



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
9th & 10th April 2022

Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Introducing Members of the Parish Pastoral Council

I am Vince Dobson and have just stepped down as Chairperson of the Parish Council. My role on the Council this year is property and maintenance.



Carmel and I came to St Finbar's Parish in 1991 after time in Victoria and Tasmania. St Finbar's is our seventh parish. We have five children, thirteen grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. We have been in church ministry in every community we have lived in from C.Y.O., Marriage Encounter, Anioch, R.C.I.A., St Vincent de Paul and Catechist.

Carmel and I both came from a strong Catholic tradition and a "can do" approach to life. The second World War impacted on both our families. Rebuilding life and maintaining faith in Jesus's love was core to my new life in Australia. My Dad enjoyed reading his prayer book and was a member of the Third Order of St Francis.

I was a member of the Parish Pastoral Council of St Francis Xavier's Parish in Beaconsfield Tasmania and really enjoyed this opportunity to help the Parish grow. I was invited to join the Parish Council in St Finbar's by Father John McSweeney and asked to be Chairperson by Father Jolly Chacko.

St. Finbar's is so blessed to have a vibrant Pastoral Council. Looking forward to what can be achieved (with the help of the Holy Spirit) over the next few years.

In my role as Warden I see many new parishioners and visitors who are surprised and grateful that they have been spoken to and welcomed to our wonderful Parish, commenting how unusual it is to be welcomed and made feel part of the community.

Our Plenary discussions focused on community, both spiritual and social, so with these goals we can go forward with confidence, as St Mary McKillop said "If you see a need do something about it". As a Parish we have seen the need, let's do it.

God Bless

Vince Dobson

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Sacraments
Confessions: Saturday 4.30 – 5.15pm
Baptisms: By Appointment
Weddings: By Appointment

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HOLY WATER

The Easter Holy Water blessed at the Easter Vigil Mass will be available for collection after the Mass.

Please bring your own bottles, and feel free to fill them up from the water in the baptismal font.

Wishing you all a blessed and Happy Easter.

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 10th April <i>Palm Sunday</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</p>
<p>Monday 11th April</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p>
<p>Tuesday 12th April <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Confessions 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 6.30pm Passover Meal P/C</p>
<p>Wednesday 13th April <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary & Confessions 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Chrism Mass at the Cathedral</p>
<p>Thursday 14th April <i>The Lord's Supper</i></p>	<p>1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm The Lord's Supper 9.00pm Altar of Repose</p>
<p>Friday 15th April <i>Of the Passion of the Lord</i> Fast & Abstinence</p>	<p>10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm The Passion of the Lord Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/mCsAclyj7Al 5.00pm Concert Rehearsal 7.00pm Good Friday Readings & Music</p>
<p>Saturday 16th April <i>Holy Saturday</i></p>	<p>8.00am Morning Prayer 7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtu.be/LB-70bD4DWw</p>
<p>Sunday 17th April <i>Sunday of the Resurrection</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</p>



Easter Sunrise Service
Elizabeth Lookout Glenbrook



Date: Sunday, 17th April 2021
Time: 6am (sunrise is 6.18am)
Location: Elizabeth Lookout, Glenbrook. Gates open 5.30am – enter via vehicle track that branches off to the right on the Northern end of Barnet St (keep to the right on track).
Bring: Chair or rug. Morning tea. Easter egg hunt for kids.

*An initiative of The Glenbrook-Blaxland Inter-church Group.
This is an ecumenical, non-denominational service. All welcome.*

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

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

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/>

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

Caritas Project Compassion 2022

Caritas Australia's Lenten *Project Compassion* campaign has begun and will lead us all the way towards Easter. This year's theme *For All Future Generations* comes from the biblical story of the great flood (Genesis 9:12-15). It reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Find out more at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or contact our Diocesan Director of Caritas: Sebastian.Salaske-Lentem@parracatholic.org or 0409 399 505.

Dr Laurie Woods Gospel Study Series: Starting 29 April

All are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for catechesis on the Gospel of St Luke with Dr Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays starting 29 April. The sessions will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com

NO MORE PRE-PRINTED ENVELOPES

Sometimes the Lord calls on us to change, to move forward, to step out of our comfort zone. Such a change is coming to St Finbar's from next July when we will cease to use the familiar pre-printed envelopes for the second collection.

To put this change in context, the idea of the pre-printed and numbered envelopes was for the purpose of claiming a tax deduction for your donation. However the government long ago changed the law and we can no longer claim such tax deductions for our regular weekly envelope donations. (We can now only claim for some special appeals.) Thus the envelopes are no longer serving the purpose for which they were devised, and in addition, they have been costing the parish about 30 cents out of each dollar for the printing and banking costs. BUT, we still need you to contribute to the second collection on a regular basis (and we thank you for your continuing generosity), so what options will be available from July?

- The parish's preferred option is for you to change to an online payment before 1st July 2022. There are lots of very easy ways to do this and I will explain the details in the Barra next week.
- The second option is that you can still put cash in a plain envelope which we will supply, put your name on it if you want to, and put it in the second collection as normal.
- The third option is that you can just put cash directly in the second collection.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit gives us the confidence to embrace this change for the benefit of the whole parish community.

Peter McMahon

On behalf of Fr Joe and the Parish Finance Committee

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Shirley Conlon, 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 Crameri, Joe Lopez and Anthony Crimston.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Joan Pace & Dorothy Collins (Janice Smith’s Cousins), 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 Downes, Mary McAtamney, Kevin O’Duffy, Holly O’Toole, Laura Wilson, Andrew Mason, Robert Hill and Daniel Newman.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 16TH & 17TH APRIL 2022

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Separate Roster	Carl Moll	Stuart Sheary
Senior Server	For Easter Vigil Mass	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Kevin Flynn	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 st Reading	Separate Roster	John Killeen	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	For Easter	Andrew Teece	Gary Clune
Intercession	Vigil Mass	John De Mattia	Frank Fitzpatrick
Music	Cantabile	N/A	N/A
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Elizabeth Konza	Susan Dowling
Gifts	Separate Roster	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family
Communion	Separate Roster	Terry Keogh	Irene Aligno
Cashiers	Robyn Flynn, Ann & Ray Keating		
Children’s Liturgy	School Holiday		
Piety Stall	No Piety Stall		
Church Care			
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene and Bert Adamson		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Helen Keogh & Kevin Goener		



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