



*St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook*  
**The Barra**  
*5th Sunday of Lent - Year C*  
*5th & 6th April 2025*

"NO ONE, LORD," SHE  
 ANSWERED. "THEN  
 NEITHER DO I CONDEMN  
 YOU," JESUS DECLARED.  
 "NOW GO AND SIN NO  
 MORE."  
 - JOHN 8:11

**Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 125; Philippians 3:8-14 ; John 8:1-11**

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**Father John ponders.....**

*"The purpose of life is to find your gift, the meaning of life is to give it away". (unknown)*

To describe life as an adventure certainly makes sense when we are having the time of our lives. For example, visiting places overseas can give us an expanded experience of the world, its beauty and the many opportunities for discovery. There is so much to see and to do. Even locally, to go to the western end of the Blue Mountains will give a very different vista than to slip along the Great Western Highway and face east over Metropolitan Sydney and, on a clear day, even see the Harbour Bridge. Heading for Europe gives us access to a long social and political history of long-ago times. The opportunities are almost endless.

When we are somewhat down in the dumps we tend to have a very different experience of life. We feel hemmed in. We can only focus on how we are being negatively affected by life. We don't like it and we don't seem to have the energy or reason to get excited. But life goes on and we know that we can't stand still because the world will keep spinning and bring us with it.

Most of the time we find ourselves plonked right in the middle of these two contrasting experiences and cope with life by accepting what comes along and dealing with it to the best of our abilities. As we advance in years we gain wisdom. The uncertainty we experience in early years is replaced by a deeper appreciation of who we are and what we can do. This is the wonderful path in growing in "self-regard". This positive experience enables us to acknowledge with gratitude the gifts we have accumulated throughout life whatever the circumstances whether positive or negative. The positive extends our opportunities, the seeming negative experience endows us with fortitude in the midst of adversity. We find ourselves enfolded in an experience of utter joys as we "count our blessings".

At some point we might feel so overwhelmed with our giftedness that we believe that we have more than our fair share of God's blessings and that it is about time we began to shower these blessings around town. Ah, is this the wisdom of elderly people who have lived life with all its ups and downs and who have survived and know so much? Well, it is certainly one form of acquired insights which can be of great benefit to be shared around.

I know I keep banging on about the importance of finding meaning and purpose in life. It encapsulates stability and gives direction and flourishing to how we live our lives to the full. For the followers of Christ this does not mean hoarding up meaning and purpose for ourselves, it means giving away the gifts we have accumulated which bring us that inner peace so that others may also share in how we flourish in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Baptisms: By Appointment

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Mrs Robyn Clarke

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**Daylight saving ends this Sunday morning. Please remember to turn back your clocks by one hour.**

**Baptisms**

The Parish joyfully announces the Baptism of

**Chiara Piccirilli**

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**

**DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES**

<p><b>Sunday</b> 6th April</p> <p><i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>10.45am Baptisms</b></p> <p><b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b></p> <p>Live Streaming Link  <a href="https://youtube.com/live/yF34jBtAgyo?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/yF34jBtAgyo?feature=share</a></p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> 7th April</p>	<p><b>No Mass. Office is closed</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 8th April</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p> <p>7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting M/R</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 9th April</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>7.00pm Fr John's Lenten Group M/R</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> 10th April</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>3.30pm Mila's Lenten Group M/R</p> <p>7.00pm RCIA Meeting M/R</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> 11th April</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> 12th April</p>	<p><b>9.00am Martin Rogers Lenten group M/R</b></p> <p><b>9.15am Mass</b></p> <p>4.30pm Confessions</p> <p><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p> <p>7.00pm Cambodia School Concert P/C</p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> 13th April</p> <p><i>Palm Sunday of the</i> <i>Passion of the Lord</i> <i>Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass</b></p>

**BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S CHAPLAINCY SERVICES**

This Lent, will you be a pilgrim of hope to people who may break in the face of suffering? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help our chaplains at Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation. Envelopes will be available on the seats this weekend. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.



**PONTIFICAL HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 2025**

As a reminder that every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic Church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land.

**NAPPIES AND WIPES RUN**

We are once again running a Nappies and Wipes Appeal to support families in the area with young babies. Please leave your donation in the Narthex. Thank you for your help and generosity.

**ST FINBAR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR KINDERGARTEN 2026**

Is your child ready to start school? Enrolment packs are available at the school office. Limited spaces also available in selected grades from 1-6. Please contact the office on 4724 3600 or email [stfinbars@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stfinbars@parra.catholic.edu.au) for further information.

**CONCERT FOR BUSH SCHOOL CAMBODIA AT ST. FINBAR'S**

A Variety Concert will be held in the Parish Hall on Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> April, commencing 7.00pm, following Vigil Mass. A warm welcome is extended to all for this 10<sup>th</sup> concert for Bush School at St Finbar's. A full program of vocal and instrumental music will feature talented local performers, with some new surprises. The cost is \$35 per person, \$60 for family, with some concessions available. A generous supper will be provided at interval. The concert will fund education and nutrition for our students in the coming year and supports Bush School as a vital asset for a poor Cambodian community. To book seats, phone Doug on 0403 303 943. See also the flyers in the Narthex.

**“Monday Night Social Tennis”**  
**Lapstone Courts. Explorers Rd Lapstone.**  
**Monday evening from 7pm.**  
**All Players / Ages welcome.**  
**Contact Darren on 0405 324 515 or just turn up on the night.**

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

## PARISH 60TH ANNIVERSARY

A happy celebration was shared last Sunday at the 9.30am Mass.

Thank you to our musicians who provided a quality effort with the congregation in strong voice too! Thank you,

Fr John for a most beautiful blessing prayer for those parishioners who were to receive a certificate of appreciation for membership of the parish since 1995 and prior.

A Papal Blessing framed document for the 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Beryl and Stan Callaghan was presented to the surprise and delight of the couple.

We were treated to a wonderful and delicious morning tea and celebration cake in the hall, while outside youth group leaders Brendan Khnouf, Nick McMaster, Claire Warren and Tallar Alzened provided active fun for young parishioners and some of the parents too! It is estimated that 50 parishioners proudly provided help to make this day a success by preparation before the day, helping on the day, or participating in various roles during the Mass. A special thanks to all of them! Together we are great!

**Display in the Narthex:** A small but interesting display has been provided. Please have a look!  
**Certificates for current Parishioners who were here in 1995 or prior:** If you were unable to collect your certificate on Sunday, then please find your certificate on the table in the narthex.

**Anniversary Pamphlet for Everyone:** If your family did not already take a copy on Sunday, then please take one this weekend.

*With good wishes, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Working Group*



## PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY.

One of our parishioners has offered palms from her garden in Blaxland, but she needs someone to cut them and transport them to church. If anyone is able to help with this, please contact the parish office on 47426958

## PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please remember to bring your Project Compassion boxes next weekend. Thank you.

## YOUTH MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Please note that there will be no Youth Mass and Youth Group on Easter Sunday the 20th of April.

## ANZAC DAY MASS

ANZAC day Mass will be at 8am on Friday the 25th of April. Please note there will be no 9.15am Mass on that day.

## TIMEOUT TUESDAY

Time Out Tuesday for April 15 has been cancelled. With school holidays and close to Easter it seemed the best decision. We will be back on May 6th, see you there, Parish centre 10:00am.



### Easter Sunrise Service Elizabeth Lookout Glenbrook



**Date:** Sunday, 20 April 2025

**Time:** 6am

**Location:** Elizabeth Lookout, Glenbrook. Gates open 5.15am – 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*

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## LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 12TH & 13TH APRIL 2025

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Jim Barndon	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Senior Server	Jim Barndon	Peter McMahon	Nick McMaster
Junior Servers	Quentin Lynch & Eoghan McKenna		Oliver Wilson & Noah Young
Warden	Maree Roach	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Volunteer Please	Carl Moll	Dan or Tim Kensey
2nd Reading	Jessica Doherty	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Gospel Narrator	Maire Griffin	Andrew Teece	Cecilia Zammit
Intercession	Dawn Willis	John Isaksen	Gary Clune
Music			Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Thais Turner	Kylie Mills	Joanne Stubbs/Sophia
Gifts	Margare & Michael Richards	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Thea Robertson & Brian Robertson	Jim Tierney & Kath Tierney	Colin Stead & Gerard Egan
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Piety Stall	Beth Culliver		
Church Care	Volunteers Please		
Hospitality	Anne King, Lynne Atkinson, Daren & Liz Dukes		

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Father Joe's Dad in Germany, Stuart Steele, Brian Pope (Jim Pope's Brother), Myrna Ware, Clementine "Emie" Stapleton, Sara Pinato, Noel Flaherty, Michael Nolan and Diane Taite.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

George Cottee, Norman Fisher (Bernie Fisher's brother), Robyn Behrooz, Brian Pope, Beryl & Stan Callaghan, Gerard Keenan (Anita Keenan's Son), Pat Barrett, Noreen Taylor, Sue Bland, Connor Sipple, Jacqui Visser, Katie Maloney, Chris Paine, Margaret Stevens, Christopher Thomson, David Haynes (Yvonne Scanlan's Dad), Colleen Nolan, Margaret Christensen, Gwen Cullinan, Lyn Downes, Sophie Hollies, Terry Stevens, Mark Bates, Maddison Farrugia, Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson), Joan & Maureen Brown (Marcia Pereira's Sister & Niece), Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika Gawlik.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Jeanette Russell, John Burrowes, Imre Varga, Geoffrey McNay, Frederick (Joe) Grange, Florance Pilkington, Elizabeth Doyle, Shirley Conlon, Mary Kiel, Agnes Collins, John Gibson, James Sims, Wallace Whye, Margaret Noonan, John Downes, Mary McAtamney and Joan Baker.



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