



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
3rd Sunday of Easter - Year B
13th & 14th April 2024

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

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

Updates on the repair of the church's Roof:

Recent heavy rainfalls in Sydney and the Blue Mountains make one thing clear to us: It is time that we repair our church's roof. Acting now will save us from a gigantic bill in the near future. If we remain inactive, it is estimated that in about 2 years' time we probably need to replace the entire roof which can cost up to 2 million of dollars due to the unique shape of the roof.

Built in 1995, the roof is now close to thirty years old. Because of its age, corrosion has settled in, and the protective paint has nearly gone. Hence, leaking of water will be more frequent which at the same may also cause trouble for the timber structure beneath the roof.

It is important that we keep the House of God open for our children and grandchildren.

Over months, the PFC in collaboration with parishioners who have expertise in construction and roof maintenance (Brian Sayah, Dave Cremona, Kevin Llyod, Tim O'Donnell) have assessed the types of repairs needed for the roof and have also sought quotes. We have received three quotes which ranges from 250K to 100K. Although we are interested in keeping the price low, we won't compromise when it comes to the quality of work. The roof must last more another 30 years! At the moment, we are evaluating the quotes. I hope to have the process completed by the end of this month. The work may commence in July for over a month. It will not affect the daily Mass.

How are we going to finance the cost? As usual, the diocese is not contributing to the cost. The parish must pay for the entire cost! As you know, we have just paid off the debt of over half a million to the diocese which charges us an interest rate of 4.35% over the years. Additional to the cost of repair, we also need to put money aside for the increase of the insurance premium. It is now nearly 40K per annum.

Fortunately, we have managed to create savings in the short period of time. This means that we may be able to cover the cost of repair without taking a loan through the diocese, and hence saves the current interest rate of 4.69%.

Nevertheless, we need to fundraise a portion of money to pay for the roof. As a community, it is important that we all own the project since it is the roof is the roof of **OUR** church, the place where we and our children worship **together**. Rather than making it a project for a few, I invite you to become part of a **community** effort. For this reason, the PFC initiates a **community** raffle to create the necessary funds.

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SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS:

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

Henry Alexander Sheehan

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

<p>Sunday 14th April</p> <p><i>3rd Sunday of Easter Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms 2.00pm Sydney Male Choir Concert</p>	<p>THANK YOU To prepare for the roof repair, Kevin Llyod, Kieran Murnane, Brian Egan pruned and tidied up the tree. All went well and all are safe. Thank you Kevin, Kieran and Brian.</p> <p><i>Fr Joe</i></p>	
<p>Monday 15th April</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed 7.30pm Bible Study—Gideon Goosen M/R</p>		
<p>Tuesday 16th April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>	<p>HOLY LAND COLLECTION Parishioners are thanked for their contribution to the Holy Places collection held on Good Friday.</p> <p>The collection resulted in \$1670 being forwarded to the Holy Land Commission for the upkeep of the holy places in Jerusalem and nearby.</p> <p>God thanks you for your generosity.</p>	
<p>Wednesday 17th April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>		
<p>Thursday 18th April</p>	<p>9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Netball Club Executive General Meeting P/C</p>	<p>CENTRAL EUROPE TRIP You are Invited to Join Matthew Beggs from COSMOS to learn about a Trip on CENTRAL EUROPE with Fr. Joseph Lam (17 Day Tour - Frankfurt to Munich) Departing 8 May - 24 May 2025.</p> <p>When : Monday, 29th Apr, 2024 Venue : St. Finbar's Catholic Parish Hall, Glenbrook 6:30pm – Pizza & Drinks 7:00pm – Presentation 7:45pm – Questions</p> <p>Please register your interest with June: RUBY TRAVELS WORLDWIDE Phone 0401 895 998 latest by 20th April.</p>	
<p>Friday 19th April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>		
<p>Saturday 20th April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 4.45pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass 7.00pm Bush school Cambodia fundraising P/C</p>		
<p>Sunday 21st April</p> <p><i>4th Sunday of Easter Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group</p>		

Catalyst For Renewal Presentation

Please know you are welcome to attend a presentation by Good Samaritan Sister, Catherine Slattery, to reflect upon the topic **Abounding in Hope**.

Venue: Santa Maria Hall, Lawson Catholic Church grounds

When: Saturday April 20th, 9:30am to 2:15pm.

Sr. Catherine writes:

- ✦ To be hopeful takes audacity and faith.
- ✦ It also helps to be a little reckless in the face of love.

Treading lightly through selections of Scripture, Wisdom literature and poetry, this session will explore Hope as a divine invitation to stop, be in the moment, and enjoy the abundance of life within and around us.

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.

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The ticket price is purposefully set low at 10 AUD per ticket to allow all to participate in this community effort. There are 12 prizes to be won, including signed sport jerseys (Panthers, Sydney FC, Pat Cummins), to weekend stays in Kiama and a golf resort in Kangaroo Valley, a sightseeing flight over Sydney Harbour and gift and restaurant vouchers. These are attractive prizes.

We need your help in promoting and selling the raffle tickets. Perhaps, you can promote the raffle amongst members of your families, friends and work colleagues. The more we sell, the better.

The distribution of the raffle tickets commences on 21st April at all Masses, and the draw is scheduled for 30 June 2024.

Another form to support "the fix the roof project" is to attend the **SYDNEY MALE CONCERT on this Sunday the 14th of April at 2pm**. A portion of the ticket prize will go towards the repair of the roof. I have heard great things about the SYDNEY MALE CHOIR. So, come and enjoy the concert!

Fr Joe

The 'Fix the Roof' Raffle is coming!



Collect ticket books to sell from Sunday April 21st.

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 14th 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.sydnymalechoir.com.au/concerts or from the church foyer.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joseph Purcell (Maureen Purcell's husband died In Ireland) and Mary Young (Aaron Young's Grandmother).

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:

Laura Wilson, Andrew Mason, Robert Hill, Daniel Newman, Mathieu Fransen, Patricia Young, Leonard Mott, Rein Bruinsma. Benjamin Lowe and Baby Gwen Fielden.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 20TH & 21ST APRIL 2024

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Stuart Sheary
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	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	John Killeen	Peter or Trish Hurley
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	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	Jessica Tiller & Jean Di Nucci	Irene Aligno & Annissa Nilsson
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday		
Piety Stall	Lee Jackson		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan De Bie, Jessica Doherty, Wendy Bohan & Marsha O'Meara		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene & Bert Aligno		
Lawn Mowing	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon & John Killeen		



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