



## *The Barra*

*Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook*  
**3rd Sunday of Lent - Year B**  
**2nd & 3rd March 2024**

**Exodus 20:1-17; Ps 18; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25**

**WE ARE FILLED WITH THE PRESENCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO THE HEARTS,  
SOULS AND MINDS OF ALL OUR PARISHIONERS.**

### **FR JOE'S MUSINGS**

Dear Friends,

The collapse of a construction company is nothing new. It happens from time to time. New is only that the cost rise of cost of living has accelerated the rate of insolvency forcing construction companies to collapse.

The gospel of this Sunday speaks of Jesus' cleansing of the temple in Jerusalem. Construction of the temple began under Herod the Great in 20 or 19 B.C., which means that Jesus' cleansing of the temple takes place in 27 or 28 A.D. Most of the work on the temple has been completed by this time, but refinements will continue until 63 A.D., only seven years before the Romans will destroy the temple.

The cleansing has to do with the fact that the sanctuary has been degraded to a market hall, a place of commerce (Greek, *oikon emporiou*). Jesus is not anti-temple, but anti-exploitation. He acknowledges the temple as his Father's house and insists that it be treated with the reverence due the house of the Lord. However, a house of prayers and encounter with God has become a den of thieves. Hence, it suggests unethical business practices taking place in the temple! Hence, the sanctuary has become a house of sins.

Jesus' action should make us alert. The question is then: What is true worship? John provides us with an answer: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19).

The event of the cleansing of the Temple is more than just an angry outburst against the merchants and the abuses that were taking place at that time. It is an attack on the Temple cult, of which the sacrificial animals and the special Temple moneys collected there were a part. Christ's death on the cross, followed by the tearing of the Temple curtain into two, and then, in years to come by the physical destruction of the Temple, brought an end to the old economy of worship and inaugurated the new one: the true worship will now take place in the new Temple, in Christ himself, who is the dwelling place of the Father and the Spirit. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, however, is constantly represented by the Church when the sacrament of the Eucharist is celebrated. Our "spiritual worship" consists of our submission to God "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). This submission is internal (spiritual), but also physical (bodily). This submission of the human person takes place not somehow in isolation, or in parallel with Christ's submission to the Father represented in the Eucharist, but in deep relation to it. In the Eucharist, the spiritual element is combined with the physical component—through the visible signs and actions, invisible, spiritual realities take place.

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Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."  
John 2:19

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Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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### **SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME**

The Parish joyfully welcomes

***Thomas Luke Dominici***

into our Faith Community.

He is going to be Baptised at our Parish next weekend.

May God bless him.



### **WE 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.*

# PARISH CALENDAR

# DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

<b>Sunday 3rd March</b>  <i>3rd Sunday of Lent Year B</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> Live Streaming Link <a href="https://youtube.com/live/n6wIscw4FED?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/n6wIscw4FED?feature=share</a> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C
<b>Monday 4th March</b>	<b>No Mass. Office is closed</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.30pm Parents Sacramental Information night P/C
<b>Tuesday 5th March</b>	<b>9.15am Liturgy of the Word and Communion</b> 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting M/R
<b>Wednesday 6th March</b>	<b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Thursday 7th March</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 10.45am Bridge Club Lessons P/C 11.00am Blue Mountains Deanery Meeting M/R 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 3.30pm Lenten Group—Mila Svehla's Group M/R 7.30pm Lenten Group—Fr Joe' Group M/R
<b>Friday 8th March</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 1.00pm Bowlers P/C <b>7.30pm Lent Adoration and Confessions</b>
<b>Saturday 9th March</b>	7.30am Men's Breakfast P/C 9.00am Lenten Group—Martin Roger's Group M/R <b>9.15am Mass</b> 4.30pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 10th March</b>  <i>4th Sunday of Lent Year B</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>10.45am Baptisms</b>

## Positions Vacant:

- ✦ Parish Cook (part-time) - St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta – **Applications close 4 March**
  - ✦ Administration Assistant (part-time) - Sacred Heart Parish, Mt Druitt South and Permanent Diaconate community – **Applications close 10pm Monday 11 March**
- More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

## Synod 2023 Update: Decree issued and Development of Diocesan Plan Begins

In January, the Synodal Decree from our inaugural Diocesan Synod was issued, enabling us to move forward in the development of a Diocesan Plan. Join us in the next phase of our journey, as we discern a new path forward for our local Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church will launch at the Diocesan Gathering on Saturday 10 August. Learn more at [parracatholic.org/synod](http://parracatholic.org/synod)

## Safeguarding Face-to-face Training

Have you had a chance to complete your first three Mandatory Safeguarding Modules as yet? Face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Tuesday mornings in March.  
 Module 1: Tuesday 5 March (10.00 – 11.00am)  
 Module 2: Tuesday 12 March (10.00 – 11.30am)  
 Module 3: Tuesday 19 March (10.00 – 11.30am)  
 To register, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?topic=safeguarding>

## EASTER ROSTERS –2024

Volunteers are needed to help with all the Easter Liturgies. We need qualified 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. Please do not wait to see if others nominate - put your name up early as this helps enormously with the organisation of all the ceremonies.

Thank you for all your help and support.

## PASSOVER MEAL

You are invited to celebrate a Passover Meal at  
 St Finbar's Parish Hall,  
 52 Levy Street Glenbrook on  
**TUESDAY 26TH MARCH AT 7PM**



Cost: \$20pp or \$70 per family  
 RSVP: [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)  
 Limited seats are available and pre-booking is essential

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

True worship is not about our creativity and innovative approaches, aiming at our self-fulfillment. Rather, true worship also leads us into the practice of self-giving. The Eucharist draws us into Jesus' act of self-oblation. More than just statically receiving the incarnate Logos, we enter into the very dynamic of his self-giving. Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own. Communion draws me out of myself towards him, and thus also towards unity with all Christians. We become "one body", completely joined in a single existence. We can thus understand how *agape* (self-giving love) also became a term for the Eucharist: there God's own *agape* comes to us bodily, in order to continue his work in us and through us.

While Jesus was not running a construction company, he was very engaged in building up a new temple where true and lasting worship takes place.

*Fr Joe*

## DISCIPLESHIP AND PASSION OF CHRIST JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK BIBLICAL STUDY

### FATHER JOSPEH LAM

**When: Tuesdays 12th & 19th March at 7.30pm**

**Place: Parish Hall**

**Cost: Gold Coin donation**

For Registration please contact the Parish office on [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)

### Expression of Interest– Parish Tour:

If you are interested in our 15 Days Parish Central Europe Tour in May 2025, please register your interest with the Parish office.

The tour includes stops in **Germany** (Frankfurt - Weimar-Berlin), **Poland** (Poznan, Warsaw-Auschwitz-Krakow), **Hungary** (Budapest), **Slovakia** (Bratislava), **Austria** (Vienna), **Czech Republic** (Prague), **Germany** (Munich-Nuremberg: Hometown of Fr Joe).

June Bouche, who is a parishioner and director of Ruby Travels, is organising and managing the trip on St Finbar's behalf.

### ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST

*Date - Saturday 9th March 2024*

*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 3rd March 2024

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

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Paul McMahon (Peter McMahon's Brother), Trevor Anthony (father-in-law of Rachel Egan) and Pat Bell.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:**

Pat Barrett, Noreen Taylor, Huia Kingi, Sue Bland, Connor Sipple, Katie Maloney, Margaret Stevens, Christopher Thomson, David Haynes (Yvonne Scanlan's Dad), Gwen Cullinan, Chris Paine, Lyn Downes, Jacqui Visser, Terry Stevens, Mark Bates, Margaret Christensen, Sophie Hollies, Colleen & Michael Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson), Diosdado Roque (Geraldine Agahari's Father), Joan, Hubert Pereira & Maureen Brown (Marcia Pereira's Sister, Brother & Niece).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

James Hurley, Mary Mulvey, Nellie De Mattia, Lewis Konza, Gerrard Cullinane, Ellen Butcher, Rosena Baker, Monica Hampson, Hugh McDaid, Shirley Konza, Joan Morgan, William Chambers and Maree Bowden.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 9TH & 10TH MARCH 2024**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Joseph Sukkar
Junior Servers	Quentin Lynch & Eoghan McKenna		Oliver Wilson, Noah Young & Patrick Sukkar
Warden	Maree Roach	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Maureen Tulk	Carl Moll	Richard Cutler
2nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Geraldine Agahari	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Elizabeth Konza	Joanne Stubbs
Music	Bernadette Phillips & Michael Taylor		Finnie's' Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Kylie Mills	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret & Michael Richards	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Brian & Thea Robertson	Brian Grech & Helen Keogh	Yvonne Scanlan & Colin Stead
Children's Liturgy	Danielle		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Beth Killeen & Camilla Lobo		
Hospitality	Ann King, Lynne Atkinson, Liz & Daren Dukes		



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