



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
4th Sunday of Lent Year C
26th & 27th March 2022

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 33; 2 Corinthians 17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Introducing Members of the Parish Pastoral Council

Over the next few weeks there will be an article in the Barra on each of the members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), so that you can find out a little bit more about each of us.

Thank you for the opportunity to share a little about myself and our family. I am Martin Rogers and this year I am the chair of the PPC.



Our family has been part of the St Finbar's community since 2009 when we moved to Lapstone. Prior to that we were parishioners at St Joseph's in Kingswood. I am married to Lyndal and we have 2 children, Andy and Olivia, who are both students at St Calumbas. Our sister Sharen is also a parishioner at St Finbar's. We mainly attend 9:30am Mass, although we do attend the other mass times on occasion and you may see me in various roles from reader to senior server to emcee at our social gatherings.

I have been fortunate to grow up in a family surrounded by Catholic tradition. Both Mum and Dad were very active in the parishes they attended, with Mum a Catechist and Dad a Deacon. Whilst Mum and Dad have recently passed away, their values live on in us their children. Being of service to others is one of those strong values we witnessed and is part of the reason for me being a member of the PPC. To serve. To join in and see how I can make a contribution.

St Finbar's isn't just a parish people visit only on a Sunday, it is a parish where we are part of the calendar in fellow parishioners lives, where interaction happens during the week in varying degrees, from shared social events to growing together through formation. Continuing to see this connectedness flourish is an aspiration I see for St Finbar's.

As Father Joe has often mentioned, St Finbar's is our parish and I look forward to working together with other members of the PPC and all in our parish, as we continue to grow both individually and as a whole.

I see our parish as a place where every voice is appreciated, contribution is encouraged and ensuring that every parishioner is welcome and welcomed. Where visitors are greeted warmly and to let them know there is always room for one more.

No matter how long it has been since someone has visited our parish, I will keep in mind the words my father often used - for people we haven't seen for some time, Welcome Back, Welcome Home.

God Bless

Martin Rogers

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Baptisms: By Appointment
Weddings: By Appointment

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SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of **Nicolo Spiteri & Noah Barton** They will be Baptised after Mass 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.

<p>Sunday 27th March</p> <p><i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>10.45am Baptisms</p> <p>2.00pm Sydney Male Choir Concert</p>
<p>Monday 28th March</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p>
<p>Tuesday 29th March</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.30pm April Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Wednesday 30th March</p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>3.15pm Lenten Group M/R</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 31st March</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.30pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>7.30pm Blue Mountains Dance Group P/C</p> <p>7.30pm Connect Group</p>
<p>Friday 1st April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Bowlers</p> <p>7.00pm Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Saturday 2nd April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice</p> <p>4.30pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p> <p>Live Streaming Link</p> <p>https://youtu.be/r3LPD4SkHGO</p>
<p>Sunday 3rd April</p> <p><i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>11.00am Soupa Sunday at the Uniting Church Glenbrook</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>

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>

***** REMINDER *****

Please join us in our (Holy Week) Passover dinner in the Parish hall on Tuesday 12 April at 6.30pm. We are planning a fun night with authentic Passover Seder food!

There will be trivia questions and prizes galore! We are keeping this true to a Jewish Passover gathering, therefore the food list is as follows:

- Lamb, Potatoes, Salad, Matzo, Eggs (boiled)
- Fruit and nuts
- Mustard / Horseradish
- Wine/grape juice
- **NO DAIRY****

Cost \$12 Adults, \$8 Children, \$50 Families
Please RSVP by Tuesday 5 April.

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

CHURCH SEAT FABRIC

Our cleaners have observed that the fabric of our church seats has more and more holes! We have tried to mend them. However, we can't do the work every week. It is also very costly to replace the fabric of the seats. Thank you for your help to preserve the property for the next generation.

Fr Joe

Lenten Biblical Studies at St Finbar's, part 3: The Resurrection of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke presented by Fr John McSweeney, Dean of the Blue Mountains parishes and Biblical scholar

Tuesday, 5th April 7-8.30pm

Luke's full account of the Resurrection of Jesus, his whole 24th chapter, is more substantial, and contains the famous story of the meeting and conversation between the risen Christ and his two dejected disciples whom he sought out on the way to Emmaus, a typical instance of the good shepherd collecting his scattered sheep together (24:13-33). And to cap it all, as the followers, including the women disciples who had first found the tomb empty and were now finding themselves justified against appalling male rudeness (24:11, 22-23), were excitedly comparing notes, suddenly to their general consternation, 'Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you"'! (24:36).

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Positions Vacant:

- Administration Support – Formation for Mission, Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Monday 28 March**
- Pastoral Formation Facilitator – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 10 April**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Mentoring Couples to be Married: 9 April

Following the success of the Masterclass on Mentoring Engaged couples for Marriage, we are offering an additional Zoom for those who missed out on recent face-to-face training. Are you a married couple looking to accompany Engaged couples preparing for Marriage using the SmartLoving Online program? This time limited commitment of 4-9 weeks can be undertaken in your own home. To learn more and register for the Zoom Session on **Saturday 9 April at 10am**, please call Marisa on (02) 8838 3460 or email met@parracatholic.org

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal raising funds for Catholic Care's Community Drop-In Centres

Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with others and access support? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.



LIVE STREAMING OF VIGIL MASS

Please note that the Live Streaming of the Vigil Mass will stop after the Easter Vigil, Saturday the 16th of April. Sorry for the inconvenience.

IT OPERATORS

Are needed for all weekend Masses, if you can help please contact Patrick Watson on 0417421513. Thank you.



BRIEF WORKING BEE SATURDAY 2ND APRIL

TIME: 9am – 10am

We need 6 - 8 people, **SKIP BIN TO BE FILLED**

The gardeners have had a merry time pruning and tidying after the rain BUT NOW we need the 2 large piles of cuttings and weeds to be placed into the skip bin. This work will help us get ready for Easter. Thank you.

EASTER ROSTERS—2022

It is this time of the year again when we are looking for volunteers to help with Easter Liturgy. We will need Readers, Volunteers for Washing of the Feet, Senior Servers, Sacristans, Junior Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you are able to help, please add your name to the list on the church noticeboard. Thank you for all your help and support.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Monica 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 and Anthony Crimston.

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:

Patrick Mungovan, Colin Gott, Gareth Hogan, Jean Blencowe, Rosemond Coughlan, Cecil Luczak, Harold Gapps, Monica Barron, Mary Dutfield and Marjory Plevey.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 2ND & 3RD APRIL 2022

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D’Souza	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D’Souza	Carl Moll	Joseph Sukkar
Junior Server	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please
Warden	Vince Dobson	Kevin Goener	Justin Dowling
1 st Reading	Philomena Watkins	Michelle Wilson	Jessica Doherty
2 nd Reading	Allan Jones	John Killeen	Steve Baird
Intercession	Katy Ferris	Kevin Flynn	Martin Rogers
Music	Naomi’s Group	N/A	Jenny Long & Anne Hobbs
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Joseph Wilson	Pat Watson
Gifts	Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	Volunteers Please
Communion	John Verhoeven	Ian Dickson	Wendy Brown
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Children’s Liturgy	Cate		
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins		
Church Care			
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Vicky Ang, Tamar Alzened and Karen Sukkar.		
Garden Club			

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