more deeply into your inner self to nourish and restore you.

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**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Eli Chacko (Father Jolly's Mother), 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:

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 and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Eleanor Morgan, Grace Walkley, Alan Bryan, Madge Boylan, Raymond Merchant, Kathleen Moore and Wayne Portelli,

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to love,
and then to
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*...saddest
journey of
the human
heart"*

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ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners.

It is with sadness I inform you that Eli Chacko, beloved mother of Fr. Jolly passed away on Sunday the 14th of April.

Please remember her and Fr. Jolly's family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE AND THE FEAST OF MERCY

On February 22nd, 1931 our Lord appeared to St Faustina in a vision wearing a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. Jesus asked her to paint His image with the signature 'Jesus I trust in You'. The two rays symbolise water, which makes souls righteous, and blood, which is the life of souls. 'These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father.' (Diary 299). On numerous occasions Jesus asked that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that it be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Pope Saint John Paul II granted this Feast on the occasion of the canonization of St Faustina on 30 April 2000.



You are invited to join in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after the 5.30pm and 9.30am Masses next weekend. It only takes about 15 minutes and is prayed using rosary beads.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

Happy Easter from Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and the Diocese of Parramatta.

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.

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.

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Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

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ROSTER FOR 27TH & 28TH APRIL 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Volunteer please	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Riley Farrell & Ethan Cameron		Anna & Marco Santoro
Warden	Huia Kingi	Volunteer please	Gary Clune
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Mary Creenaune	Elizabeth Rowe
2 nd Reading	Volunteer Please	Margaret Dickson	Greg Rowe
Intercession	Jacqui Visser	Kevin Flynn	Patricia Murnane
I.T Operator	Eleanor Thompson	Andrew Teece	Joseph Marceau
Musician	M. Phillips & M. Taylor		Holy Light
Presentation of the Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Ann & Ray Keating	Tom Torrance
Minister of Communion	Vince Dobson Noreen Taylor Lorraine Brown Allan Jones	Terry Madden Ann Keating Jean Di Nucci Volunteer Please	Mila Svehla Elizabeth Rowe Greg Rowe Todd Stanford
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Lorraine Brown		
Hospitality	Tom Torrance, Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young & Beth Killeen		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Ann Marie King		

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