



# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
5th Sunday of Easter - Year B  
27th & 28th April 2024

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 21; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

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

Only a few weeks ago we celebrated the great events of Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This was not some abstract piece of history, but something that actually happened, and something that has had a big impact on all of us, because it is the means whereby each of us can get to see the face of God in heaven. It was a momentous event that we should thank God for every day of our lives.

The tragic events of the last couple of weeks, the stabbings at Bondi Junction, and the stabbing at Wakeley and the subsequent riotous behaviour, do not reflect well on some of us as children of God. The second reading at Mass this weekend calls on us to love one another, not in word or speech but in truth and action. Those who helped the victims were very much showing their love for their fellow human beings by helping barricade and bring down the attackers and by caring for the injured and ensuring others did not come into any danger. As Christians we thank them for what they did.

The Gospel this weekend is the story of the vine and the branches, and I think one key message is that we must abide in God - we cannot do it alone. Abiding is making a commitment to Jesus, and developing a close relationship with him, like that of a vine and its branches. In this way we get life for our soul and energy for our body. Jesus says that if you abide in Him, and His words abide in you, you can ask for whatever you wish and it will be done for you (Jn 15:7). What a great offer - let our goal be to take Jesus up on this offer immediately.

You will probably be aware that last weekend we started distributing the books of raffle tickets to raise \$50,000 to repair our church roof. This weekend is the second week of distribution. If you were not at Mass last weekend, please make sure you collect one or more books of tickets after Mass this weekend and sell as many as you can. It is our church roof and we all need to contribute to its maintenance. I would especially like to thank Tricia Murnane who is organising this raffle on behalf of the Parish Finance Committee.

Finally, we hope that Fr Joe has had a restful and relaxing week away, and that he is back feeling re-energised and ready for action!

Peter McMahon  
(on behalf of Fr Joe)

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Confessions: Saturdays 4.30-5.15pm

Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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Glenbrook Catholic Church St Finbars

### Parish School: Principal

Mrs Robyn Clarke

Phone: 4724 3600

## SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS AND RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

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

who will be Baptised on this Sunday. Also, welcome

**Archer and Harvey Ranson**

into our Faith Community. They are going to be Baptised at our Parish next Saturday.

May God bless them all.

### 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> 28th April</p> <p><i>5th Sunday of Easter Year B</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass -Reconciliation Rite of Enrolment</b></p> <p><b>10.45am Baptisms</b></p>
<p><b>Monday</b> 29th April</p> <p><i>St Catherine of Siena</i></p>	<p><b>No Mass. Office is closed</b></p> <p>7.30pm Bible Study—Gideon Goosen M/R</p> <p>7.30pm Ruby Travel Central Europe Information night P/C</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 30th April</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 1st May</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b></p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> 2nd May</p> <p><i>St Athanasius</i></p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>5.30pm Reconciliation Preparation Session P/C</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> 3rd May</p> <p><i>Sts Philip &amp; James</i></p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>11.00am Funeral Service for Robert Aitkens</p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> 4th May</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>4.45pm Confessions</p> <p><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> 5th May</p> <p><i>6th Sunday of Easter Year B</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b></p> <p>Live Streaming Link</p> <p><a href="https://youtube.com/live/Y7-rkcWfQ28?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/Y7-rkcWfQ28?feature=share</a></p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>

Synod 2023 Update: Local Think Tank Sessions from May-June

Parishes and other faith communities across the diocese are holding local Think Tank Sessions, giving local leaders and anyone involved in ministry the chance to offer feedback on the Draft of the Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church, and contribute ideas for the practical implementation of our Diocesan Plan. Contact the parish office to inquire about our local Think Tank session, or visit [parracatholic.org/synod](http://parracatholic.org/synod) for more.

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)

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 book, contact [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) or ring 0460 037 795.


**BUSH SCHOOL CAMBODIA**

Special thanks to those parishioners who attended, or otherwise supported our concert for the Bush School on Saturday night. Outstanding performers provided a full and varied program of entertainment, with a generous response from the audience.

Funds raised from the concert will go far in support of the school budget for the coming year. With thanks to all our supporters.

*Doug Frewer*

**YOUTH NIGHT**  
ST. FINBAR'S PARISH, GLENBROOK

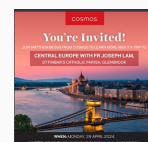


EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6PM

MASS: 6PM SUPPER: 7PM  
THE LOUNGE YOUTH GROUP: 7.30-8.30PM

**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.



## ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

### BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

This is to let you know that St Finbar's parish is holding this appeal at all Masses on the first weekend in May, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

The appeal is our opportunity to actively contribute to the education and formation of our future priests, currently studying at the Seminary.

By offering your support you can help our future priests deepen their relationship with God and commit more fully to their spiritual calling, thus building our Catholic Faith and our church for future generations.

Please be prepared to offer what you can on this appeal weekend.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

Please note that the preparation sessions for the Sacrament of Reconciliation start this Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of May at 5.30pm in the parish hall.

For parishioners who haven't sent the registration forms or done the payment of \$30. Can you please do so before the 2nd of May and email me to let me know.

*Thank you  
Juliana Khnouf / Parish Secretary*

### "INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE IN OUR DAY: 60 YEARS AFTER NOSTRA AETATE"

**Date and Time:** 6.00-8:30 pm, Wednesday 8 May 2024

**Venue:** St Patrick's Cathedral Cloisters, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta

Cardinal Fitzgerald is the former President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

This is an exciting opportunity to hear from one of the architects and leading exponents of the Catholic Church's teaching and attitudes towards believers from other religions.

Attend in person or online. Places are limited, so book early using the QR code on the flyer in the narthex or the following link: <https://bit.ly/49torg2>

### **'FIX THE ROOF' RAFFLE IS HERE.**

**Collect ticket books  
to sell this weekend the 27th & 28th 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.*

### LOST SMALL OPEL MOBILE PHONE

Peter Stapleton has lost his Opel Mobile phone at the church on Sunday 7 April. He has looked for it everywhere. He remembers that he had the phone in his hand as he had been trying to find a ride home to Blaxland East.

When a kind lady came up to him and offered him a ride home. He can't recall her name, but he think she told him that she lived in the seniors village opposite to the United Service Station on Old Bathurst Road.

If someone who attends St. Finbars parish and could help him find his lost mobile phone he would be grateful. Can you please ring the parish office on 47426958 to let me know. Thank you for your help

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Robert Aitken 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:**

Ray Smith (Husband of Janice Smith), Cheryl Kirton, James Gormly, Letitia Osborne, Katie Jones, Alicia Snaith, Raymond Roberts, John Tregillgas, Dennis Lohan, Marjorie Aussel and Angela Pereira.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 4TH & 5TH MAY 2024**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Jeff Hood	Peter McMahan	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Jeff Hood	Peter McMahan	Lukas Rajnoch
Junior Servers	Alex & Luc Nilsson	Zoe & Oliver Wilson	Xavier Rajnoch & Benjamin Grus
Warden	Vince Dobson	Volunteer Please	Gary Clune
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Beth Culliver	John De Mattia	Pearse Cremin
2nd Reading	Jessica Doherty	John Killeen	Amanda Moore
Intercession	Greg Rowe	Kevin Flynn	Justin Dowling
Music	Naomi's Group		Anne Hobbs Group
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Joseph Wilson	Pat Watson
Gifts	Janice Smith & Volunteer Please	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	The Grus Family
Communion	Elizabeth & Greg Rowe	Colleen Fuller & John Killeen	Wendy Brown & Mila Svehla
Children's Liturgy	Colin		
Piety Stall	Carmel Higgins		
Church Care	Volunteers please		
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek, Vicky Ang, Tamar Apkarian & Karen Sukkar		
Lawn Mowing	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Brendan Christie.		

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