



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
2nd Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord
(Divine Mercy Sunday)
10th & 11th April 2021

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 117; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Divine Mercy Sunday

Traditionally, the Catholic church celebrates on the second Sunday of Easter the divine mercy of God. Its history goes back to Poland where Sr. Faustina (nee Helena Kowalska) and Pope John Paul II were born. It was the same Pope who canonized Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. Since then, the second Sunday of Easter is declared the Sunday of Divine Mercy.

Addressing the pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis reflected on the Gospel reading of the day which recounts the parable of the Good Samaritan, a parable the Pope described as a treasure.

Mercy is the true face of love

"Mercy towards a human life in a state of need is the true face of love" Pope Francis said, explaining that it is by loving the other that one becomes a true disciple of Jesus and that the face of the Father is revealed.

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" he quoted from Luke the evangelist, highlighting the fact that God's Commandment to love one's neighbour for Christians is a single and coherent rule of life.

And commenting further on the parable of the Good Samaritan, the Pope pointed out that it is not us, on the basis of our criteria, who can define who is neighbour and who is not, but it is the person in need who must be able to recognize who his neighbour is, that is, "The one who treated him with mercy".

Pope Francis also reflected on the fact that it was no coincidence that Jesus chose the Samaritan as a positive figure.

"We know that the Jews treated the Samaritans with contempt, considering them strangers to the chosen people", he said pointing out that in this way he strove to overcome prejudice, showing that "even a foreigner, even one who does not know the true God and does not attend his temple, is able to behave according to His will, feeling compassion for his brother in need and helping him with all the means at his disposal".

The key to Christian life, the Pope reiterated, is in one's capacity to show compassion.

If you lack compassion, ask yourself whether your heart has turned to ice

"If before a person in need you do not feel compassion, if your heart is not moved, it means that there is something wrong," the Pope said.

"If you cross a homeless person on your path, and you pass by without looking at him, or thinking 'he's drunk,' do not ask yourself whether that man has had too much to drink, but whether your heart has stiffened and turned to ice," he continued.

Pope Francis concluded with a prayer to the Virgin Mary to help us to increasingly live that inseparable bond that exists between our love for God the Father, and a concrete and generous love for our brothers and sisters, and to give us the grace to grow in compassion.

Fr. Joe

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SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Conor Seán Lawlor and Axton James Van Der Steen who are going to be Baptised this Sunday and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.



***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

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

The Parish is hosting Australia's Biggest Morning tea in support of Breast Cancer on Friday the 7th of May 2021 at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Please save the date and feel free to invite as many friends as possible. Cash donations only will be accepted. If you are able to help on the day please contact the parish office on 47426958. Thank you for your generosity to support such a great cause.



ALL AGES WELCOME THIS 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.



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.

Bible Study. On Wednesdays for four weeks. Topic **Themes from John's Gospel.** Wednesday April 21 and 28 and May 5 and 12. Time: 7.30 pm -9.00pm.

Venue: phone Gideon Goosen on 0425 351 334 for further information.

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 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.



Charismatic Healing Mass. Mass will be followed by prayer for healing. Celebrant: Fr. Hugh Thomas CSSR, Sunday 18th APRIL, 2pm at **St Nicholas of Myra Church, Penrith** All welcome! Please register by texting 0427 327 471 and provide your Name and Phone Number for COVID.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION.

Topic: **The Catholic Priesthood: its New Testament Origins and Current Challenges:**

Tuesday 20th April, 7.30-9.00pm in Meeting Room, St Finbars. Gideon Goosen.

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

All training and games are held at the Lapstone Courts (Blue Mountains Netball Association).

Please contact Janette Ankers on 0438672040

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PARISH CALENDAR

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Sunday 11th April <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptisms 4.00pm & 6pm Movie Day - Family Movie P/C
Monday 12th April	No Morning Mass office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
Tuesday 13th April	9.00am Mass 10.00am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 7.00pm Combined Pastoral & Finance Committee Meeting P/C
Wednesday 14th April	9.00am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Columbarium Meeting M/R
Thursday 15th April	10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea. 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C
Friday 16th April	9.00am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Saturday 17th April	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 18th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C

Young Adult Faith Formation: 11 April

Young Adult faith formation sessions continue on Sunday 11 April at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury, at 7pm. Christian Stephens will speak and lead discussion on the topic of Jesus: Liar, Lunatic or Lord? We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

Dr Laurie Woods Gospel Study Series

CCD is pleased to offer a Study of the Gospel of St John with Dr Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays – 23 and 30 April and 7, 14 and 21 May at IFM Blacktown. These sessions, held from 9.30am to 2pm, will open our eyes to the depth of this Gospel and its application to everyday life, and are open to all. Please register with Maree at maree.collis@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3486.

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth Prayer Companion Program

Are you thinking about your future life as a woman? Are you searching for God's Will? The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are offering a prayer companion program beginning Friday 23 April at 7pm. You can request a sister to pray for you every day through the intercession of our Mother Foundress. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or vocationscsfn@gmail.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage

Enrichment Weekend: 16 – 18 April

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter are hosting a Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 16 – 18 April at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 1 – 2 May 2021.

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 1 – 2 May. For further information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

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:

Mary McAtamney, Joan Barker, Kevin O'Duffy, Holly O'Toole, Laura Wilson, Andrew Mason, Robert Hill, Daniel Newman, Mathieu Fransen and Patricia Young.

ROSTER FOR 17TH & 18TH APRIL 2021

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	Joshua Toutounji & Dominic Scanlan		Andy Rogers & Leia Agahari
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	John Killeen	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Frank Fitzpatrick
IT Operators	Henry Hanco	Joseph Wilson	Susan Dowling
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & Family
Communion	Pat Barrett	Terry Keogh	Irene Aligno
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Noreen Taylor, Ian Dickson, Heather Lee, Wendy Bohan & Avril Llewellyn		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene & Bert Adamson		
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YOUTH NIGHT

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**EVERY 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH @ 6PM**

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