

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
4th Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord
24th & 25th April 2021

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 117; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Lest we forget...

This Sunday, the second reading is taken from the First Epistle of John. There, John reminded and commended the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ. Then, he asked his readers to imitate Christ's sacrifice: 'We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us--and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.' (1 John 3:16)

Anzac Day falls this year on the fourth Sunday of Easter. Every year on the 25th of April, Australians and New Zealanders celebrate Anzac Day and gather to remember and honour the fallen and pay their respects. The 25th April was the **day** when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula in 1915. The site where the **Anzacs** landed at Gallipoli was renamed **Anzac** Cove. More than 11,000 Anzacs died at Gallipoli and a further 23,500 were wounded. In 1916, the 25th April was officially named Anzac Day, while it was not a public holiday in New Zealand until 1921.

Those who went off to serve in the World War I surely have given up their lives for a cause that was much bigger than themselves. When we come together to remember the sacrifices of the fallen soldiers who were our relatives and friends, who were our loved ones, we do not glorify the war. That would just undermine the cost of war that has taken so many lives. Rather, we remember the sacrifices and sufferings without which peace cannot be achieved.

"Lest we forget", the most haunting words of any Anzac service, remind us of the terrible price we pay if we forget to count the cost and suffering of war. Many Anzac Day ceremonies include a prayer for peace. To remember war is to remember to avoid war unless it is necessary.

As Christians, we look up to Christ whose life is spent to protect his sheep from the "wolves". He gave up his life for his flock because they are *his*. He was not a hired man who would run off when he encountered threats and danger. It is for this reason that Jesus is the good shepherd. Importantly, Jesus' sacrificial death is not the end, but a beginning of a new era. As Prince of Peace, Jesus' death has enabled peace to prosper. Jesus' life and ministry represent the supreme revelation of the Father's love for humanity (cf. *Jn* 3:16). He is the Good Samaritan who stoops to help the injured man, binds his wounds and cares for him (cf. *Lk* 10:30-37).

In our current political landscape, there are still too many "wolves" who make a living either from creating conflicts or by fostering wars. However, every life will end in loneliness, even for the power-hungry. Their glory bought with the blood of the innocents will be the cause of their own demise. We only need to read the book of history.

At the culmination of his mission, Jesus gave the ultimate proof of his care for us by offering himself on the cross to set us free from the slavery of sin and death. By the sacrificial gift of his life, he opened for us the path of love. To each of us he says, "Follow me; go and do likewise" (cf. *Lk* 10:37). Hence, Jesus is the compass of love and peace, of fraternity and solidarity, of mutual support and acceptance.

What we need is not a culture of confrontation and hatred, but rather a culture of reconciliation and mutual care.

Lest we forget...

Fr. Joe

ANZAC DAY

Lest we forget



St. Finbar's Parish Community
would like to extend a warm and
joyful Happy Birthday to Father
Joseph Lam on his special day this
weekend. There is a special cake
celebration after the 9.30am Mass
Please come and join us.

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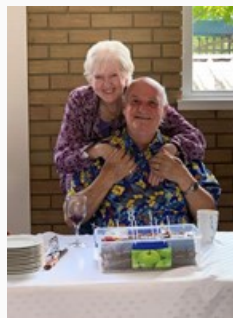
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WELCOME all visitors to our church today. We extend our greetings to you. If you wish to join St Finbar's Parish, please make yourself known to one of our Wardens so we can give you our Parish Welcome Pack. Our Parish lies within the Traditional Country of the Darug people- The Aboriginal Custodians of our area.

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

BOWLERS NEWS

Jim Pope celebrated his 81st birthday party last Friday in the parish Hall. St. Finbar's Parish Community would like to wish Jim a happy and blessed year filled with happiness and great time. Jim & Margaret have been members of our Parish since December 1966.



SAVE THE DATE - PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday the 14th of August 2021 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thanks to your generosity and that of the school community, \$4969.75 was collected from the Project Compassion campaign. This money has now been forwarded to Caritas Australia on your behalf. May God's blessings be upon you all.

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.



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MEMORIAL WALL PLAQUES

The Parish office will be sending a new batch of plaques to be printed by mid May, if you like to have one printed for your loved one please contact the parish office on 47426958. They cost \$185/each. Thank you

VOLUNTEER BOOKKEEPER POSITION:

Assisting Poverty Reduction (15 hours per week).

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 25th April <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>ANZAC DAY</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Baptisms
Monday 26th April <i>St. Mark</i>	No Morning Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R
Tuesday 27th April	9.00am Mass 7.30pm May Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R
Wednesday 28th April <i>St. Peter Chanel</i>	9.00am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 29th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folk Dance P/C
Friday 30th April	9.00am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Adoration
Saturday 1st May	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 2nd May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C 2.00pm St. Andrews Uniting Church 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm "The Lounge" Senior Youth Group P/C

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Positions Vacant:

• Young Christian Students Worker (full-time) – Parramatta Young Christian Workers – **Applications close Friday 30 April**
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

CatholicCare Blacktown Neighbourhood Aid Volunteers Needed

Blacktown Neighbourhood Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other's lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

Introduction to Safeguarding Training

The Diocese of Parramatta is launching new online Safeguarding training for all parish staff and volunteers. Zoom sessions to introduce the training will be held 2pm-3pm on April 28 or May 5. More information to follow or email Sonia Fingleton at the Diocese at Sonia.fingleton@parracatholic.org

Pastoral Council Formation and Training

The Pastoral Planning Office are hosting monthly Zoom sessions offering best practice in a variety of areas for parish, deanery and diocesan pastoral councils to Serve Christ's mission. Sessions will be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 9pm. To share and grow with other parish councils, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/serving-christs-mission> or contact Lisa for more information on 0448 652 720 or lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

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.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Helena Armstrong , 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:

Wayne Portelli, Cheryl Kirton, James Gormly, Letitia Osborne, Katie Jones, Alicia Snaith, Raymond Roberts, John Tregillgas, Dennis Lohan and Marjorie Aussel.

ROSTER FOR 1ST & 2ND MAY 2021

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Marie Hurley	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Joseph Sukkar
Junior Server			Emily Dowling & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Steve Newton
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	John De Mattia	Pearse Cremin
2 nd Reading	Eileen Jones	John Killeen	Amanda Moore
Intercession	Maureen Tulk	Margaret Dickson	Steve Newton
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Elizabeth Konza	Pat Watson
Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Michelle & Joseph Wilson
Communion	John Verhoeven	Colleen Fuller	Sue McGrath
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Children's Liturgy	Christyna		
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson & St. Finbar's Playgroup		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Vicky Ang, Tamar Alzened & Karen Sukkar		
Garden Club			



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THE LOUNGE YOUTH GROUP: 7.30-8.30PM