

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
**Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord**  
 3rd & 4th April 2021

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

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS

### Christ is TRULY RISEN

When I was in Germany, my friends from Greek Orthodox faith used to greet me at their celebration with these words: "Christos Anesti (Χριστός Ανέστη)". I then replied: "Alithos Anesti" (= "Truly, [Christ is] risen"). It is not just an Easter salute, but also in its core a profession of faith because Christ is really risen from the death. Recent years are marked by the bushfires, the pandemic, and floods. The resurrection of Christ reminds us that there is someone who is not only resilient when facing disturbances of life but is also victorious over death.

2021 is my first Easter celebration at St Finbars. I am so grateful for this blessing. During the weeks leading to the celebration of Easter, I have observed many parishioners who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. To the members of the liturgy committee who have taken the lead in the preparations of the church for the festivities, the IT developers who have prepared the PowerPoints, the musicians who have spent hours in practising songs, the gardeners who have cleared the church's grounds from weeds and other unwelcome filth, the hospitality team who have taken care of the well-being of parishioners, the church cleaners and florists who have polished and decorated the church, the finance committee that has organised the sandstones for the columbarium to be completed before the Easter celebration, the young families and youth group who have taken responsibility for the stations of the cross and the veneration of the cross, the wardens who recorded details and welcomed parishioners, the altar servers who assisted the liturgical celebration, and finally the parish office staff who organised readers, servers etc. - I want to express my immense gratitude for your responsible leadership. Such commitment is rare, and I am very proud and privileged to have witnessed it. Your generous giving to our parish is unmatched!

Once the great Saint Augustine addressed his hearers with these words: And so it is with us. After our dark night of struggling, gladsome light radiates upon us from the splendour of God our Saviour. As the psalmist sang, "You changed my mourning into dancing, you removed my sackcloth and clothed me in gladness." (see Ps 20:12). So this is a day of mercy, a day of forgiveness and deliverance. The living throb with joy, and the dead experience ineffable relief. Boundless, free, rapturous and radiant, this day is like "a thousand years in the presence of God"

[Ps 84:4], for it is truly "the day God has made." Whoever perseveres in loving God his whole life long will merit the grace of delighting eternally in this day—this day on which the saints will sing songs of bliss, be flooded with every sort of splendor, and share in their Savior's joy as they proclaim and re-echo in chorus: "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us exult and thrill with joy!"

May I joint St Augustine in wishing you a very blessed and hope filled Feast of Christ's resurrection.

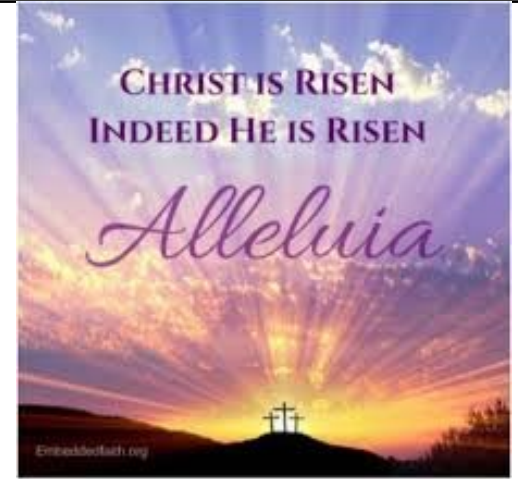
Christos Anesti (Χριστός Ανέστη)"

Fr. Joe

*A Special thanks to Naomi and Mark Cheeseman for their help and support in organising the church sound system and for their financial contribution toward the new system. May God bless them both and their family.*

Fr. Joe

## PARISH INFORMATION



### Parish Priest: Fr Joseph Lam OSA

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Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

### Web:

www.stfinbars.org.au

### Facebook:

Glenbrook Catholic Church  
St Finbar

### Parish School: Principal

Mrs Robyn Clarke

Phone: 4724 3600

**Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Monday to Thursday after Easter.**

**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 PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Terry Keogh  
Julie-Ann McLoughlin  
Joanne Stubbs  
Gabrielle Lynch  
Ahyiesha D'Souza  
Patrick Watson  
Leanne Brown (Not in photo)  
And Claire Brown (Not in photo)



## RE-INTRODUCTION OF OFFERTORY PROCESSION AND COLLECTIONS

With the easing of COVID restrictions, the parish will re-introduce the Offertory procession of the bread and wine from the second Sunday of Easter. New rosters will be prepared for those who would normally be involved in this ministry. Likewise, from the same date, the two collections will once again be taken up by the wardens during Mass, the first collection after the Prayers of the Faithful and the second collection after the prayer after Communion. We trust you will all quickly embrace these two changes.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Come & celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy with our Parish at

***St. Nicholas of Myra church, 326 High St. Penrith at 2.30pm on 11th of April 2021***

✻ Blessing of Divine Mercy Image

- ✻ Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ✻ Stations of the Cross
- ✻ Homily and Benediction
- ✻ Reconciliation till 5pm
- ✻ Afternoon tea from 4.15pm—5.15pm
- ✻ Divine Mercy Mass 6pm



## COLUMBARIUM IN ACTION MODE

The Columbarium is up and running with Fr Joe expected to perform the first Interment Rite during April. The sandstone capping has been installed and the final paths, cameras, lights and landscaping will follow. There is a test plaque in place, and this is the standard that the Columbarium Committee has set for all plaques. More than 40 niches have already been sold, with others being considered. Please contact Juliana on the new parish phone number of 4742 6958 if you would like any information about acquiring a niche.

You might also let friends and relatives know as the Columbarium is available for all.

## St. Finbar's Netball Club - Players Wanted

We have room for players in the following teams (no experience is necessary):

Under 8s x 1. Training is Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

12/13B x 2. Training is Thursday 7pm - 8pm

12/13C x 2. Training is Wednesday 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Inter C Swans. Training is Wednesday from 6.30pm - 7.45pm

U/8 - can be turning 6, 7 or 8 in 2021

12/13 - can be turning 12 or 13 in 2021

Inter C - can be turning 14, 15 or 16 in 2021

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## PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday 4th April</b> <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b>
<b>Monday 5th April</b>	<b>No Morning Mass/ office is closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 6th April</b>	<b>No Morning Mass/ office is closed</b> 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C
<b>Wednesday 7th April</b>	<b>No Morning Mass/ office is closed</b> 6.30pm Wedding Rehearsal 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Thursday 8th April</b>	<b>No Morning Mass/ office is closed</b> 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Friday 9th April</b>	<b>No 9.00am Mass</b> 11.30am Remembrance Mass for Elise Doyle followed by lunch in the Parish Hall  No Bowlers in the afternoon  5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
<b>Saturday 10th April</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> 12.30pm Joseph & Tammy Buttigieg wedding  4.45pm Confession  5.30pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 11th April</b> <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Baptisms</b> 4.00pm & 6pm Movie Day - Family Movie P/C

## PARRAMATTA DIOCES NOTICES

Yesterday, NSW Health wrote to us advising they have revised the COVID-19 guidelines for places of worship given the recently announced lockdown measures in Queensland. I trust that you are aware that there have now been several cases of community transmission detected in that state. The situation there increases the risk to your communities at this time, particularly vulnerable members of our parishes. Considering this, NSW Health has urged that we take the relevant precautions to protect our communities over this period. This includes requesting our parishioners who have been in the affected areas of Greater Brisbane since 20 March (Ipswich, Logan, Redlands, Moreton Bay and Brisbane Council Areas) to not attend religious services in person, in line with the current stay-at home requirements. Please also request that they consider their movements and whether they have been in any direct contact with people who may be visiting from those aforementioned areas during this period. Wearing of face masks at places of worship continues to be strongly recommended by NSW Health, especially indoors and when social distancing is not possible.

**Very Rev. Peter Williams,  
VG and Moderator of the Curia**



### SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY 11TH APRIL 2021**

**MOVIE DAY FUNDRAISER**

**FOR OUR PARISH YOUTH GROUP**

**4 PM FAMILY MOVIE + 6PM M RATED MOVIE**

Tickets are \$15 for 1, \$25 for 2, \$10 each for 3 or more

(Price includes sausage sandwich and popcorn)

Beverages and sweets will be available for purchase.



### ST. FINBAR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Enrolments are now open for 2022. If you require an enrolment pack for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us in the school office on 4724 3600 or send us an email [stfinbars@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stfinbars@parra.catholic.edu.au) and we can arrange a pack for you. If you have family or friends that have a child ready for school, please pass on our details and let them know enrolments are now open. We have regular tours booked throughout the year. Due to limited places, tours need to be booked through the school office. Enrolments for 2021 in grades K-6 are limited, however, we welcome your enquiry.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Noel Davis, Cary Dukes, Father Mick O'Callaghan, Shirley Konza, Terrence Fitzpatrick (Frank Fitzpatrick's brother), Patricia Watson (Jim Pope's sister), Colin Darby (Stephen Darby's Father), Michelle Anthony and Kathleen Griffin.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:**

Margaret Stevens, Lyn Beltran, Karen Single, Karen Bishop, Christine McGillion, Margaret Christensen, Adam Carlyon (Theresa Luczak's Son in Law), Ryder Lopez, Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Joan Paine, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Maddison Farrugia, Sophie Hollies, Colleen Nolan, Pam Clyne and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

John Burrowes, Imre Varga, Elizabeth Doyle, Mary Keil, Agnes Collins, John Gibson, James Sims, Wallace Whye, Margaret Noonan and John Downes.

**ROSTER FOR 10TH & 11TH APRIL 2021**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin	Joshua & Lucy	Emily Dowling & Sophie McDonald
Warden	Ken Schneiders	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Ann Keating	Irene Aligno
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Allan Jones	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Yvonne Scanlan
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Robyn Flynn	Joseph Marceau
Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	David & Dianne Shatford	Dorothea Walsh & Volunteer Please
Communion	Thea Robertson	Jim Tierney	John Mullane
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care			
Hospitality	Anne King, Daren & Liz Dukes, Lynne Atkinson		
Garden Club			

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**YOUTH NIGHT**

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH, GLENBROOK



**EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF  
EACH MONTH @ 6PM**

MASS: 6PM SUPPER: 7PM  
THE LOUNGE YOUTH GROUP: 7.30-8.30PM