



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
5th Sunday of Lent Year C
2nd & 3rd April 2022

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 125; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Jesse Mowbray – Introduction

'Tell us about yourself' is one of the more awkward things to be asked to do. But if I had to select the aspects I would like others to know about me it would go something like this...



Growing up, the eldest in a family of boys, life was joyous, fun, and an adventure to be enjoyed. Although slightly dimmed by the rigours of life, these same traits are a constant companion influencing how I see and interact with the world. I have experienced family life as encapsulated by pilgrimage: among other things, we found ourselves in the Catholic Church some 30 years ago and the Mountains about 8 years after. Not a cradle Catholic, nor born and bred in the Mountains, these two things have nevertheless become part of who I am and something I treasure and love dearly.

Now married to Briony for 17 years, we like many others have experienced life's joys and sorrows. It is a privilege to be able to share these with our family and friends, including those in the Church that we journey alongside – we both feel incredibly fortunate to be part of such a vibrant, diverse, engaged, and loving community of believers at Glenbrook. Observing our friends with children who valiantly juggle family, parish, work, and other commitments we are both keenly aware that our circumstances – whilst not chosen – allow us to give of our time and energy in ways that may not be possible for others. Rather than obligation, it is a joy to serve the community in this way.

I feel excited for the future of our faith community and the Church, for there is such a richness to celebrate: diversity of experience, age, ethnicity, and faith expression among other things. Our young families and youth bring vitality and hope for the future, those that are older bring wisdom and a wealth of experience. Together as a parish community – a community of love fashioned by and on Christ – we can build the Kingdom of God (whatever that looks like). I am excited to be part of this journey; exploring and discovering what this looks like for us at the foot of the Blue Mountains and then helping to build this vision of the Kingdom in Glenbrook through co-creation.

I was once told a slightly corny acronym in a homily and the questions was posed, 'what is joy?' The answer was simple: love of Jesus, love of others, love of you (in that order). I hope and pray that as we move through our season of preparation toward the great joy of Easter, we let this acronym penetrate our being as individuals and as a parish to live a communal life of JOY!

God Bless
Jesse Mowbray

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Daylight saving ends this weekend. Don't forget to put your clock's back one hour.

Sybil Mason passed away in her sleep last Monday. Her funeral will be on Wednesday 6th of April at 10.30am. May she rest in peace.

Please remember that Project Compassion boxes are due back next Sunday, as they will be part of the Offertories on Holy Thursday Night Mass. Thank you for your generosity and help.

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 3rd April <i>5th Sunday of Lent Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Soupa Sunday at the Uniting Church Glenbrook 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p>Monday 4th April</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 6.30pm Finnie's Choir practice</p>
<p>Tuesday 5th April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm The Passion, Death & Resurrection P/C</p>
<p>Wednesday 6th April</p>	<p>No Morning Mass 9.30am Playgroup P/C 10.30am Sybil Mason Funeral Mass 3.15pm Lenten Group M/R 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 7th April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation Emu Plains 7.30pm Blue Mountains Dance Group P/C 7.30pm Connect Group</p>
<p>Friday 8th April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers 7.00pm Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Saturday 9th April</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/D_Ys0Hb7N48</p>
<p>Sunday 10th April <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</p>

Wishing Margaret Moore a very Happy 90th Birthday this weekend. May God bless her with good health. *Father Joe*

**MUSIC OF J. S. BACH
&
SPECIAL READINGS FOR GOOD FRIDAY**



**Friday 15th April, 2022, 7.30pm
St Finbar's Catholic Church, Glenbrook**

Passion-tide and the music of J.S. Bach are inseparably linked. It is almost impossible to pass through the Lenten season without having some contact with the great Baroque master's settings of the Passions according to St John and St Matthew.

Some of this profound music will again be part of this year's Good Friday meditation in St Finbar's Catholic Church, Glenbrook on the evening of Good Friday, 15th April, at 7.30pm. Offering choral and organ music of J.S. Bach together with special readings and meditations, this annual service will feature several of the wonderful chorale settings from the Passions as well as the opening and closing choruses from the St John Passion. In the tradition of the Bach settings, the congregation will also participate, singing some of the great Passion hymns – 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' and 'O Sacred Head'.

The Blue Mountains Chorale will be directed by Sydney City Organist, Robert Ampt, who will also perform several Bach organ works. Amy Johansen will accompany the choir on the organ. With great music and a powerful devotional atmosphere, this service will again be one of the very special offerings during this year's Lenten season and all are welcome.

There will be a request for a suggested donation. Inquiries: (02) 4758 6067

PALM SUNDAY MARCH FOR REFUGEES

April 10th 2pm—4pm

Lawson

Somers St Our Lady of Nativity Church

Speakers:

Ivor Houston [who walked from Perth to Sydney, in support of Refugees]

Esmat Noori [now living in Sydney, Afghan Refugee]

Samzin Kalnung [Tibetan Community, Katoomba, Refugee]



Bring banners to hang on fence,
Placards and signs to wave at
passing traffic on GWH.



[Toilets available]

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Positions Vacant:

- 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.

CYP Good Friday Night Walk: 15 April

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For more information and to register visit <https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

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).

If you like to attend please email the parish office on secretary@stfinbars.org.au thank you.

SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021

We would like to acknowledge the generous donations and support from parishioners and the parents, teachers and students of St Finbar's School. We thank you all for your support.

If you provided items for the hampers or toys for the gift tree, bought a calendar, contributed a donation at a leaving collection or to the Poor Box or assisted the conference members sort, pack and deliver the hampers and toys then you made a very valuable contribution to the success of the Christmas Appeal. Thank you for accepting the challenge of putting your faith into action. Your support is much appreciated.

Your financial support included \$2 280 from donations, \$186 profit from the sale of calendars, 22 hampers at a nominal value of \$1 760 and donated toys at a nominal value of \$500.

A TOTAL OF \$4 726 THANK YOU ST FINBAR'S PARISH COMMUNITY.

Excess Hampers and toys were transported to the St Vincent de Paul Society's Forbes and Gunnedah Conferences by our members and one parishioner as an outreach to country conferences with greater needs and less resources.

If you would like to support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society on a more regular basis then all donations to the poor box at the wardens' table in the narthex would be very helpful and greatly appreciated

Thank you again for loving your neighbours in need by showing them the same compassion and charitable support that God calls each of us to demonstrate in our daily lives.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sybil Mason, 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:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

John Burrowes, Imre Varga, Elizabeth Doyle, Mary Kiel, Agnes Collins, John Gibson, James Sims, Wallace Whye and Margaret Noonan.

BLUE MOUNTAINS CATHOLICS TAKE ACTION WORKSHOPS

Date: 3rd April 1pm – 4pm

Late registration still accepted.

Venue: St Thomas Aquinas Springwood

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/BMDGoT>

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 9TH & 10TH APRIL 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 st Reading	Eileen Jones	Carl Moll	Irene Aligno
2 nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Sam & Bernadette Phillips	N/A	Finnie’s Choir
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Robyn Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Thea Robertson	Jim Tierney	John Mullane
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children’s Liturgy	School Holidays		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Jessica Doherty, Dawn Willis & Amira Nassif		
Hospitality	Ann King, Lynne Atkinson, Liz and Daren Dukes		



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