

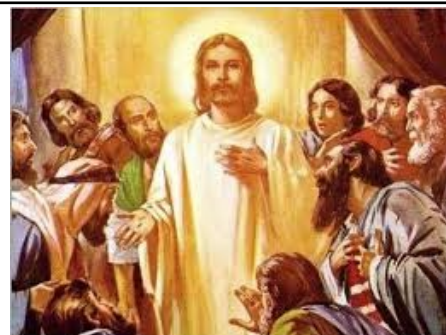
The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
Second Sunday of Easter—of Divine Mercy

27th & 28th of April 2019

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 117; Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Sunday 28th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter—Of Divine Mercy</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism	<p><i>We welcome back Father Mick O'Callaghan this Weekend.</i></p> <p><i>Father Jolly has been delayed and hopefully he will be with us by next weekend.</i></p> <p><i>Reflection on the Gospel</i></p>
Monday 29th April <i>St. Catherine of Siena</i>	5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	
Tuesday 30th April	7.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Netball Meeting P/C	<p>The readings for the Sundays after Easter all provide mystagogical catechesis for the entire church, with a special emphasis for the newly baptised. This instruction is meant to help us recognise the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst. The overarching theme for the Second Sunday of Easter is the celebration of this presence in several manifestations. While we might seek some obvious, tangible manifestation, each reading speaks of the presence of Christ in a way that we would not expect Christ to be present. He is there in the very throes of sickness, in fear and doubt, in the celebration of the liturgy. These presences challenge us to go beneath appearances, beneath the mundane and banal of life, and there discover the risen Lord in personal mystical experience, in the ministry of the believing community, and in the transformative possibilities of the liturgy. Experiences of the Risen Lord are not reserved for extraordinarily holy people. Any one of us can be invited into a deep personal encounter when we least expect it, in the most unlikely places, with effects that overwhelm us. In fact, the Risen Christ is always just around the next corner, eager to enter our lives with the transforming power of the resurrection. Being part of a community of believers in prayer can be one of the most profound religious experiences. It not only transforms the present, but it also entrusts us with a vision of what is yet to be, an eschatological hope for a glorious future.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA</i></p>
Wednesday 1st May	9.30am Playgroup P/C 9.30am CCD Meeting M/R 7.00pm Bridge P/C	
Thursday 2nd May <i>St. Athanasius</i>	1.30pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm International Dance Group P/C	
Friday 3rd May <i>Sts. Philip & James</i>	10.30am Funeral Mass for Margaret Mead 1.00pm Bowlers	
Saturday 4th May	11.30am Te Deum Choir practice. Church 4.30pm Reconciliation Preparation Meeting P/C 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 5th May <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptism 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group Yr7 & up P/C	<p>SUNDAY BAPTISMS:</p> <p>The Parish joyfully announces the Baptisms of Ruby & Lily Fagan, Audrey Dodson and Harper Schwass this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.</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



THE STAINED-GLASS WINDOW! - WHAT DOES IT MEAN? PART 2 OF 3 WEEKS OF INFORMATION.

The stained-glass window aims to represent the creative and restorative power of God by using: water, fire and nature elements. Symbols reflect the Old and New Testament and the rejuvenation elements and the epicormic (sprouting) growth that is seen in the Australian bush after bush fire.

Contemplation of the total design:

The colours, images and symbols aim to convey the central Christian belief of the resurrection of Christ and of those who die and rise with Him in Baptism. It is this feeling of the human being before the transcendent God that the images try to capture.

The Easter season is a great time to use our stained-glass window for reflection. It is an Easter story!

*" Sincere thanks to all parishioners who attended or otherwise supported our Variety Concert for Bush School Cambodia on 13th April.
A very enjoyable and successful evening raised \$4,500 for the school, ensuring funds for this year".*

Prepare to reach beyond...

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. **Overseas Catholic communities** are inviting you to **immerse yourself** for 1 to 2 years.

If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by **sharing them with our global family!**

Come for **Global Mission Info:**
Sunday May 26th @ 10:30am
Aquinas Academy
141 Harrington Street,



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Reach Beyond

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Mead, Eli Chacko (Father Jolly's Mother), Robyn Price (Pat Psaila's Sister), Paul Trevaskis, David Burke, Eva Lynch, Lucy Groves, Patricia Psaila and Vala Luczak (Theresa Luczak's Mother in Law).

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:

Cheryl Kirton, James Gormly, Letitia Osborne, Katie Jones, Alicia Snaith, Raymond Roberts, John Tregillgas, Dennis Lohan, Marjorie Aussel, Angela Pereira, David Apps, Tadeusz Bojec and Jonathan Baines.

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EASTER CEREMONIES:

Thanks to the huge effort by many parishioners, our Easter celebrations went very well and were a source of great joy to many people. Several of our visiting priests remarked on how well we all seemed to co-operate for a wonderful outcome.

There is a special need to thank all the choirs for the magnificent music and singing. Thanks also to the Acolytes and Senior and Junior Servers for coping with the unexpected on several occasions, to Helen for the beautiful flower arrangements, to all the ministers who undertook their various roles, to the IT Developers and Operators, and especially to the members of the Liturgy Committee for shouldering most of the liturgical preparation for each of the ceremonies.

THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

The Chaplet was revealed to St Faustina through a series of visions, starting September 13, 1935:

"I saw an Angel, the executor of God's wrath... about to strike the earth...I began to beg God earnestly for the world with words which I heard interiorly. As I prayed in this way, I saw the Angel's helplessness, and he could not carry out the just punishment...."

The following day an inner voice taught her to say this prayer on ordinary rosary beads. In subsequent revelations, the Lord made it clear that the Chaplet was not just for her, but for the whole world. He also attached extraordinary promises to its recitation.

Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death (Diary 687). When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior (Diary 1541). Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this Chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy (Diary 687). I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy (Diary 687).



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or contact Adriana on 0422 688

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

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. To register, please contact mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

Interfaith Relations after Christchurch: 10 May

CCD invites all parishioners and friends to attend "Christian-Muslim Relationships after Christchurch - Our Responsibility," presented by Rev Dr Patrick McNerney, Director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations on Friday 10 May at the IFM Blacktown. Please register with Maree on 02 8838 3486.

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/

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ROSTER FOR 4TH & 5TH MAY 2019

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Volunteer please	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	Carl Moll	Volunteer Please
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin		Grace Incorvil & Keira Vermaak
Warden	Vince Dobson Allan Jones	Volunteer please	Steve Newton
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	John De Mattia	Pearse Cremin
2 nd Reading	Eileen Jones	Mary Creenaune	Volunteer Please
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Margaret Dickson	Steve Newton
I.T Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Elizabeth Konza	Sean Farrell
Musician			J. Long & A. Hobbs
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl Stanis Drobiszewski	Volunteers Please
Minister of Communion	Kylie Mills John Verhoeven Sandra O'Meara Chris O'Meara	Margaret Dickson Ian Dickson Colleen Fuller John Killeen	Garry Pursehouse Wendy Brown Sue McGrath Bernie Fisher
Children's Liturgy	Melissa		
Cashier	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Tom Torrance & Vicky Ang		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson & St. Finbar's Playgroup		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Carmel Higgins		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Michael Lloyd & John Killeen		

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