

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
1st Sunday of Lent Year C  
5th & 6th March 2022

**Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 90; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13**

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS

### Parish Pastoral Council Update

Father Joe has always promoted that St Finbar's belongs to the parishioners and it is important that there is appropriate representation on the future direction of our parish from parishioners. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is one key way to providing this opportunity for ongoing collaboration and communication.

At last weekends' Annual Parish Gathering we were delighted to be able present the 8 members of the Parish Pastoral Council to those parishioners that were able to attend. We thank each of the members of the PPC for their time in supporting our parish.

Each member of the PPC has a term of 3 years, with the youth representative being a 12 month term. Each year there will an opportunity for renewal of the PPC membership, as each year, 2 to 3 positions will be renewed as their terms end. All parishioners are invited to become a member of the PPC.

We thanked Vince Dobson who for many years was Chair of the PPC. Vince is stepping down as Chair, however is remaining as a member of the PPC. We are grateful for Vince's guiding hand over the years and know he will continue to be a source of sound advice.

Further to seeing clear lines of communication, Father Joe has also introduced 7 portfolios which the activities of the parish will fall under. Each member of the PPC will be responsible for a portfolio.

Below is the list of the current PPC members and their portfolio.

<b>Martin Rogers:</b>	Chair
<b>Jesse Mowbray:</b>	(Vice Chair) - Personal Evangelisation, Formation & Renewal
<b>Colleen Fuller:</b>	Parish Evangelisation, Formation & Renewal
<b>Vince Dobson:</b>	Property & Maintenance
<b>Jeanine Ashbee:</b>	Social Welfare & Wellbeing
<b>Melissa McDonald:</b>	Mission: Ecology & Social Justice
<b>Patrick Doherty:</b>	Ecumenism & Interfaith
<b>Anaru Kingi:</b>	Youth Group

In the Narthex we will shortly display photos of the PPC members, the portfolio they are overseeing and which parish activities fall under each portfolio.

In addition to the 8 members of the PPC, there is also Father Joe, Secretary (Juliana Khnouf) and representation from the Parish Finance Committee (Carl Moll).

Please say "HI" to your PPC members, who are only too happy to discuss any needs / ideas you may have, regarding the activities under their portfolio.

May we also request you keep us all in your thoughts and prayers as we look forward to assisting and seeing our community of St Finbar's continue to grow.

Warm Regards & God Bless

**Martin Rogers**

### PARISH INFORMATION

#### Parish Priest: Fr Joseph Lam OSA

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### SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

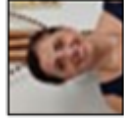
The Parish joyfully welcomes Talei Oxford and Emilia Merino into our Faith Community. They are going to be Baptised at our Parish next weekend. May God bless them both.



*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.*



**Parish Priest**  
**Father Joe**



**Secretary**  
**Juliana Knouf**



**PFC - Chair**  
**Carl Moll**



**PPC - Chair**  
**Martin Rogers**



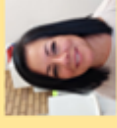
**Parish Evangelisation,  
Formation & Renewal**  
**Colleen Fuller**

- Liturgy Committee
- Children's Liturgy on Sunday's
- Baptism Team
- Training of Ministries
- Music Group
- Pastoral Care Team
- Visitation Team
- Christmas & Invitations Group
- Sacramental Program Team
- Feast Day Celebrations (TBD)



**Property  
& Maintenance**  
**Vince Dobson**

- Fundraising Team
- Church Care Teams
- IT & AV
- Lawns & Garden
- Columbarium Maintenance
- General Maintenance
- Piety Stall



**Social Welfare  
& Wellbeing**  
**Jeanine Ashbee**

- Hospitality
- Time-Out Tuesdays
- Playgroup for Pre-schoolers
- St Finbar's Netball Club
- Indoor Bowls Club
- Men's Breakfast
- Organ & Concert Committee
- Social Team



**Mission: Ecology  
& Social Justice**  
**Melissa McDonald**

- St Vincent de Paul Conference
- Bereavement Team
- Social Justice Team (TBD)
- Ecology Team (TBD)



**Personal Evangelisation,  
Formation & Renewal**  
**Jesse Mowbray**

- RCIA & RCIC
- Catechists
- Small Group Formation  
(Lenten / Advent / Bible  
Study)
- Faith Education
- Retreats / Pilgrimages (TBD)



**Ecumenism  
& Interfaith**  
**Patrick Doherty**

- Interchurch / Ecumenical  
Group (TBD)
- Inter-Religious Group (TBD)



**Youth  
Group**  
**Anaru Kingi**



- Youth Group
- Youth Music

## St Finbar's Parish Pastoral Council

**Note:** The Chair of PPC role is to support the portfolios with each of the PPC members

# PARISH CALENDAR

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

<b>Sunday</b> <b>6th March</b> <i>1st Sunday of</i> <i>Lent Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.30am Soup Bowl P/C</b> <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C	<b>ST FINBAR'S MEN'S BREAKFAST</b> <i>Saturday 12th March 2022</i> <b>7.30am—9.00am at the Parish Hall</b> The parish is holding another Men's Breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their sons, grandsons, neighbours and friends. For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 6th March 2022. Please add your name to the list on the Warden's table. Any questions please contact the organisers: Cal Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 47396775 <b>Help is needed in the kitchen on the day. Please let us know if you are able to help.</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>7th March</b>	<b>No Mass. Office is closed</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.00pm Sacramental Information Night P/C	<b>BLUE MOUNTAINS CATHOLICS TAKE ACTION WORKSHOPS</b> <b>Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1pm – 4pm</b> <b>Venue: St Thomas Aquinas Springwood</b> <b>Late registration still accepted.</b> <b>Email: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/BMDGoT">https://tinyurl.com/BMDGoT</a></b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>8th March</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice <b>7.00pm The Passion, Death &amp; Resurrection P/C</b>	<b>SACRAMENTS INFORMATION EVENING.</b> An Information Night for the parents of children who wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2021 will be held at the Parish Hall on <b>Monday the 7th of March at 7pm</b> Dates and requirements for participation in each of the Sacramental journeys will be discussed and distributed at this meeting. Children need not attend.
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>9th March</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 3.15pm Lenten Group M/R 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C	<b>Souper Bowl Sunday</b> is this Sunday the 6th of March at 11am. Helpers are still needed for setting up and serving of soups on the day. Thank you for your support.
<b>Thursday</b> <b>10th March</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Dance Group P/C 7.30pm Connect Group M/R	<b>PROJECT OMPASSION</b> Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and <b>For All Future Generations.</b> With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, foodsecurity, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all. <i>As St Pope John Paul II said,</i> <b>"The future starts today, not tomorrow."</b> Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow <b>For All FutureGenerations.</b> You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, <a href="http://lent.caritas.org.au">lent.caritas.org.au</a> , or by calling 1800 024 413.
<b>Friday</b> <b>11th March</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 1.00pm Bowlers 7.00pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Briony & Jesse Choir Practice	 
<b>Saturday</b> <b>12th March</b>	7.30am Men's Breakfast P/C <b>9.15am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> <b>Live Streaming Mass Link</b> <a href="https://youtu.be/dC-D4imb3MA">https://youtu.be/dC-D4imb3MA</a>	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>13th March</b> <i>2nd Sunday of</i> <i>Lent Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>10.45am Baptisms</b>	



## Positions Vacant:

Peace, Justice and Ecology Facilitator – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close Monday 7 March. More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## Masterclass for Mentor Married Couples: 18 March

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 18 March at 7.30pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa 0412 280 017.

## LENT 2022 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

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**Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre** is looking for a kitchen hand or cook or someone prepared to work in either of these positions. We are particularly looking for someone Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday but also someone who is flexible with their time, for some weekends. Generally shifts are 8 am to 2.00 pm but on weekends we also need someone to work an evening shift from 5 pm to 8 pm. If you would like to work with a friendly, enthusiastic team and love to prepare food (no formal qualifications needed), then please send your resume to Dale at [kitchen@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:kitchen@schoenstatt.org.au). Own transport to Mulgoa essential.

## THE PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

**Faith Formation Program 2022  
St Finbars Catholic Parish Glenbrook**

The Liturgical Readings of this year's Holy Week celebrations are taken from the Gospel of Luke.

While Luke's Narrative on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus was influenced by Mark and Matthew, the author of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles gave to his version a distinctive theology. So, we invite you to our Parish Lenten Biblical Studies on

***The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus  
according to the Gospel of Luke***



**When:** 8 and 22 March and 5 April from 7 – 8.30 pm

**Presenters:** Fr Dr Joseph Lam, Sr Dr Margaret Ghosn, Fr John McSweeney, Lic. Bibl.

**Where:** Parish Hall, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook 2773 Cost: Gold Coin Donation

*Please RSVP your attendance via [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)*

## Invitation ~ Lenten Reflections

Please join the Lenten Reflections from Blackheath Parish. They will be held each Thursday from 3 March to 7 April at 6.30 to 7.00 pm. For this year's Lenten Reflections we will gather via Zoom.

Everyone is invited to join this Lenten Reflection time. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2491411000?pwd=Rk9JdG9sUmlXUXMrUlpwTmNIQmEzUT09>

Meeting ID: 249 141 1000 Passcode: 91Z3Es

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Molly Hurley (Marie Hurley's sister), Reg Moore, Don Crameri, Ray Cremin (Pearse Cremin's Brother), John Okalebo (Susan Dowling's father), Frances Lynch (Daniel Lynch Grandmother), Joe Lopez, Anthony Crimston, Patricia Borland (Mary Lopez's sister) and Shirley Williams.

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

Sybil Mason, Chris Paine, Margaret Stevens, Lyn Beltran, Margaret Christensen, Joan Paine, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Joanne Macrae, Sophie Hollies, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Maddison Farrugia, Colleen Nolan, Pam Clyne and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

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

Ellen Butcher, Rosena Baker, Hugh McDaid, Shirley Konza, Jean Morgan, William Chambers, Maree Bowden, Joseph Loader, Irene Williams, Patrick Hanson, Harry Ragen, James Cottier, Vicki Noble and Catherine Smith.

## LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 12TH & 13TH MARCH 2022

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	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please
Warden	Allan Jones	Kevin Goener	Patricia Murnane
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maureen Tulk	Michelle Wilson	Richard Cutler
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dawn Willis	Carl Moll	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Allan Jones	John Killeen	Joanne Stubbs
Music	Sam & Bernadette	N/A	Briony's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Robyn Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Margaret Richards	Kath Tierney	Yvonne Scanlan
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd & Beth Killeen		
Hospitality	Please note that there will not be any Sunday Hospitality until further notice.		
Garden Club	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon, Michael Lloyd & John Killeen		



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