

The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
4th Sunday of Lent - Year B
9th & 10th March 2024

Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 136; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

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

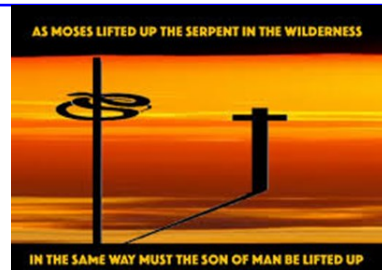
FR JOE'S MUSINGS

Last week I was invited to speak at the annual gathering of priests and deacons of the diocese of Armidale. The topic selected by the diocesan administrator (as you may know the diocese of Armidale is currently vacant and is awaiting the appointment of a new bishop) for the gathering was "Parish Renewal and Celebration of the Sacraments in a Regional Context". More than the content that I delivered there, I was truly humbled by the generosity and "sacrifice" of many religious, deacons and priests. Ministering in regional country is very demanding. Some deacons and priests have to drive for hours to celebrate the liturgies and to pastorally attend to the needs of the people. Some priests have left their countries and hometowns for the sake of Christ's mission. I can only imagine the difficulty and challenges they are facing. I am very humbled by their presence and goodwill of ministry.

This Sunday we hear from the gospel of John that *God sent his Son into the world that we may be saved through him* (John 3:14-21). This is a stark reminder of the reason for the existence of the Church and our existence as followers of Christ. Despite the needed renewal of the Church, we should not forget the salvific mission to which we are all called to participate in. As defined by Church documents the mission of the Church is to evangelize, "that is she must proclaim the good news of salvation to all, generate new creatures in Christ through Baptism, and train them to live knowingly as children of God." The mission of the Church is to make the Kingdom of God present in our world, guiding people to friendship with Christ, to the communion of love with the Lord who is the true light in our lives. This also means that the Church does exist neither in nor for herself. Hence Pope Francis rightly said: "Evangelizing presupposes a desire in the Church to come out of herself. The Church is called to come out of herself and to go to the peripheries, not only geographically, but also the *existential peripheries*: the mystery of sin, of pain, of injustice, of ignorance and indifference to religion, of intellectual currents and of all misery." In this sense, the Church is a sacrament because it points towards Jesus Christ who is the primordial sacrament of God, the Father, because Jesus is the preeminent outward sign of God's unchanging love and perennial favour.

As disciples of Christ we are to continue God's mission in and for the world. As Pope Francis wrote in *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), "Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey."

Please continue reading on page 3



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Priest: Fr Joseph Lam

E-mail: joseph.lam@parracatholic.org

Phone: 0493 461 990 ***Emergencies only***
(Sick call & death)

Secretary: Juliana Khnouf

E-mail: secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Admin: Peter McMahon

E-mail: admin@stfinbars.org.au

PPC:

E-mail: stfinbarsppc@gmail.com

Office Hours: 9.30am – 3.00pm

Tuesday to Friday
(Closed on Mondays)

Office Phone: ***(02) 47426958***

Parish QR Code:

Please use this QR Code to donate to St Finbar's Parish Glenbrook using your Credit Card, or to make any payments. Please select from the list.



Address:

52 Levy Street, Glenbrook 2773
PO Box 123 Glenbrook NSW 2773

Sacraments

Confessions: Saturdays 4.30-5.15pm

Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

Web: www.stfinbars.org.au

Facebook: Glenbrook Catholic Church St Finbars

Parish School: Principal

Mrs Robyn Clarke

Phone: 4724 3600

SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

Thomas Luke Dominici
this Sunday, and warmly welcomes him into our Faith Community here at St Finbar's.





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

Sunday 10th March <i>4th Sunday of Lent Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms	<u>ST FINBARS' GLENBROOK CHILDREN'S ATRIUM BLESSING: SUNDAY 17 MARCH</u> We're very excited to start the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd faith formation for children 3-6 years of age in our parish this month. Come and join all the families for the blessing of the new St Finbars' Glenbrook Children's Atrium. When: Sunday 17 March 2024 10:30am after morning Mass Where: St Finbars' Glenbrook Children's Atrium (Father Barlow room) <i>Isabelle Cox & Lucie Twyford - Lead Catechists</i>
Monday 11th March	No Mass. Office is closed	
Tuesday 12th March	9.15am Mass 9.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Biblical Studies - Discipleship and Passion according to Mark P/C	
Wednesday 13th March	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting M/R	<div>  <div> <u>PASSOVER MEAL</u> You are invited to celebrate a Passover Meal at St Finbar's Parish Hall, 52 Levy Street Glenbrook on TUESDAY 26TH MARCH AT 6.30PM Cost: \$20pp or \$70 per family RSVP: secretary@stfinbars.org.au Limited seats are available and pre-booking is essential </div>  </div>
Thursday 14th March	9.15am Mass 10.45am Bridge Club Lessons P/C 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	
Friday 15th March	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bowlers P/C 7.30pm Lent Adoration and Confessions	
Saturday 16th March	9.00am Lenten Group—Martin Rogers' Group M/R 9.15am Mass 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass	<u>EASTER ROSTERS –2024</u> Volunteers are needed to help with all the Easter Liturgies. We need qualified Readers, Senior Servers, Sacristans, Junior Servers, Thurifier and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. 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.
Sunday 17th March <i>5th Sunday of Lent Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass and blessing of the Atrium 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/dhFqXdNe7wM?feature=share 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C	

Entering Holy Week Retreat
 A mini retreat day will be held on the 23rd of March from 9am to 3pm at St Canice's, Katoomba. The day will start with 9am Mass. Morning tea and light luncheon will be provided.
Topic: Holy Week is the most important week of the year for Christians. On this retreat day we will reflect on the great gift Jesus gave us at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday night, on the sacrifice of His life on Good Friday, and the ongoing gift of His Risen presence in the Church after Easter Sunday.
Run by: Fr Hugh Thomas. Fr Hugh is a Redemptorist priest who is very experienced in giving retreats throughout Australia and in several countries overseas.
Time: 9am-3pm
All welcome: Registration not required but appreciated for organisational and catering purposes.
Contact: Perry Mowbray (0421 243 445) or Email: upperBlueMountainsAdoration@outlook.com

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

FR JOE'S MUSINGS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

In this context, I am offering to two formation nights on the topic *Discipleship and the Passion of Jesus Christ in the Gospel Mark* on 12th and 19th February at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

You may be interested in the Passover Meal on Tuesday, 26th March at 6.30pm. This is a great occasion to prepare spiritually the Holy Week. You are also invited to receive the sacrament of reconciliation every Friday at 7.30 during the adoration hour during Lent. Being reconciled with God and our fellow humans may lead to the discovery of the joy of life because it means a relief from unproductive guilt and a transformation of remorse into living a new life.

Moreover, if you are interested in the Parish 15 Days Central Europe Tour (Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland) in May 2025, please register your interest with the Parish office. Complete details will be provided shortly. The tour is capped at 40 seats!

Fr Joe

Wednesday weekly meeting of The Lovers of Jesus and Mary, after Mass and Rosary.
Follow the Littlest Way of Love as revealed to Sr Consolata Bertrone.
Jesus, Mary, I love You, save souls! Held in the children's room.
All welcome!

2024 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE AT ST FINBAR'S

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH	9.15am Mass Confessions 10am to 11am 6.30pm Passover Meal P/C
WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary Confessions 10am to 11am 7.30pm Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.
HOLY THURSDAY 28TH MARCH	No Morning Mass Confessions 10am to 11am 7.30PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. WITH ADORATION AT ALTAR OF REPOSE TILL 11PM
GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH <i>A day of FAST</i> <i>and abstinence from MEAT</i>	10.00am Stations of the Cross Confessions after stations till 12.30pm 3.00PM SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
HOLY SATURDAY 30TH MARCH	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> Baptism& Confirmation Liturgy of the Eucharist
EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH	7.30AM AND 9.30AM MASSES

Bateman Battersby LAWYERS

We invite members of the Parish to take advantage of our legal services specialising in :

- Property Law
- Family Law
- Business Law
- Negligence Law
- Wills & Estates
- Court Appearances

Phone: 02 47315899

www.batemanbattersby.com.au

Enquiries@batemanbattersby.com.au



SCOTT GLEESON Funeral Director

0404 770 008

02 9896 3299

info@scottgleesonfunerals.com.au

www.scottgleesonfunerals.com.au

**2 Fennell Street, Parramatta,
NSW 2150**

Turner Freeman Lawyers Est. 1952

Turner Freeman Lawyers have been providing members of the community with outstanding legal services since 1952 in the following areas:
Personal injury claims |
Wills & estate planning | Property law |
Deceased estates & will disputes



Suite 4, 311 High Street Penrith NSW 2750

☎ 4729 5200

🌐 **www.turnerfreeman.com.au**

✉ **Gerard.Morson@turnerfreeman.com.au**

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:

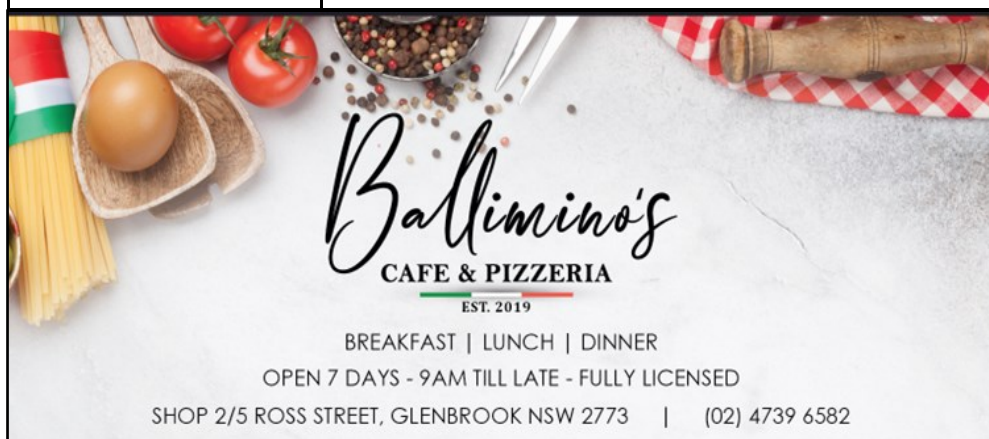
Pat Barrett, Noreen Taylor, Huia Kingi, Sue Bland, Connor Sipple, Katie Maloney, Margaret Stevens, Christopher Thomson, David Haynes (Yvonne Scanlan's Dad), Gwen Cullinan, Chris Paine, Lyn Downes, Jacqui Visser, Terry Stevens, Mark Bates, Margaret Christensen, Sophie Hollies, Colleen & Michael Nolan, 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:

Gavin Paine, Joseph Loader, Irene Williams, Patrick Hanson, Harry Ragen, James Cottier, Vicki Noble, Catherine Smith, Robert Bunda, Anthony Clyne, John Everett, Tadeusz Opiel, Maria Cummins, Ruben Stanford, Dorothea Egan, May Hurry, Michael Cloran and John Burrett.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 16TH & 17TH MARCH 2024

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Stuart Sheary
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Servers	Harrison Bohan & Volunteer Please		Zoe Wilson, Dominic Sheary & Tim Kensey
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Kevin Lloyd	Peter or Trish Hurley
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Volunteer Please	Annisia Nilsson
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John Isaksen	Frank Fitzpatrick
Music	Cantabile		Naomi's Group
IT Operators	Henry Hanko	Elizabeth Konza	Pat Watson
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family
Communion	Ahyiesha D'Souza & Volunteer Please	Jean Di Nucci & Jim Tierney	Todd Stanford & Annissa Nilsson
Children's Liturgy	Cate		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Volunteers Please		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene & Bert Aligno		
Lawn Mowing	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Brendan Christie		



Ballimino's
CAFE & PIZZERIA
EST. 2019

BREAKFAST | LUNCH | DINNER
OPEN 7 DAYS - 9AM TILL LATE - FULLY LICENSED
SHOP 2/5 ROSS STREET, GLENBROOK NSW 2773 | (02) 4739 6582



RUBY TRAVELS
WORLDWIDE

June Bouche, Director
Tel. 0401 895 998

I am your Local Travel Agent and I specialize in customized & packaged holidays Australia & Worldwide for your Accommodation, Activities, Transfers, Ocean /River Cruises, International Airline & Rail Tickets.

I am an Authorized Agent for Globus & Trafalgar Family of Brands, Viva Holidays & Railbookers. Let Ruby Travels take you Worldwide.

Email : june.rubytravels@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/rubytravelsworldwide