



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
2nd Sunday of Lent Year C
12th & 13th March 2022

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 26; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

The Gospel of this Sunday retells the Transfiguration of the Lord. Interestingly, Luke also relates to the Transfiguration the Old Testament experience of Exodus since Jesus pointed to the passion (*exodus*) through which the glory is achieved. Having been enslaved for over hundreds of years, Yahweh finally came to rescue Israel from slavery. To remember this liberating event, Jesus and his disciples celebrated the Passover. Jesus would not want to take shortcuts since we all experience our own "exodus" (sufferings). In his Transfiguration, Jesus does not forget our wounds and the hurts and rejections we experience. Hence, the truth is true when it says that through Jesus' passion our lives have been transformed.

A sort of transformation was last Sunday's Lent *SouperBowl* with St Andrew's Uniting church, the Baptist church, and our own St Finbar's. Over 150 parishioners gathered all together in our Parish Hall to share one or two bowls of delicious soups prepared by our generous chefs. We were also happy to be able to welcome Cr Brendan Christie, who represented the BMCC as Deputy Mayor. The table fellowship was enriched and enlivened by personal encounters and conversations.

Besides the ecumenical friendship, the Sunday raised **1,000 AUD** that will go to our local charity "Gateway – Families Services" in Blaxland, a charity that was recommended to us by Cr Mark Greenhill, Mayor of the BMC. This is an example of both ecumenism and cooperation with civic organizations that is rarely heard about elsewhere in the Diocese. It must have been the work of the Holy Spirit.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our volunteers who prepared an abundance of wonderful soups that probably could feed 5000. Thanks also for all the help with serving and cleaning.

Our next *SouperBowl* will be held on 20 March 2022 at 11.30 at our neighbouring Baptist church. Once again, the proceeds will go towards *Gateway – Families service*. Perhaps, this time St Finbar's can do better as there were not many from our Parish attending our Lent Soup Fasting Sunday (except the big number of volunteers). This is a good occasion not just to exercise Lent, but also to do so with our Christian sisters and brothers. This is a good way to publicly demonstrate the goodness of our Christian faith to broader community. It is a way to live our missionary calling.

There will be a list in the Narthex for you to register your name for the next *SouperBowl* Sunday at 11.30 am on 20 March 2022. We may meet at our church around 11.20 am and walk together to our Baptist neighbour.

Another event of *Faith Formation 2022* commenced last Tuesday 8 March. Fr Joe presented a talk on the **Passion of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke**. He pointed out that Jesus' Passion precisely describes the authentic discipleship that we are called to. As God is the faithful God, we are called to trust Him. Jesus's struggle can become our fight for justice and reconciliation, a fight that can be won also through the force of prayers. Sr Dr Margaret Ghosn will present the next talk on the "Death of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke" on **Tuesday 28 March from 7-8.30pm**. Come and learn from the Gospel about the love and sufferings of Jesus.

The parish *sacramental program 2022* is commencing in May. If you have grandchildren or children who are of the sacramental age, please email the Parish Office secretary@stfinbars.org for registration forms. Have a wonderful second Sunday of Lent.

Fr. Joe

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Weddings: By Appointment

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SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of Talei Oxford and Emilia Merino. They will be Baptised after Mass this Sunday. We warmly welcome 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.

<p>Sunday 13th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms</p>
<p>Monday 14th March</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p>
<p>Tuesday 15th March</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Finance Committee Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Wednesday 16th March</p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 3.15pm Lenten Group M/R 6.00pm Good Friday Concert Rehearsal—Church 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 17th March <i>St Patrick</i></p>	<p>9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Dance Group P/C</p>
<p>Friday 18th March</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 7.00pm Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Saturday 19th March <i>St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/niNZWaf8opw</p>
<p>Sunday 20th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.15am SouperBowl visit to Baptist Church 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>

HEALING MASS

Please note that the Healing Mass will now be at 9.15am (instead of 10am) on the 3rd Thursday of each month, followed by morning tea.

EASTER ROSTERS—2022

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help with all the Easter Liturgies. We will need Readers, Volunteers for Washing of the Feet, Senior Servers, Sacristans, Junior Servers, Thurifiers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you are qualified and able to help, please add your name to the list on the Warden's table. Thank you for all your help and support.

SYDNEY MALE CHOIR - UNMASKED



Sunday 27 March 2022 - 2.00pm - 4.00pm
St Finbar's Catholic Church
52 Levy Street Glenbrook
Adults \$25 each - Children under 16 free
Tickets available at the door or online:
www.sydneymalechoir.com

BLUE MOUNTAINS CATHOLICS TAKE ACTION WORKSHOPS

Date: 3rd April 1pm – 4pm
Venue: St Thomas Aquinas Springwood
Late registration still accepted.
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/BMDGoT>

BLOOD DONATION NEEDED FOR NEPEAN DISTRICT:

Covid 19 and the recent floods have caused a significant decrease of blood donations. Nepean needs an extra 1,000 donors before 31 March to meet patient demand.

If you are healthy and can afford to donate BLOOD, could you please help to save lives. This is a good way of FASTING that also benefits our community.

Perhaps, we can donate as a Parish Community Exercise. Please, let the parish office know so we can book as a group of donors.

If you wish to donate individually, please visit the website: <https://www.lifeblood.com.au/>

I have already registered to be a donor.

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2022 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE AT ST FINBAR'S

THURSDAY 7TH APRIL	7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation At Our Lady of the Way – Emu Plains
TUESDAY 12TH APRIL	9.15am Mass Confessions 10am to 11am 6.30pm Passover Meal P/C
WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary Confessions 10am to 11am 7.30pm Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.
HOLY THURSDAY 14TH APRIL	No Morning Mass 7.30PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. WITH ADORATION AT ALTAR OF REPOSE TILL 10PM
GOOD FRIDAY 15TH APRIL A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT	10.00am Stations of the Cross Confessions after stations till 11.30am 3.00PM SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 7.30PM GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC & READING
HOLY SATURDAY 16TH APRIL	8.00am Morning Prayer 7.00PM EASTER VIGIL including The Solemn Beginning or Lucernarium <i>including the Lighting of the Fire and Exsultet</i> The Liturgy of the Word <i>with 3 readings, Epistle, Solemn Alleluia & Gospel</i> Liturgy of the Eucharist
EASTER SUNDAY 17TH APRIL	7.30AM AND 9.30AM MASSES <i>No Evening Youth Mass</i>

Volunteer Carers for children aged 0 to 5 years are needed for Mamre Crèche: Mamre House, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. This program is a service of CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, which supports Sudanese Refugee Families. We are looking for motivated, caring people who enjoy interacting with young children and can volunteer some of their time in supporting the staff at the Crèche. If you are interested, please contact Iolanda Martino, Crèche Co-Ordinator, CatholicCare Social Services (02) 8843 2506 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9.00am & 2.00pm) or email iolanda.martino@ccss.org.au

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Monica Patricia Hampson, Shirley Hardie (Brian Robertson's Sister), Eunice Knox (Carolyn Watson's Mother), Molly Hurley (Marie Hurley's sister), Reg Moore, Don Cramer, Joe Lopez, Anthony Crimston 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, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Colleen Nolan, Pam Clyne and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Robert Bunda, Anthony Clyne, John Everett, Tadeusz Opiel, Ruben Stanford, Dorothea Egan, May Hurry, Michael Cloran, John Burrett, Elmer (Bill) Taylor, Catherine McColl, Lance Baker, Scott Robertson, Carmel Koziol and David Burke.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 19TH & 20TH MARCH 2022

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	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Kevin Goener	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Geraldine Agahari	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Elizabeth Konza	Annissa Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
Music	Te Deum	N/A	N/A
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Joseph Wilson	Susan Dowling
Gifts	Volunteers Please	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family
Communion	Bernie Fisher	Jean Di Nucci	Annissa Nilsson
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Children's Liturgy	Christyna		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Youth Group		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene & Bert Adamson		
Garden Club			

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