



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday - Year B  
6th & 7th April 2024

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 117; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

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

### Sunday of Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy.

To ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, Pope John Paul II himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence, as will be explained below, so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis reflects on the divine mercy: "Not only do the disciples receive mercy; they become dispensers of the mercy that they themselves received. They receive this power not on account of their merits or studies, but as a pure gift of grace, based however on their experience of having been themselves forgiven."

St Nicholas of Myra parish in Penrith invites you to celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy on 7<sup>th</sup> April starting at 2:30pm.

At St Finbar's I give thanks to God and to our many faithful and committed parishioners who have given up their precious time to prepare and to organise the liturgies of the Holy Week and Easter. On behalf of St Finbar's I would like to say THANK YOU to: Mary Lopez for the palms used for the Palm Sunday celebration; the choirs and musicians, including Cormac who sung the *Exultet* at the Easter Vigil; the liturgy committee, sacristans, special sacramental ministers, readers, flowers ministry and altars servers; the gardeners, the hospitality team, the cleaners, the parish Youth group; a special THANK YOU to Briony and Jesse for the wonderful and moving meditation on the Stations of the Cross. Finally, I need to mention in particular Juliana and Peter for their indefatigable assistance.

When Jesus rose from the dead he raised with himself not only the Old Testament saints but also, in anticipation, all of us New Testament believers. We may not yet have our Resurrection bodies, but we already have within us the Resurrection life of Jesus. The time is past when "we were by nature deserving of wrath". Now we are alive and seated with Christ in the heavenly realms. We must not forget that, but live according to that truth.

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Confessions: Saturdays 4.30-5.15pm

Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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## SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes

**Henry Alexander Sheehan**

into our Faith Community.

Two children are going to be Baptised at our Parish next weekend.

May God bless them both.



**Daylight Saving ends this weekend. Don't forget to wind your clocks back one hour.**

### 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.*

<p><b>Sunday</b> 7th April</p> <p><i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Year B</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass—E.S.T.</b> <b>9.30am Mass—E.S.T.</b> <b>6.00pm Youth Mass—E.S.T.</b></p> <p>Live Streaming Link <a href="https://youtube.com/live/QKvusoD-ZV0?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/QKvusoD-ZV0?feature=share</a> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> 8th April</p> <p><i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i></p>	<p><b>No Mass. Office is closed</b></p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.30pm Bible Study—Gideon Goosen M/R</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 9th April</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>9.30am Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting M/R</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 10th April</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b></p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> 11th April</p> <p><i>St Stanislaus</i></p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> 12th April</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> 13th April</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>4.45pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> 14th April</p> <p><i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Year B</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>10.45am Baptisms</b></p> <p>2.00pm Sydney Male Choir Concert</p>

**Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities**

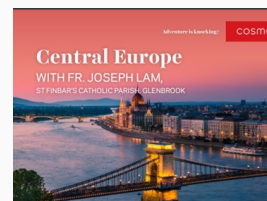
The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 27 April at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains, for Modules 4 and 5. More training opportunities will be available throughout May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

**Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese: 21 April**

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, on Sunday 21 April for 6pm Mass. For more information, please contact Sr Christine Ramada CSFN on [csfn.cristina@gmail.com](mailto:csfn.cristina@gmail.com)

**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.

***Reminder: The Ecumenical Bible Study commences on Monday 8th April at 7.30pm at St Finbar's for those who have registered.***



**MEN AT THE SHRINE**

Is a monthly hour of adoration at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, next held on **Wednesday 10 April**.

The hour begins with a brief reflection before a period of personal silent prayer. Confessions are available.

The evening finishes with a simple cup of tea. All men are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. Any questions, contact Bernard, 0416 106 871.

**FR JOE'S MUSINGS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

Resurrection creates a transformed community. St Finbar's is an exemplary community where the faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ translates into the communal service. Because of the resurrection, we do not just live for ourselves, but in communion with others. Communal sharing of gifts and talents is an expression of our love for God and for our neighbour.

As we celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy, let us recall also that God's mercy enables us to relate to each other in a more profound way. It provides us with a new freedom not only to choose, but also to serve.

*Fr Joe*

**The 'Fix the Roof' Raffle is coming!**



Collect ticket books to sell from Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>.

We are aiming to raise \$50,000.

A Whole Community Effort is needed.

Winners drawn: Sunday June 30th

**TWELVE (12) PRIZES = TWELVE (12) WINNERS**

**WINNERS CHOOSE ONE SINGLE PRIZE IN THE ORDER OF THEIR NAME BEING DRAWN**

**\$10 per ticket**

**We need to sell 5000 tickets.**

*Within the limits of each person's situation, we need as many parishioners as possible to take at least 1 book of 20 tickets to sell to family, friends, work mates and associates.*

**MUSICAL TREAT AT ST FINBAR'S GLENBROOK**  
**SUNDAY 14TH APRIL AT 2PM**

**COST: \$35 (At least \$5 from every ticket sold will go towards the church roof restoration project)**

Listen to the Lower Blue Mountains reverberate with the glorious sound of music on the 14<sup>th</sup> April at St Finbar's Catholic Church, Glenbrook. The theme of the concert is "We'll Raise You Up". Be enthralled and uplifted by the four-part harmonies from the renowned SMC (Sydney Male Choir), celebrating 111 years of "bringing joy through song". Over time, the choir has adapted its musical styles to the changing tastes of audiences, all the while maintaining its status as an iconic part of the Sydney arts scene.

The love of singing brings these men together. The camaraderie and friendship formed through rehearsing, traveling and performing together is reflected in their concerts. Be a witness to something truly out of the ordinary, and let us raise you up! Tickets available from the SMC website [www.sydneymalechoir.com.au/concerts](http://www.sydneymalechoir.com.au/concerts) or from the church foyer.

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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:**

Max Callaghan, Mary Kiel, Agnes Collins, John Gibson, James Sims, Wallace Whye, Margaret Noonan, John Downes, Mary McAtamney, Joan Barker, Kevin O'Duffy and Holly O'Toole.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 13TH & 14TH APRIL 2024**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Kingi	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Senior Server	Anaru Kingi	Carl Moll	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	Jessica Doherty	Peter McMahon	Dan or Tim Kensey
2nd Reading	Maureen Tulk	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Bernadette Phillips	N/A	Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Kylie Mills	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret & Michael Richards	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh & Volunteer Please
Communion	Thea & Brian Robertson	Jim & Kath Tierney	Colin Stead & Gerard Egan
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Volunteers Please		
Hospitality	Ann King, Lynne Atkinson, Liz & Daren Dukes		

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