



The Barra

***Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord- Year B
23rd & 24th March 2024***

Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Ps 21; Philippians 2:6-11 ; Mark 14:1-15:47

**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

From "Hosanna" to "Crucify Him": Palm Sunday

What always strikes me most about the Palm Sunday liturgy is the sudden change in mood that occurs among the population.

First, the people cheer "Hosanna" with great enthusiasm. Jesus is welcomed as king with palm branches, and clothes are even placed on the path in front of him so that he does not come into contact with the dirt of the road. And a few days later, the exact opposite happens: the exuberant jubilation turns into abysmal hatred, and "Hosanna" becomes "Crucify him." Instead of the palm branches there are the blows of scourges, the crown of thorns, the cross. Jesus is stripped of his clothes, he hangs naked on the cross, exposed to all eyes - and above him is the plaque "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews".

Jesus Christ was the victim of slander - and Palm Sunday is a warning example to us that we should be very careful before we pass judgment on others. The difference between "Hosanna" and "Crucify Him" is far too small for me to be too careless in my judgment of others.

It is interesting that Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, that is, the animal of simple country people and, moreover, a donkey that did not belong to him, that he had been loaned for this occasion. He did not arrive in a luxurious royal carriage, or on horseback as the world's great, but on a borrowed donkey.

Where did he go? He didn't go to the palace of Pontius Pilate or the high priest. No, he did not go to the representatives of worldly power to demand his crown from them. He did not go to them to be crowned king over Israel. Jesus does not want to rebuild a kingdom based on the old model.

Jesus Christ will be a king of the poor, a poor man among the poor and for the poor. Poverty is understood in this case in the sense of the "anawim" of Israel, of those believing and humble souls that we see around Jesus, in the perspective of the first beatitude of the Sermon on the Mount. Poverty in Jesus' sense -- in the prophets' sense -- presupposes above all interior freedom from avarice and the will to power. It is about the purification of the heart, thanks to which one recognizes that possession is responsibility before others which, in the sight of God, allows itself to be guided by Jesus who, being rich, became poor for us (cf. 2 Corinthians 8:9)

The tragedy of the Palm Sunday gospel lies in the fact that the people cheered loudly when Jesus entered the city. But they didn't understand him. And so, the rejoicing had already died when Jesus left the city in the evening and the donkey's colt came to its owner.

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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 24th March <i>Palm Sunday of the</i> <i>Pasion of the Lord Year B</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 2.00pm Blue Mountains City Band Concert
Monday 25th March <i>Monday of the Holy Week</i>	No Mass. Office is closed 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R
Tuesday 26th March <i>Tuesday of the Holy Week</i>	9.15am Mass 10.00am Confessions 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 6.30pm for 7pm start Passover Meal P/C
Wednesday 27th March <i>Wednesday of the Holy Week</i>	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 10.00am Confessions 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 28th March <i>The Lord's Supper</i>	No Morning Mass 10.00am Confessions 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm The Lord's Supper 9.00pm Altar of Repose P/C
Friday 29th March <i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord</i> <i>(Fast & Abstinence)</i>	No Morning Mass 10.00am Stations of the Cross 11.00am Confessions 3.00pm The Passion of the Lord Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/1E2Rk2zqAGw?feature=share
Saturday 30th March <i>Holy Saturday</i>	9.15am Mass 7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 31st March <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year B</i>	7.30am Easter Sunday Mass 9.30am Easter Sunday Mass Live Streaming Link https://youtube.com/live/aG5LzqJWEs?feature=share



Easter Sunrise Service Elizabeth Lookout Glenbrook



Date: Sunday, 31 March 2024
Time: 7am start (still daylight saving)
Location: Elizabeth Lookout, Glenbrook. Gates open 6.30am – 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.

CONCERT FOR BUSH SCHOOL CAMBODIA AT ST FINBAR'S

A Variety Concert will be held in the Parish Hall on Sat. 20th April, commencing 7.00pm, following Vigil Mass. It is an evening of lively musical entertainment featuring talented local artists. A special act by Blue Mountains Musical Society features "Sound of Music" The cost is \$35 per person, \$60 for family, with some concessions available. A generous supper will be provided at interval. It will be the 9th concert at St Finbar's and will support the school in the coming year. To book, call Doug on 0403 303 943. See also the flyer in the Narthex.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

Continue on Sunday 7th April 2024 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is **Rev Dr Paschal Corby** who will talk about and lead discussion on 'The bioethics of IVF and contraception'. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza and fellowship! If you have any questions please call Mark on 0477004687.



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Job Vacancy

The Catholic Charity Aid to the Church in Need is seeking to employ an experienced Director of Fundraising. If this is you, or someone you know, visit, www.aidtochurch.org/work to learn more. Applications close 31 March 2024.



FR JOE'S MUSINGS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Many people asked themselves what would become of their perceived kingdoms (their expectations and self-interests).

Given that the Lord is coming, we come out of our exclusivist realities and become part of the great community of all who celebrate this holy sacrament. We enter his kingdom of peace and acclaim in him because he comes to create a kingdom of peace in this lacerated world. He comes to all cultures and to all parts of the world, everywhere, to the miserable huts and poor peoples, as well as to the splendor of cathedrals. Everywhere, he is the same, the Only One, and in this way, all those gathered in prayer, in communion with him, are also united among themselves in one body. Christ rules making himself our bread and giving himself to us. Thus, he builds his Kingdom.

Fr Joe

FOR YOUR DIARY FIX THE ROOF RAFFLE Begins Sunday 21st April AND Ends Sunday 16th June

12 WONDERFUL PRIZES (HOLIDAY STAY, SYDNEY SCENIC FLIGHT, SPECIALLY SIGNED SPORT JERSEYS AND ITEMS, GIFT VOUCHERS, AND MANY OTHER ITEMS) TO BE WON.

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2:00 PM, SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 2024

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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, Chris Paine, Christopher Thomson, David Haynes (Yvonne Scanlan's Dad), Gwen Cullinan, Lyn Downes, Sophie Hollies, Jacqui Visser, Terry Stevens, Mark Bates, Margaret Christensen, 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:

Ruby Luland, Lyndall McManus, Debra Saporito, Patrick Mungovan, Colin Gott, Gareth Hogan and Jean Blencowe.

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Liturgical ROSTER FOR 30th & 31st March 2024

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	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Nick McMaster
Senior Server	Juliana Khnouf	1. Stephen Brown 2. Carl Moll 3. Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Nick McMaster
Thurifier	Peter McMahon		Jeff Hood		
Junior Servers	Eoghan McKenna & <i>Volunteer Please</i>	Zoe Wilson Oliver Wilson	Eoghan McKenna & <i>Volunteer Please</i>		
Warden	Vince Dobson	Lorraine Brown	Vince Dobson	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
1st Reading	Geraldine Agahari	Kevin Lloyd	1. Geraldine Agahari 2. Cecilia Zammit 3. <i>Volunteer Please</i>	Kevin Lloyd	Cecilia Zammit
2nd Reading	Irene Aligno	Marsha O'Meara	Beth Culliver	Andrew Teece	Erin Kelly
Gospel Narrator	N/A	Maire Griffin	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gospel Other	N/A	Cecilia Zammit	N/A	N/A	N/A
Intercession	Cecilia Zammit	1. Erin Kelly 2. Peter McMahon	<i>Volunteer Please</i>	Peter McMahon	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Naomi's Group	Youth Group	Cantabile	N/A	Claire Brown
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs		Henry Hanko	Robyn Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
Oils	Joanne, Jessica & Margaret	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gifts	Brian & Thea Robertson		Jan de Bie & Carmel Dobson	Volunteers Please	<i>Volunteers Please</i>
Communion	1. Cecilia Zammit 2. Jeff Hood	1. Karleen Lloyd 2. <i>Volunteer Please</i>	1. Gerard Egan 2. Jeff Hood	1. Helen Keogh 2. Brian Grech	1. Elizabeth Rowe 2. Greg Rowe
Children's Liturgy	N/A				
Piety Stall	Jan Frampton				
Church Care	Volunteers please				
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Martin & Lyndal Rogers				
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