



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
4th Sunday of Easter—Year A  
29th & 30th April 2023

Acts 2:14, 36-41; Ps 22; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS

### Being a young Church? FAITH-FEED at St Finbars

In an address delivered at the fourth annual Patrick Oration on Friday 17 March 2023, Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli of Melbourne reversed the question "When did the young lose Christ?" to this one: "When did we lose being young in Christ?"

I think that it is just a play on words. In fact, both questions are interconnected. The young have lost Christ because in the eyes of the young the Church no longer appears to be an institution that fails to connect with young people. In their eyes, it seems that the Church is busying herself with issues that touch only marginally their lives and hopes. Importantly, the Church is busying herself too much with politics, structures and policies. In this way she has become lifeless and disconnected with the young. It seems that the Church is lost in transition to the young.

The latest census is less than encouraging: On average, only 6% of young Catholics attend regularly the Mass. Perhaps, St Finbars is a little different. We are lucky that there are many young families and young Catholics who are regular Mass goers and have a sense of belonging to St Finbars.

My view is that young people still do have a strong connection to Jesus. When it comes to the Church, many young people are "unchurched" because they don't feel "touched" by the Church.

To reconnect with young Catholics, St Finbars and the diocesan MET (Mission Enhancement Team) invite all young Catholic in the Blue Mountains and beyond to attend the FAITH-FEED event on 7 May 2023 at St Finbars. To be "unchurched" may perhaps be popular with the current mainstream culture. Yet, why not dare to be different?

Pope Francis appeals to the young Catholic to reconnect with Jesus, the Church and to testify to the beauty of generosity, service, purity, perseverance, forgiveness, fidelity to their personal vocation, prayer, the pursuit of justice and the common good, love for the poor, and social friendship.

So, I would like to invite you and your friends who may have an interest in the journey of faith: You are young, and you have lots of questions about faith and life. You are not sure about Christian identity and belonging? You would love to be among young adults who share the same journey.

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.

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### **Address:**

52 Levy Street, Glenbrook 2773  
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### **Sacraments**

Confessions: Saturday 4.30 – 5.15pm

Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

**Web:** [www.stfinbars.org.au](http://www.stfinbars.org.au)

**Facebook:** Glenbrook Catholic Church St Finbars

### **Parish School:** Principal

Mrs Robyn Clarke

**Phone:** 4724 3600

## 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.*

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| <p><b>Sunday</b><br/>30th April<br/>2023<br/><i>4th Sunday of<br/>Easter<br/>Year A</i></p> | <p><b>7.30am Mass</b><br/><b>9.30am Mass</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Monday</b><br/>1st May</p>  | <p><b>No Mass. Office is closed</b><br/>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R<br/>6.30pm Finnie's Choir Practice<br/>7.30pm Bible Study—Song of Songs P/C</p>  |
| <p><b>Tuesday</b><br/>2nd May<br/><i>St Athanasius</i></p>                                  | <p><b>9.15am Mass</b><br/>10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C<br/>6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice<br/>7.30pm "Life is a precious gift, don't waste it on drugs"<br/>talk by Jim McLoughlin P/C</p>   |
| <p><b>Wednesday</b><br/>3rd May<br/><i>Sts Philip and<br/>James</i></p>                     | <p><b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b><br/>9.30am Playgroup P/C<br/>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>   |
| <p><b>Thursday</b><br/>4th May</p>  | <p><b>9.15am Mass</b><br/>1.30pm Bridge Club P/C<br/>5.00pm Reconciliation Preparation P/C</p>   |
| <p><b>Friday</b><br/>5th May</p>  | <p><b>9.15am Mass</b><br/>1.00pm Bowlers P/C</p>   |
| <p><b>Saturday</b><br/>6th May</p>  | <p><b>9.15am Mass</b><br/>11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice<br/>4.30pm Confessions<br/><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b><br/>7.00pm Netball Trivia Night P/C</p>   |
| <p><b>Sunday</b><br/>7th May 2023<br/><i>5th Sunday of<br/>Easter<br/>Year A</i></p>        | <p><b>7.30am Mass</b><br/><b>9.30am Mass</b><br/>4.30pm Faith Feed Festival and Goodies P/C<br/><b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b><br/>Live Streaming Link<br/><a href="https://youtube.com/live/mbmUBrNMqAs?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/mbmUBrNMqAs?feature=share</a><br/><b>7.00pm MET FAITH-FEED for 18 to 40 years old P/C</b></p> |

Positions Vacant:

- **Communications and Digital Manager** – Diocese of Parramatta
  - **Communications Assistant** – Diocese of Parramatta
  - **Lead Support** – Diocesan Synod
- More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

Diocesan Synod 2023 – The Time is Now!

Join the Diocese of Parramatta as we listen and respond to the Holy Spirit through the People of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Let us go forwards towards the horizon that awaits us. Learn more at [parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023)

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/>

Invitation to Register for CPR Training: 13 May and 5 June

You are invited to register for an accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW. This is being offered as FREE course to the Parishes of the Diocese 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:

- St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood on Saturday 13 May from 10am or
- Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Monday 5 June from 4pm.

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

Faith in Marriage Seminar: 19 May

The annual Diocesan Faith in Marriage Seminar returns in 2023 with Chris Padgett, American Speaker, Musician, Author and Professor of Theology. This free event will be held on Friday 19 May at 7:30pm at St Paul the Apostle Church, 40 Buckley's Road, Winston Hills. Please register your attendance at [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org)

TIMOR-LESTE AND BLACKHEATH CHOIRS TOGETHER

The Blue Mountains East Timor Sisters are hosting a special free concert featuring choirs from Timor-Leste and Blackheath next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm. The Blue Mountains East Timor Sisters work to build friendships between our two countries and invite anyone who would like to experience a unique meeting of cultures to come to Phillips Hall, 41 Gardiner Crescent, Winmalee. Bookings not necessary.

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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>

Speaker for the evening is Steve Baird, CEO of International Justice Mission Australia which is part of the largest anti-slavery organisation in the world.

Come and join us for an evening of good soul warming music, inspirational speakers, uplifting conversation about faith and life, and of course, good food as well.

Dare to be different and dare to give witness to Jesus' love in the community of faith companions.

*Fr Joe*

**FAITH - FEED AT ST FINBARS**



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**INVITATION TO INFORMATION NIGHT AT ST FINBARS ON SUBSTANCE USE IN THE BLUE MOUNTAIN AREA**

As you may already know, drug addiction can have devastating effects on personal life. While the Blue Mountains Area enjoys many "protective factors" mitigating the consumption of illicit drugs, young people in our local communities are still exposed to the risks and dangers of substance use. Jim McLoughlin, parishioner and member of the Police Force Parramatta, will present a talk on "*Life is a precious gift, don't waste it on drugs!*" on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

**TRIVIA NIGHT- Saturday 6 May 7pm**

Who doesn't love a Trivia Night? Lucky door prizes, coin toss, head and tails, trivia, challenges, prizes for the winning tables and much, much more! SFNC will be holding a fundraising trivia night to raise money to continue to keep our fees affordable for all families.

**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

Tables will be set up for 8 people. To book please add your name to the lists on the Notice Board closest to the Warden's table or email [secretarysfnc@gmail.com](mailto: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! 3 are already there.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Margaret Clark (Kerry Herborn' s Mother), Paul Egan (Gerard Egan's Brother), Joe Grange, 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:**

Gwen Cullinan, 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:**

Letitia Osborne, Katie Jones, Alicia Snaith, Raymond Roberts, John Tregillgas, Dennis Lohan, Marjorie Aussel, Angela Pereira, David Apps, Tadeusz Bojec, Jonathan Baines, Michael Wilcox and Edna Mooney.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 6TH & 7TH MAY 2023**

| Liturgical Ministries   | 5.30pm   | 7.30 am                            | 9.30 am                         |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sacristan               | Peter McMahon  | Carl Moll                          | Gerard Egan                     |
| Senior Server           | Peter McMahon  | Carl Moll                          | Joseph Sukkar                   |
| Junior Servers          | Alex and Luc Nilsson   |                                    | Xavier Rajnoch & Patrick Sukkar |
| Warden                  | Vince Dobson   | Volunteer Please                   | Justin Dowling                  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading | Beth Culliver  | John De Mattia                     | Pearse Cremin                   |
| 2nd Reading             | Eileen Jones   | John Killeen                       | Amanda Moore                    |
| Intercession            | Greg Rowe  | Kevin Flynn                        | Justin Dowling                  |
| Music                   | Naomi's Group  |                                    | Claire Brown & Anne Hobbs       |
| IT Operators            | Eleanor Thompson   | Joseph Wilson                      | Pat Watson                      |
| Gifts                   | Noreen Taylor & Janice Smith   | Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski | Volunteers please               |
| Communion               | Vince Dobson + Volunteer Please  | Colleen Fuller + Volunteer Please  | Sue McGrath + Volunteer Please  |
| Cashiers                | Peter McMahon  |                                    |                                 |
| Children's Liturgy      | Christyna  |                                    |                                 |
| Piety Stall             | Carmel Higgins   |                                    |                                 |
| Church Care             | Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Beth Killeen & Camilla Lobo |                                    |                                 |
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