



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
4th Sunday of Easter - Year B
20th & 21st April 2024

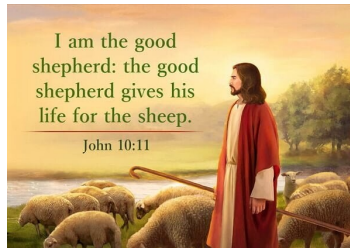
Acts 4:8-12; Ps 117; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

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

REFLECTION BY JEFF HOOD

Good Shepherd Sunday

My journey to priesthood has been happening for a long time. Such journeys begin well before hearing an explicit sense of being called by God. All our development as human beings is forming us in a way that prepares us to listen to God's voice. Our early faith formation also plays a crucial role. I had spent four years in a seminary earlier in my life.



I began training as a Vincentian priest, after having worked for ten years with the Daughters of Charity, who were founded by St Vincent de Paul. St Vincent has played a very significant role in my formation throughout my adult life. After experiencing a very difficult period in my life, I was challenged to really examine my priorities and values in life. It was then that I started re-thinking the priesthood. The sense of being called by God, and wanting to spend the remainder of my life serving God and the People of God, grew stronger, to the point where I could not ignore it. God is persistent! Initially, I thought I was getting it wrong – "I'm too old". But my Spiritual Director kept reminding me of other 'oldies' like Abraham and Sarah, and of how God called them very late in their lives. After much searching on my part, Bishop Vincent accepted me as a seminarian, to be formed for priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Seminarians are not being formed for positions of status, but are being formed for service. The role of the priest is that of servant. We are called to imitate Jesus Christ, with God's Grace, and to the best of our ability. Being formed for service involves a lot of personal transformation, in both our humanity and our spiritual life. There is also considerable study that needs to be undertaken, in scripture, theology, spirituality, liturgy and sacraments, church history, philosophy, and pastoral skills.

The annual Good Shepherd Appeal sets out to raise the funds to maintain the Seminary and to form seminarians for future service to God and the Church. This is an expensive undertaking. Apart from the costs of maintaining the Seminary building, there are costs of education, accommodation and food, health, and vehicle supply. For example, it costs around \$3,300 per subject per semester for each student undertaking 3 or 4 subjects – that's around \$20,000 - \$26,000 p.a. per student.

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ANZAC DAY MASS

Please note that ANZAC Day Mass will be at **8.30am on Thursday the 25th of April**. Father John Frauenfelder will be celebrating Mass on ANZAC Day.

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SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes

**James Ellery Hevesi Villanueva
and Alleira Reign Smith**

into our Faith Community.

They are going to be
Baptised at our Parish next
weekend.

May God bless them both.



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>Sunday 21st April</p> <p><i>4th Sunday of Easter Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p>Monday 22nd April</p>	<p>No Mass. Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p> <p>7.30pm Bible Study—Gideon Goosen M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 23rd April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass—Father Galbert Albino</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>
<p>Wednesday 24th April</p>	<p>9.15am Liturgy of the Word followed by Rosary</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 25th April</p> <p><i>ANZAC Day</i></p>	<p>8.30am Mass—Father John Frauenfelder</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p>Friday 26th April</p> <p><i>St Mark</i></p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p> <p>No Adoration Tonight</p>
<p>Saturday 27th April</p>	<p>No Morning Mass</p> <p>4.45pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 28th April</p> <p><i>5th Sunday of Easter Year B</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>10.45am Baptisms</p>

Bishop’s Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians

Will you support our seminarians to “go out into the deep” and serve?

Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community.

At St Finbar’s this appeal will be delayed, and held during a weekend in May (to avoid it clashing with our previously arranged Fix the Roof fund raising activities).

Exploring Music for the Solemnities following Easter: 30 April and 2 May

All are invited to the next music workshop organised by the Office for Worship and presented by Eric Grella. This workshop is perfect for all parish musicians and also for anyone who wishes to learn more about music for the Solemnities after Easter. As there has been a large interest in these workshops there will be 2 locations!!

- ✦ 30 April at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7pm
- ✦ 2 May at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith from 7pm RSVP by 28 April to lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org

or 0460 037 795.

CCD Formation Opportunities: May and June 2024

SRE catechists and all members of our faith communities are invited to participate in a series of formation opportunities organised by the Diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Delve into St John’s Gospel with a scripture expert, Dr Laurie Woods, over 5 weeks on 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 May. Continue your Journey of Faith for 5 weeks with Merilyn Hancock (Head, CCD) on 7, 14, 21, 28 June and 5 July.

All sessions will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 9.30am to 1.30pm. For SRE Catechists to be accredited with Level 3 training, they must attend both sessions. Morning Tea will be provided. Enrol for one or both sessions via parracatholic.org/events or email ccd.training@parracatholic.org

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.

When : Monday, 29th Apr, 2024

Venue : St. Finbar's Catholic Parish Hall, Glenbrook
6:30pm – Pizza & Drinks

7:00pm – Presentation

7:45pm – Questions

Please register your interest with June:

RUBY TRAVELS WORLDWIDE

Phone 0401 895 998 latest by 20th April.



REFLECTION BY JEFF HOOD CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The Seminary is part of your community. It exists to serve you. More than anything, we need your prayers. Knowing that many within the Diocese are praying for us gives us enormous encouragement. Please know that we pray for you as well. Without your encouragement and support, our journey to priesthood would be considerably more difficult. This annual Good Shepherd Appeal helps keep the Seminary viable and is necessary to continue forming future priests to serve the Diocese. The Appeal will be held at St Finbars during May. Please give what you are able.

We appreciate the difficulties that many of you face in the current economic climate, and wish to express our gratitude for your offering, whatever that may be. Thank you and may God richly bless you.

Jeff Hood

PROJECT COMPASSION

During Lent many parishioners saved and donated money to Project Compassion as a way of contributing to the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. Our Glenbrook parish donated over \$3500 to this worthy cause in 2024. Thank you all for your generosity, and may God's blessings be with you.

PARRAMATTA DIOCESE YOUTH SPORTS DAY

The Diocese Youth is holding another sports day on Sunday 28th of April. If you are interested in joining the St Finbars Youth for this years sports day, reach out to the team at sfyglenbrook@gmail.com.

1ST FIX THE ROOF RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD

Congratulations to Remi Cespon-Wylie for buying the first 5 raffle tickets.



'Fix the Roof' Raffle is here



**Collect ticket books
to sell from this weekend the
20th & 21st of April.
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.

The Men's Health Education Rural Van is in Glenbrook this Saturday!!

Date: Saturday 20 April 2024. **Time:** 8:00am – 2.00pm

Location: GLENBROOK ROTARY MARKETS, Old Glenbrook Infants School, Ross Street, Glenbrook

Cost: Free. The "mherv" project is organized by Rotary and over the past five years it is estimated that over 450 lives have been saved because of these free basic health checks. The Registered Nurse is happy to take your blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and blood sugar levels; and have a general quick chat about your health.

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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:

Wesley Earle Davies, Eleanor Morgan, Grace Walkley, Alan Bryan, Madge Boylan, Raymond Merchant, Kathleen Moore, Margaret Mead, Wayne Portelli and Shane Navin.

LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 27TH & 28TH APRIL 2024

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Jeff Hood	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Jeff Hood	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Junior Servers	Sophie & Juliette Lynch		Elija & Oscar Baird
Warden	Margaret Richards	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please
1 st Reading	Marsha O'Meara	Kevin Lloyd	Patricia Murnane
2nd Reading	Naomi Cheeseman	Andrew Teece	Erin Kelly
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
Music	Te Deum's		Holy Light
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Kylie Mills	Susan Dowling
Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Volunteers Please	The Young Family
Communion	Vince Dobson & Gwen Cullinan	Brian Grech & Helen Keogh	Carmel Higgins & Elizabeth Rowe
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Volunteers Please		
Hospitality	Marie Nassif, Kerry & Peter Herborn		

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