

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD—Year A
1st & 2nd April 2023

Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Ps 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14—27:66

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Triumphant Entry of God's Peace in Our Time of Wars

This Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week while war is still raging in various corners of the world. It is worth noting that, though many versions title this episode 'The Triumphal Entry' or some such, the acclaim happens before Jesus enters the city. Perhaps, it was the result of the early Church's experience of freedom in the fourth Century: As soon as the Church obtained her freedom in the fourth century, the faithful in Jerusalem re-enacted the solemn entry of Christ into their city on the Sunday before Easter, holding a procession in which they carried branches and sang the Hosanna (Matt 21, 1-11).

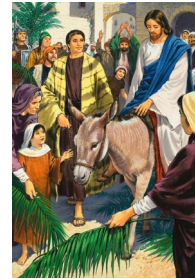
In the early Latin Church, people attending Mass on this Sunday would hold aloft twigs of olives, which were not, however, blessed in those days.

A striking feature of Matthew's Passion Narrative is the emphasis on the impact that Jesus has. The 'large crowd' that has followed Jesus from Jericho in Matt 20.29 has become a 'huge crowd' in Matt 21.8. When he does finally come into Jerusalem, Matthew alone notes that 'the whole city was stirred' in verse 10. Here he highlights the divide between the Galileans, the pilgrim crowd, who acclaim Jesus, and the local Judeans who do not. And the Galilean crowd emphasised that this king-like person is not local, but from Nazareth; whereas Judea was ruled directly by Rome through a prefect, Galilee was a separate region ruled by Herod as tetrarch. So, the political threat would have been even more obvious.

Up to this point, Jesus has walked everywhere with his disciples on foot—and it appears that the expectation was that Passover pilgrims should arrive at the city on foot. So, Jesus' riding on a donkey would have been very conspicuous amongst the crowds; he could have chosen to remain incognito by walking if he had chosen. The use of a donkey was not a sign of poverty as such; it was the most common animal at the time for a range of work roles. Its primary significance is found in the fulfilment of the conflated prophecies in Zechariah 9.9-10 with the opening phrase from Isaiah 62.11. The Zechariah text in turn alludes to David's entry into the city after the defeat of Absalom in 2 Sam 19. ***The true king arrives, not as conquering hero but proclaiming peace, not presuming to impose his will but hoping to be welcomed willingly.*** In this sense Jesus is demonstrating by his own example the teaching he has been giving in Matt 20.25-28. Though he has forbidden proclamation of his identity in Matt 16.20, his actions speak louder than their words.

Jesus came on an animal of peace, not of war. The Messiah would re-establish the kingdom founded by David, a kingdom ***reuniting feuding peoples into one nation.*** That kingdom would bring all the People of God from the far corners of the world back home where they belonged. The Son of David would establish an everlasting reign.

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**Daylight Saving ends this weekend.
Don't forget to put your clocks back one hour.**

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 2nd April <i>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.30am Ecumenical Soup Sunday at the Uniting Church 3.00pm Penrith City Children's Choir 6.00pm Youth Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/t40mjuBwzZc?feature=share 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p>Monday 3rd April <i>Monday of Holy Week</i></p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 4th April <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass 10.00am Confessions 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 6.30pm PASSOVER Meal P/C</p>
<p>Wednesday 5th April <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i></p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup 10.00am Confessions 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 6th April <i>The Lord's Supper</i></p>	<p>No Morning Mass 10.00am Confessions 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm The Lord's Supper Mass followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose P/C</p>
<p>Friday 7th April <i>Passion of the Lord (Fast & abstinence)</i></p>	<p>10.00am Stations of the Cross Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/bl4WsK880QQ?feature=share 11.00am Confessions 3.00pm The Passion of the Lord Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/Pl08sv23T_s?feature=share 7.30pm Good Friday Meditation reading & Music</p>
<p>Saturday 8th April <i>Holy Saturday</i></p>	<p>7.30pm Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/SK2QUZWNsZl?feature=share</p>
<p>Sunday 9th April <i>Sunday of the Resurrection</i></p>	<p>7.30am Easter Sunday Mass 9.30am Easter Sunday Mass</p>

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians

Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is preparing men who have been called by God to be good shepherds to serve His people. Will you support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code, or use the envelopes in the church pews. **Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their spiritual journey to become priests.**



CYP Good Friday Night Walk: 7 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/>

Positions Vacant: Policy Coordinator

The Diocese of Parramatta is recruiting for a part-time Policy Coordinator to work within the Chancery. If you have experience in policy writing and tertiary qualifications in Law, HR or compliance, we encourage you to apply. For a confidential chat, call Marie Iemma on 0499 874 420 or email your CV and cover letter to parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org

MET FaithLIFE Scripture Course: Starting 2nd May

Want to learn more about different ways to pray? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on "Prayer" with Br Barry Donaghue, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesdays: 2 + 9 + 16 May. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

MET Worship Liturgical Music Workshop: 4th May

RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>
Musicians, Clergy & Liturgy Planners are invited to attend a Music Workshop Presented by Eric Grella on Singing the Psalms & Chant on Thursday 4 May from 7pm to 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. RSVP by 1 May to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

PENRITH CITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Invites boys and girls aged 7 – 13 years to come to our second project for 2023 'Native American Chants' starting on April 2. Two workshops in Glenbrook will lead to a public performance on Sunday 21st May with the adult choir. No auditions. Just bring your love of singing. For an Information Pack & Application Form contact: PCCC Administrator, Rebecca Padgett 0417 433 903 or email pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au

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Let us continue to pray for peace in this time remembering that Jesus waved the olive branch while the crowd wanted Him to grab a sword and wave that sword to show what He and his followers would do to the Romans. Let us sing “Hosana” to the King of Peace who came to bring peace between mankind and God. He came to break the barriers that exist between God and us. He came so that we may find a peace that surpasses all understanding.



Easter Sunrise Service
Elizabeth Lookout Glenbrook



Date: Sunday, 9th April 2023
Time: 6am start (sunrise 6.15am)
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 (follow track and then keep to the right at the fork).
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.
 If it rains the service is cancelled as there is no suitable shelter at the lookout.*

BUSH SCHOOL CAMBODIA

Special thanks to all parishioners who attended our concert last Saturday night, or contributed by way of donation. The evening was very successful and will greatly assist the continued operation of the school in the coming year. Thanks also to Fr Joe and Parish for use of the hall and sound equipment. **Doug Frewer**

Catholic Parish Our Lady of Nativity, Lawson.

Forgiveness in the Sacred Scriptures presented by Dr Laurie Woods. Come along to Sunday Lunch and the Sacred Scriptures on the 2nd April from 12-2pm. Enquiries Maureen Ryan maureenpr8@gmail.com 0403 931 782.

CANTICLE OF CANTICLES – 1 Thessalonians Biblical Studies by Dr Gideon Goosen

When? Mondays 1, 8, 22, 29th MAY. (4 meetings) 7.30pm-9pm. **Where?** Meeting Room, St Finbar's, Glenbrook. **Cost:** Free
Registration necessary, by FRIDAY 31st March: *St Finbar's Office:* secretary@stfinbars.org.au or 4742 6958 or *St Andrews Office* 4739 6295 standrews@glenbrook.unitingchurch.org.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maria Cummins, Paul Walker, Esme Kramhoft, Christopher Auckett, Matthew Tuckleman, George Hauswirth, Mary Nelson, Barry Wylie and John Mullane.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Pope Francis, Cecily McHugh (Jacqui Visser's Daughter), 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), 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:

Mary Dutfield, Marjory Plevy, John Burrows, Imre Varga, Geoffrey McNay, Elizabeth Doyle, Shirley Conlon, Mary Kiel and Agnes Collins.

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 8TH & 9TH APRIL 2023

Liturgical Ministries	Holy Thursday 7.30pm	The Lord's Passion 3pm	7.30pm Easter Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Senior Server	Juliana Khnouf	1. Ahyiesha D'Souza 2. Joseph Sukkar 3. Peter McMahon	Peter McMahon	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Thurifier	Peter McMahon		Anaru Veitch		
Junior Servers	Tim Kensey & Xavier Rajnoch	Zoe Wilson & Tim Kensey			Emily Dowling & Leia Agahari
Warden	Huia Kingi	Allan Jones	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1st Reading	Joanne Stubbs	Michelle Wilson	1. Beth Culliver 2. Geraldine Agahari 3. Carolyn Duval	Carl Moll	Dan or Tim Kensey
2nd Reading	Geraldine Agahari	Cecilia Zammit	Andrew Duval	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Cecilia Zammit	Eileen Jones	Irene Aligno	John Isaksen	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Men's Group	Youth Group	Cantabile	N/A	Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Lachlan Lloyd	Volunteer Please	Robyn Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Anne, Jessica & Vince		Brian & Thea Robertson	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	1. Mila Svehla 2. Thea Robertson 3. Ahyiesha D'Souza	1. Joseph Sukkar 2. Peter McMahon	1. Gerard Egan 2. Thea Robertson	Jim Tierney	Gerard Egan
Cashiers	Joe Grange				
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays				
Piety Stall	No Stall				
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Jessica Doherty, Dawn Willis & Wendy Bohan				
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Daren & Liz Dukes				
Lawn Mowing	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch				



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