



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
2nd Sunday of Lent—Year A
4th & 5th March 2023

Genesis 12:1-4; Ps 32; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Thank you and Thank you

Last Sunday was a great Sunday with so many young families coming to the parish Mass and to our welcome back party. Young and old enjoyed mutual fellowship, games and delicious sausages and morning teas. Many hands joined together to make it a great feast of welcoming, also to our Kindy students and their parents from our primary school. I say a great thank you to our newly established Parish Events Team and Hospitality Team for their wonderful help, to our Men's Breakfast team for the delicious sausages which were donated by our local Woolworths in Emu Plains, to our Youth Team and to our parish Netballers for your contribution and finally to our PPC and PFC for their support in organising the party. You have made our parish proud!

A week before the party, we also held our second parish annual gathering in the parish hall. The great number in attendance is a good sign of hope that our parish is on a good path. Updates on our activities, pastoral planning, parish finance and masterplan were provided for discussion and feedbacks. It appears that parishioners were happy with the presentation. I would like to thank Martin Rogers, Trish Murnane, Carl Moll and Jesse Mowbray for the preparation of the data and presentations. Our collaborative leadership model seems to work very well.

The Liturgy committee has also met on Wednesday to deliberate on possible modification of the weekly Masses to accommodate parishioners who are working but wish to attend a weekday Mass. The committee, however, received only 3 feedbacks from parishioners expressing the wish to have either an early Mass at 6.30am or an evening mass on 7pm on Tuesday. Given the small number of feedbacks, the Liturgy Committee recommended a further survey giving all parishioners the possibility to provide comments.

At our recent PPC meeting, we have accepted the recommendation of the nomination and election committee and appointed two new PPC members, Cecilia Zammit and Tim O'Donnell. Cecilia will take over the portfolio of Ecumenism, Interreligious dialogue and Sacraments which was previously coordinated by Pat Doherty, and Tim will succeed Vince Dobson in taking responsibility for the portfolio of Maintenance and Property. We welcome Cecilia and Tim and thank Vince and Pat for their contribution to our parish life.

PFC has already met at the end of January to discuss our financial position and to deliberate on projects for 2023. A major project will be the renovation of our parish hall kitchen to cater an increase of parish usage. The appliances need also to be energy efficient and eco-friendly. This will cost our parish some money. As we are now debt free, we hope that the parish will be able to pay for the cost without getting into the red again.

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Weddings: By Appointment

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EASTER ROSTERS –2023

Volunteers are needed to help with all the Easter Liturgies. We will need Readers, Senior Servers, Sacristans, Junior Servers, Thurifier, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and volunteers for Washing of the Feet. If you are qualified and able to help, please add your name to the list on the notice board. Thank you for all your help and support.

SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes **Bailey William Smith and Houston David Smith** into our Faith Community. They are going to be Baptised at our Parish next Sunday after the 9.30am Mass. May God bless them both.



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.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE

the Traditional custodians of this land on which we worship at St Finbar's - The Darug and Gundungurra People. We pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

<p>Sunday 5th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.30am Soup Sunday P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/ykme9Af79Ts? feature=share 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>	<p>We have now some savings after years of paying down debts close to half a million. I thank the PFC for their great stewardship of our parish finances. I am also proud to announce that our Earthquake appeal for Turkey and Syria was a success. 1650 AUD were collected, and the sum will be forwarded to Catholic Mission Australia. Thank you for your generous donation.</p> <p>Our primary school has welcomed a new assistant principal, Mr Coley White who lives in Glenmore Park. He is a specialist in Maths and will increase the numeracy skill of our students. Welcome Coley to our parish. Some teachers have left for various reasons. We thank them for their contribution and at the same time we welcome our new teachers. Robyn Clark, our principal, reported that the enrolments this year were very healthy, and she is optimistic about the future of the school. Michael Lo Cascio, our REC, is doing a great job in bringing students closer to our parish. Indeed, many parents are now also worshipping at St Finbars.</p> <p>After all, it is evident that our parish is taking the right path to be a vibrant parish community. Thank you all for your generosity of time and financial support, without which we would not have been able to do many ministries.</p>
<p>Monday 6th March</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 6.30pm Finnie's Choir Practice 7.30pm Sacrament Information Night P/C</p>	
<p>Tuesday 7th of March</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Lenten Biblical Studies: the Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection in the Gospel of Matthew</p>	
<p>Wednesday 8th March</p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 10.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 3.30pm Lenten Group P/C—Mila Svehla' s group 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>	
<p>Thursday 9th March</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.00pm Lenten Group M/R—Louise Debeck' s Group</p>	<p><u>CONCERT FOR BUSH SCHOOL CAMBODIA AT ST FINBAR'S</u> The concert will be held in the Parish Hall on Sat. 25th March, commencing 7.00pm, following Vigil Mass. It is an evening of lively musical entertainment featuring talented local artists. The cost is \$30 per person, \$50 for family, with some concessions available. A generous supper will be provided at interval. It will be the 7th concert at St Finbar's and will support the school in the coming year. It promises to be an enjoyable night for all. For tickets, call Doug on 0403 303 943, or at door. See also the flyer in the Narthex.</p>
<p>Friday 10th March</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers P/C 7.30pm Lent Adoration & Confessions</p>	
<p>Saturday 11th March</p>	<p>7.30am Men's Breakfast P/C No Morning Mass 11.00am Memorial Mass for Paul Walker 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p><u>2023 SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE</u> Please note that 2023 Sacramental program will on the following dates:- <u>Parents information night</u> : This Monday the 6th of March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall <u>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> will be on Saturday the 13th of May at 2.30pm. <u>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</u> will be on Sunday the 2nd of July at 9.30am Mass <u>The Sacrament of Confirmation</u> will be on Sunday the 17th of September at 9.30am Mass, Bishop Vincent will be celebrating this year.</p>
<p>Sunday 12th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms</p>	

If you would like to enrol your child at any of the above Sacraments, you need to attend the Parent's Information Night to get the registration forms and the preparation schedule. Thank you

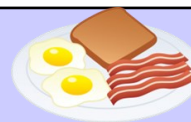
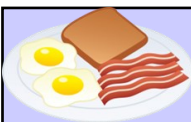
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ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST

Date - Saturday 11th March 2023

Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am

Venue - Parish hall



The parish is holding another Men's Breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their sons, grandsons, neighbours and friends. For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 5th March 2023. Please add your name to the list on the warden's table.

Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775

2023 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE AT ST FINBAR'S

<p>TUESDAY 4TH APRIL</p>	<p>9.15am Mass Confessions 10am to 11am 6.30pm Passover Meal P/C</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL</p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary Confessions 10am to 11am 7.30pm Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.</p>
<p>HOLY THURSDAY 6TH APRIL</p>	<p>No Morning Mass Confessions 10am to 11am 7.00PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER WITH ADORATION AT ALTAR OF REPOSE TILL 11PM</p>
<p>GOOD FRIDAY 7TH APRIL A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT</p>	<p>10.00am Stations of the Cross Confessions after stations till 12.30pm 3.00PM SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 7.30PM GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC & READINGS</p>
<p>HOLY SATURDAY 8TH APRIL</p>	<p>7.30PM 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</p>
<p>EASTER SUNDAY 9TH APRIL</p>	<p>7.30AM AND 9.30AM MASSES</p>

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Arno Toirkens (Jackie Visser's Brother), Paul Walker, Esme Kramhoft, Christopher Auckett, Matthew Tuckleman, George Hauswirth, Mary Nelson, Barry Wylie, Peter & Anna Friel (Maire Griffin relatives) and John Mullane.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Pat Bell, Jeanette Russell (Margaret Rivas' Friend), Chris Paine, Margaret Stevens, Lyn Beltran, Lyn Downes, Margaret Christensen, Mark Bates, Colleen & Michael Nolan, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Joanne Macrae, Sophie Hollies, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Harrison Maddison Farrugia, Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson), Diosdado Roque (Geraldine Agahari's Father), Joan and Hubert Periera & Maureen Brown (Marcia Periera's Sister, Brother & Niece).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Gerard Cullinane, Ellen Butcher, Rosena Baker, Monica Hampson, Hugh McDaid, Shirley Konza, Joan Morgan, William Chambers, Maree Bowden, Joseph Loader, Irene Williams, Patrick Hanson, Harry Ragen and James Cottier.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR THE 11TH & 12TH MARCH 2023

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Servers	Quentin Lynch & Matilda Howard		Emily Dowling & Leia Agahari
Warden	Allan Jones	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Maureen Tulk	Carl Moll	Richard Cutler
2nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Geraldine Agahari	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Elizabeth Konza	Joanne Stubbs
Music	Sam & Bernadette	N/A	Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Kylie Mills	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Allan & Eileen Jones	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Margaret Richards	Kath Tierney	Yvonne Scanlan
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Children's Liturgy	Colin		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Beth Killeen & Camilla Lobo		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Darren & Liz Dukes		

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