



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) — Year A
15th & 16th April 2023

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 117; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Thank you all for a wonderful Holy Week and Easter

Paul emphasizes this in 1 Corinthians 15, reminding us that “Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures” (vv. 3-4). Then, in verse 17, he argues that “if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins.”

In other words, Paul saw a direct connection between the resurrection of Jesus and the sufficiency of his death to atone for our sins. When Jesus rose again on the third day, it was the public announcement that God was fully satisfied with the sacrificial death of his Son. In his resurrection, Jesus was vindicated (1 Timothy 3:16). But in his vindication, we are vindicated too. That’s why Paul says in Romans 4 that Jesus “was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification” (Romans 4:25).

The resurrection, you see, not only assures us of God’s forgiveness and comforts us in suffering as we anticipate the final reversal of death, disease, and decay; it also motivates and empowers us to push back the tide of suffering and evil in the present world, through word and deed, in mercy and justice, all in Jesus’ name.

The great Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430), my favourite Saint and Patron of the Augustinians, said once in his Easter homily: “We are an *Easter People* and our song is Halleluia.” Yes, it was an *Halleluia* experience that we and many visitors enjoyed during the Holy Week leading to the wonderful Easter celebration. One of the visitors who attended the Stations of the Cross wrote about the liturgies at St Finbars: “One of the most profound experiences I’ve had at Easter. Thank you for your creativity, community-focus, and courage in delivering this utterly inspiring interpretation of the Station of the Cross.” Adding to the Halleluia experience, the Diocese of Parramatta has shared our celebration on diocesan Facebook reaching nearly 2000 people beyond our parish. There was also a special Johann Sebastian Bach music mediation concert on Good Friday attended by a good crowd with wonderful spiritual and emotional touching performances. The Holy Week started with the Lenten Ecumenical Soup and Bread Sunday at the Uniting church with a packed hall. Beyond its spiritual nourishment, we raised together 3000 AUD to support the Blue Mountains Refugees Support Group. Passover Meal was celebrated on Tuesday 4th in which around 90 parishioners participated. We listened to the Old Testament texts and prayers reminding us of our Jewish roots that were also Jesus’ faith and culture. It was followed by the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Parramatta at which we collected the holy Oils for Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of Sick. On Thursday, we celebrated the Last Supper Mass of our Lord during which the feet of 12 parishioners, who represented the various ministries in our Parish, were washed. The Three Sacred Days concluded with the solemn celebration of the Easter Vigil and Sunday Easter Morning Masses.

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Sacraments

Confessions: Saturday 4.30 – 5.15pm

Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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Congratulations to Max Instance and Ana Blanco who are getting married this Saturday the 15th of April. May God bless them both on this day with a lifetime of shared love and joy.



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 16th April 2023 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>(Divine Mercy)</i> <i>Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.00pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/86DPIMW2FCU?feature=share 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p>Monday 17th April</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 18th April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting—Presbytery 7.30pm May Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Wednesday 19th April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 20th April</p>	<p>9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Friday 21st April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p>Saturday 22nd April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/n0zn9XhXrpQ?feature=share</p>
<p>Sunday 23rd April 2023 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms</p>

Positions Vacant:

- + **Policy Coordinator** – Diocese of Parramatta
 - + **Communications and Digital Manager** – Diocese of Parramatta
 - + **Communications Assistant** – Diocese of Parramatta
- More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Toongabbie Parish is hiring! Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is looking for a Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper. This is a permanent part-time position with 30 hours per week worked over five days. Please forward applications and resumes to the Parish secretary at secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au by 18th April 2023. If you would like more information regarding this position, please contact the office on (02) 9631 3316.

CCD St Matthew's Gospel Series: Starting 28 April

CCD is hosting Dr Laurie Woods presenting A Study of St Matthew's Gospel - April 28; May 5, 12, 19 & 26. 10 am to 2pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To book please email Maree Collis ccd.training@parracatholic.org

MET FaithLIFE Scripture Course: Starting 2 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 Tuesday: 2 + 9 + 16 May. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

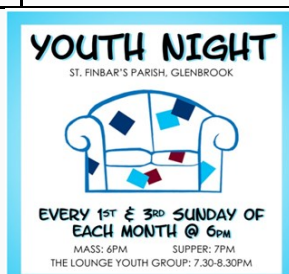
MET Worship Liturgical Music Workshop: 4 May

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

The FaithFeed On The Move: 7 May

Have questions about life & faith? Join with others on the search at The FaithFeed live studio audience - hosted by Glenbrook in the Mountains Deanery – all are welcome! The FaithFeed will be on Sunday 7 May at the parish hall after the 6PM mass. Doors open 7:00PM for a 7:30PM start. The night will feature faith stories + live music + activities + great conversation.

Book now: <https://tinyurl.com/tffrego>



FR JOE'S MUSINGS—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

As you can imagine, many people were involved in the preparation of the events at St Finbars: Social Events Group, Liturgy committee, Youth group, choirs and musicians, Organ committee, Sacristans, hospitality group, church cleaners and gardeners, wardens, liturgical ministers, readers, parish office staff and those who led and prepared the Stations of the Cross team.

To all of you, I say my heartfelt **Thank You**. Without your commitment of faith and love for our parish we would not been able to provide and nourish the faith of our parishioners.

Saint Augustine concluded his Easter homily by reminding us that our Halleluia song should also penetrate our way of Christian living: “But see that your praise comes from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions. We are praising God now, assembled as we are here in church; but when we go on our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life, we shall always be praising God. You cease to praise God only when you swerve from justice and from what is pleasing to God. If you never turn aside from the good life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each other’s voices, so do God’s ears hear our thoughts.”

ST FINBAR'S NETBALL CLUB - A RIGHT ROYAL TRIVIA NIGHT

When: Saturday 6 May

Time: Doors open at 6.30pm, questions start at 7pm

Cost: \$10 for SFNC members, \$15 for non-members

BYO: Drinks and Nibbles

Other information: the night is for people aged 15+ and the tables will be set up for a maximum of 8 people.

To book please email secretarysfnc@gmail.com or phone Janette Ankers on 0438 672 040.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page (search St Finbars Glenbrook Netball Club) over the coming weeks for clues! 2 are already there.

All money raised will be used to pay our umpires, to cover end of season expenses (trophies and gifts) and to keep our fees as low as possible for all families.

INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR CPR TRAINING

You are invited to register for this accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW as part of a project being offered by The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre.

The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at two locations across the Diocese.

1. St Thomas Aquinas Springwood on Saturday 13th May beginning at 10am, or
2. Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Monday 5th June at 4pm.

Please contact the Parish Office for information on how to register for the venue of your choice.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY ISSUE 16 APRIL 2023

PULPIT POINTS 16 April 2023

- Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP: From death to life
- David’s Place celebrate the Easter Triduum
- The Easter things we love
- Editorial: Catholicism’s tenacity
- Berlin’s ‘wild’ Catholics
- Pope Francis: Break with sin!



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Paul Egan (Gerard Egan’s Brother), Joe Grange, Jeanette Russell (Margaret Rivas’ Friend), 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, 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:

Max Callaghan, Daniel Newman, Mathieu Fransen, Patricia Young, Leonard Mott, Rein Bruinsma, Benjamin Lowe, Baby Gwen Fielden, Eleanor Morgan, Grace Walkley, Alan Bryan and Madge Boylan.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 22ND & 23RD APRIL 2023

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D’Souza	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D’Souza	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Junior Servers	Harrison Bohan		Benjamin Grus & Abigail Stanford
Warden	Huia Kingi	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Kevin Lloyd	Patricia Murnane
2nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Andrew Teece	Irene Aligno
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
Music	Cantabile		Holy Light
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Elizabeth Konza	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Ann & Ray Keating	The Young Family
Communion	Lorraine Brown	Brian Grech	Elizabeth Rowe
Cashiers	Peter McMahon		
Children’s Liturgy	School Holiday		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, Elizabeth Brazier, Gabrielle Lynch & Floor Wash Team		
Hospitality	Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		
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