


The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
4th Sunday of Lent – Year A

21st & 22nd March 2020

Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps 22; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41; Eucharistic Prayer 2

		Reflection on the Gospel
Sunday 22nd March 4th Sunday of Lent	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptisms	<p>Today's gospel reading is the second in a series of three quite lengthy readings from the gospel of John that are a feature of the Lenten season in Year A of the liturgical cycle. The three readings address three significant themes and images: water; light; and new life. Although today's passage is about the healing of a blind man, the event takes place as part of a longer section of the gospel dealing with the image of light and specifically the image of Jesus as Light of the World. The question asked by the disciples at the opening of this event is an interesting one. They ask, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' In Jewish culture at the time, any physical affliction was deemed to be punishment from God for sinful behaviour. As the man had been born blind, the suspicion falls on his parents as having committed such a terrible offence against God that their son is born blind. Jesus immediately rejects this interpretation of the man's affliction. Physical and mental illnesses or disabilities are in no way punishment from God. Although the man's physical sight is restored by Jesus simply enough, his journey from darkness into light is a more complicated affair. He faces disbelief, ridicule and even abuse from the Jewish authorities as they try to discredit Jesus and diminish the impact of the miracle. In fact, their treatment of the man is what drives him along the road from recipient of an act of mercy to a confirmed believer. Furthermore, the Jewish authorities, despite their physical capacity for sight, are shown to be the ones who are truly blind and trapped in darkness because they deny the light that is before their very eyes.</p> <p><i>Reflection by Greg Sunter</i></p> <p>Please note that the Special Parish Plenary Outcome Presentation and The Good Samaritan Appeal that were scheduled for this weekend have been postponed to a later date during the year.</p>
Monday 23rd March	9.00am Mass	
Tuesday 24th March	9.00am Mass	
Wednesday 25th March <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary	
Thursday 26th March	9.00am Mass	
Friday 27th March	9.00am Mass	
Saturday 28th March	9.00am Mass 5.30pm Vigil Mass	<p>SUNDAY BAPTISMS: The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Knox Schaumann, Audrey Bellman and Archie Bellman this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.</p> 
Sunday 29th March 5th Sunday of Lent	7.30am Mass 9.30am 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.

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

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

SUNDAY MASS DISPENSATION

Starting from this weekend (4th Sunday in Lent) all Catholics in the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligations until further notice (Canon 1248 #2 and Catechism 2181).

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. As part of the parish procedures to limit the spread of the coronavirus, we will not be passing around the collection plates during Mass. You are asked to put your donations to the first and second collections in the appropriate containers in the Narthex either before or after Mass. Please be generous as the parish relies on your financial support to survive and to help those in need.

CANCELLATION OF CONCERT

MUSIC OF J.S. BACH AND SACRED READINGS FOR GOOD FRIDAY

It is with a heavy heart that the decision has been made to cancel this year's Good Friday Meditation at St Finbar's. This decision is in line with Government recommendations concerning gatherings of people and especially with the issue of rehearsals, with a number of singers all working in very close proximity to each other in a relatively small space. As this event is usually attended by many faithful supporters from a wide area, it would be good if you could let others know this sad news.

Judy Burrett. Secretary, St Finbar's Organ and Concert Committee.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Please note that some of the Parishioners received a fake emails signed by Father Jolly Chacko, Parish Priest, asking for money or gift cards. These emails are fake and have nothing to do with the Parish. We have notified the Diocese and they are working to try identify the source. Please don't transfer or buy anything and more importantly don't click on the link in the email. Thank you. *Juliana Khnouf*

MEMORIAL PLAQUES. The parish has a Memorial Wall along the prayer walk where parishioners can commission a plaque to remember those who have gone to their eternal rest. Forms are available in the parish office for anyone who would like to provide such a plaque.

PARISH GROCERY COLLECTION TO ASSIST THE ELDERLY IN OUR COMMUNITY

If you are able to access grocery stores, and can spare a non-perishable item or two, please leave these in the baskets for redistribution to elderly parishioners.

MEN'S BREAKFAST. "Another successful Men's breakfast was held on Saturday the 7th of March enjoyed by 42 in the parish hall. Special thanks to all who assisted, especially Lina Wiecek and the ladies in the kitchen. Without them this event would not be what it is.

Please diary the next date Saturday 30th May. Carl Moll"

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patrick Hanson, Patricia De Mattia, Ken Moore, Maureen Purcell, Veronica Blair (Marg Holden and Bly Miers Mother), Merle Catlin (Margaret Richard's Mother), Jim Barrett, Anthony Campbell (Alison Howard's Brother), Hilary Doyle, Denis (Mick) O'Sullivan, Robert Carey (Ann Keating's brother) and Joyce Slyney.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Maria Macri, Eugene Daley (Margaret Rivas' Friend), Ryder Lopez, Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Joan Paine, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Pam Clyne, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Elise Doyle, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Sophie Hollies, Colleen Nolan, Michelle Anthony and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Clare Druhan, Thelma Sparks, Thomas Boylan, Julia Gunning, Paul Trevaskis, Ruby Luland, Lyndall McManus, Debra Saporito, Patrick Mungovan, Colin Gott, Gareth Hogan and Jean Blencowe.

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EASTER ROSTER - 2020

It is this time of the year again when we are looking for volunteers to help with the Easter Rosters. We will need Readers, volunteers for Washing of the Feet. Ministers of Holy Communion, Senior Servers, Sacristans and Junior Servers. If you can help please put your name on the list on the board in the Narthex. Thank you for all your help and support.

CORONAVIRUS

SAFETY ADVICES AND TIPS

SYMPTOMS



FEVER



COUGH



SHORTNESS OF BREATH



SORE THROAT



HEADACHE

PREVENTION



WASH HANDS WITH WATER AND SOAP/SANITIZER, AT LEAST 20 SECONDS



AVOID CONTACT WITH SICK PEOPLE



DON'T TOUCH EYES, NOSE OR MOUTH WITH UNWASHED HANDS



WEAR A MASK



AVOID CROWDED PLACES



AVOID CONTACT WITH ANIMALS & ANIMAL



DO NOT SHARE EATING UTENSILS AND FOOD



DON'T EAT RAW FOOD THOROUGHLY COOK MEAT AND EGGS



AVOID TRAVELLING TO AFFECTED AREAS UNLESS NECESSARY

IF YOU ARE INFECTED



IF YOU BECOME SICK SEEK MEDICAL CARE IMMEDIATELY



STAY AT HOME



AVOID CONTACT WITH OTHERS



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Weddings: By Appointment

Office Hours: 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday to Friday

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ROSTER FOR 28TH & 29TH MARCH 2020

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Stuart Sheary
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Volunteer Please		Volunteer Please
Warden	Ken Schneiders	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
Welcomer	Carmel Dobson		Tom Torrance & Sue McGrath
1 st Reading	Eileen Jones	Maura Williams	Pearse Cremin
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Yvonne Scanlan
Intercession	Duane Parslow	John De Mattia	Joanne Stubbs
I.T Operator	Thais Turner	Robyn Flynn	Patrick Watson
Musician	N/A		N/A
Presentation of the Gifts	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minister of Communion	N/A	N/A	N/A
Children's Liturgy	N/A		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Lorraine Brown		
Hospitality	N/A		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Erika McNay, Ian Dickson, Heather & Steve Lee		
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	N/A		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Michael Lloyd & John Killeen		

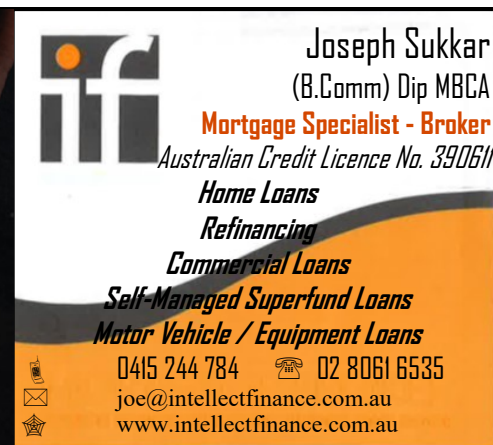


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