



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

2nd Sunday of Easter

23rd & 24th April 2022

Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 117; Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Introducing Members of the Parish Pastoral Council

Hello fellow Parishioners!

My name is Jeannine Ashbee – and my “portfolio” as a Parish Council Member, is Social Welfare and Wellbeing.

For those of you who don't know me, I am a Canadian-born Australian. I am the youngest of four, and I come from a family with a strong Catholic faith. My Father is a retired Civil Engineer, my Mother was a teacher, and a Catechist (year 2, taught in our home) my sisters and I sang in our Church choir, my brother an altar boy – (as they were known then!) I came to Australia in 1990 on a working visa, did what I said I wouldn't do: I got married and stayed!



I have been a St. Finbars Parishioner for 30 years. I have been (still am) a Church cleaner for 29 years, I was a catechist for 17 years (Blaxland East Public and Lapstone Schools) and am now a Parish Council member.

Over the years I have known many people who literally built our Church – they were hard working dedicated families who worked tirelessly to build what we have today. I have also seen many Priests come and go, each of them bringing something special to our beautiful Church and leaving their marks on our Parish that reflect our ever-evolving lives. For all of this, I am forever thankful.

I inherited my late Mother's strong sense of community and helping those in need. At some stage, we have all needed a helping hand and reaching out to people around us is what I believe we are called to do.

I echo Fr. Joe's sentiment that the Parish belongs to all of us. I also agree with my fellow Council members, and I am excited about the future of our Parish. Young and old, we all have something to offer!

*God Bless you all
Jeannine*

St Finbar's Parish
Community and staff
would like to wish Father
Joe a very Happy Birthday
this Sunday. May God
bless him always.



PARISH INFORMATION

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Sacraments

Confessions: Saturday 4.30 – 5.15pm

Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

Web: www.stfinbars.org.au

Facebook: Glenbrook Catholic Church St Finbars

Parish School: Principal

Mrs Robyn Clarke

Phone: 4724 3600

SUNDAY BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptisms of Levi Filip Rafaneli and Arthur Peter Day. They will be Baptised after Mass this Sunday. The Parish and warmly welcomes them into our Faith Community.



SHINE 2022 - Women's Retreat

A day of restoration and nourishment for all women including Prayer, Speakers, Adoration & Fellowship

May 7 2022 - 8:30-8:30pm - Cost \$85 pp

All enquiries please email: universalsisterhoodpodcast@gmail.com

Register: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1aXFJOrcI85Z5nj4qsqx9NLagdszqJC5Yvfv1uHppJnY/edit>

***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 CALENDAR

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

Sunday 24th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C
Monday 25th April <i>ANZAC DAY</i>	9.15am ANZAC Day Mass
Tuesday 26th April <i>St Mark</i>	9.15am Mass 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm May Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R 7.30pm St Finbar's Netball Club Meeting P/C
Wednesday 27th April	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 28th April <i>St Peter Chanel</i>	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 5.30pm Reconciliation Preparation Session P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Folks Dance P/C
Friday 29th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers 7.00pm Adoration
Saturday 30th April	No Morning Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice / Church 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 1st May <i>3rd Sunday of Easter Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C

QUILT DISPLAYED IN NATHEX

RAFFLE of Quilt for UKRAINE made and donated by TIMEOUT TUESDAY

TICKETS: \$2 for one or 3 for \$5

PASSOVER DINNER

The Passover dinner was a great success last week, about 90 parishioners attended.

Many thanks to Jeannine Ashbee for all her help making it an authentic Passover celebration. Also, a special thanks to the Rogers family for their generous donation of the red wine and for their help on the night. Thank you for all who have helped setup and clean afterwards. Everyone attended said that they enjoyed the experience. Hopefully we will be able to have it again next year.



ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY THE BOOK OF GENESIS.

Mondays at 7.30pm-9.00pm, May 16th, 23th, 30th and 6th June. Gideon Goosen. Cost: Free.

REGISTRATION by 27th April is Necessary :
 St Finbar's Office : secretary@stfinbars.org.au or 4742 6958 or St Andrews Office standrews@glenbrook.unitingchurch.org.com Or Call 4739 6295. Venue to be announced.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

COME & CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY WITH OUR PARISH AT



**ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA CHURCH,
 326 HIGH ST, PENRITH
 2:30PM on 24th APRIL 2022**

- ✦ Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
- ✦ Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ✦ Stations of the Cross
- ✦ Homily and Benediction
- ✦ Reconciliation till 5PM
- ✦ Afternoon Tea from 4:15PM – 5:15PM
- ✦ Divine Mercy Mass 6PM

Available for Advertising

Celebrate the Diocesan report to the Synod of Bishops: 1 May

On May 1 all are invited to **CELEBRATE** the final document of the Diocese of Parramatta submissions to the Synod of Bishops 2023. Join Bishop Vincent at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills for this special gathering at the 9:30am Mass. For catering purposes and to RSVP email met@parracatholic.org. The Diocese of Parramatta is a 'listening Church' we invite continued dialogue. For more information visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/>

Catholic schools across the Diocese are enrolling now!

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are enrolling now for 2023. To learn more please contact your local Catholic school or visit our website www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school.

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir is seeking new singers

If you are a good singer and you sing tenor or bass, St Patrick's Cathedral Choir is looking for you. The Cathedral Choir is seeking male voices, but recruitment is open to all, with paid and voluntary places available. Paid scholas are remunerated at between \$2500 and \$4000 per annum, depending on attendance. Hear more of the Cathedral choir at facebook.com/choirSPC. Interested applicants can submit their expression of interest at <https://bit.ly/3sLep7S>.

Plenary Council Walking in the Spirit

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer campaign. Walking in the Spirit begins on Easter Sunday 17 April and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday 3 July. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 30 April – 1 May

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 30 April to 1 May. If COVID restrictions prevent a face-to-face weekend, it will be held via Zoom. For further information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au

Donate to Caritas Australia's Ukraine Appeal



Caritas Australia's long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground providing shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support. Donate now to help the people of Ukraine. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on how Caritas agencies are responding to this crisis by visiting www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news

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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:

Kathleen Moore, Margaret Mead, Wayne Portelli, Cheryl Kirton, James Gormly, Letitia Osborne, Katie Jones, Alicia Snaith, Raymond Roberts and John Tregillgas.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 30TH APRIL & 1ST MAY 2022

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Warden	Vince Dobson	Kevin Goener	Justin Dowling
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	John De Mattia	Pearse Cremin
2 nd Reading	Eileen Jones	Andrew Teece	Amanda Moore
Intercession	Maureen Tulk	Margaret Dickson	Justin Dowling
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	Colleen Fuller	Sue McGrath
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Children's Liturgy	Colin		
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins		
Church Care			
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Vicky Ang, Tamar Alzened & Karen Sukkar		
Garden Club			



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