



*St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook*  
**The Barra**  
*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord- Year C*  
*12th & 13th April 2025*

**Entrance: Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11 ; Luke 22:14-23:56**

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

*Our lives improve only when we take chances - and the first and most difficult risk we can take is to be honest with ourselves." (Walter Anderson)*

Since the Fall from Grace the history of humanity seems to follow a pathway of concealment. Even after that infamous Original Sin we find Adam and Eve attempting to shift the blame as to their wrongdoing. "The woman you gave me did it". "The serpent made me do it". This concealment is very much associated with the deadly trap of justifying ourselves. We cannot afford to be wrong, otherwise our egos would fail in self-assertion to be the best thing since sliced bread! No, we would rather self-promote than face the dreaded reality of the truth.

Complaining is another artificial way of shifting out blame. Adam blames God for giving him Eve in the first place, and maybe Eve blames God for creating the serpent in the first place. Oh, how does our heart find rest in the bosom of what is definitely a false self. Which, of course, leads to a contrived image of who we are! It may satisfy us, but it cannot satisfy the truth.

Being honest with ourselves is certainly a difficult risk. At the heart and soul of this risk is the perceived peril of destroying the very sense of who I am. This is a very serious matter, we have spent our lives constructing who I think I am only to discover that that's not who I really am. We seem to have another persona of which we are not aware. What can we do about it? The Greek philosopher Socrates declared that the unexamined life is not worth living. While that may sound somewhat severe, there is a truth there that if we want to move forward in establishing a self which has integrity, then we can only do so by correcting that which needs to be corrected. And how will we know what is to be corrected?

This is where we need to acquire a deep sense of humility. We don't like to move out of our comfort zone where we believe everything is working well. But if our lives are to improve, then we need to take a chance, as Walter Anderson suggests. Taking a chance is hardly walking the plank of a pirate ship; taking a chance is to move to newer ground, to push ourselves to establish fresh virtues to establish in our lives. Taking a chance requires insights into who I think I am by listening closely to others who may know me better than I do myself. Their subtle feedback can be a goldmine in clearing away the cobwebs of my self-delusion to establish an improving self-identity which stands up to the desires of Christ for our perfection. "I have come so that they may have life, life in abundance." (John 10:10)



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**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES**

Please remember to bring your Project Compassion boxes this week.

*Thank you.*

**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> 13th April</p> <p><i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b></p>
<p><b>Monday</b> 14th April</p>	<p><b>No Mass. Office is closed</b> 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 15th April</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass</b> <b>10.00-11.00am Confessions</b> 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 1.00pm Pastoral Care Meeting M/R 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 16th April</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b> <b>10.00-11.00am Confessions</b> 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> 17th April</p> <p><i>Thursday of the Lord's Supper</i></p>	<p><b>No Morning Mass</b> <b>10.00-11.00am Confessions</b> 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C <b>7.30pm Mass of The Lord's Supper</b> 9.00pm Altar of Repose P/C</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> 18th April</p> <p><i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Fast and Abstinence)</i></p>	<p><b>8.00am Stations of the Cross (outside) procession.</b> <b>10.00am Stations of the Cross (inside)</b> Live Streaming Link <a href="https://youtube.com/live/gr5Xm2WgWdI?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/gr5Xm2WgWdI?feature=share</a> <b>11.00-12.30pm Confessions</b> <b>3.00pm The Passion of the Lord.</b> Live Streaming Link <a href="https://youtube.com/live/0z41gCEdba0?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/0z41gCEdba0?feature=share</a></p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> 19th April</p> <p><i>Holy Saturday</i></p>	<p><b>No Morning Mass</b> 4.30pm Confessions <b>7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass</b> Live Streaming Link <a href="https://youtube.com/live/1ZjARvgpDo0?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/1ZjARvgpDo0?feature=share</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> 20th April</p> <p><i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year C</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b></p>

**NO 9.15AM MORNING MASS AND OFFICE CLOSURE ON TUESDAY 22ND APRIL**

Please note that there will be no 9.15am morning Mass on Tuesday the 22nd of April. The parish office will be closed on Tuesday as well.

Wishing you and your families a blessed, happy and safe Easter.

**St Finbar's Parish Finance Committee Update**

Our recent PFC meeting welcomed our new committee member Mark Phoebus who is replacing Briony Mowbray. Thank you Briony.

Thank you Mark for taking on this role.

Our meeting resolved to organise the repair of 3 safety concerns. They are:

Installing a railing on the pedestrian walkway from Levy Sheet towards the church;

Installing a new railing for the presbytery steps;

Installing a railing along the wall at the back wall of the church Altar to assist people to walk safely up and down the slope.

While the Altar rail construction will keep in line with legal and safety building requirements, the aim is to also make the rail as visually inconspicuous as possible, so as to not detract from the sandstone.

*Carl Moll PFC Chairperson for the Committee.*

*Thank you to Father John and the parish community for the wonderful gift of our Apostolic Blessing from His Holiness Pope Francis., which we will treasure for the rest of our days! Both the Anniversary Mass and our Certificate were joyous occasions, many memories old and new. Thank you musicians, the folks who made the day "happen". To the "girls and boys" who provided the delicious morning tea.*

*Beryl & Stan Callaghan*

**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*

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

<b>TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>9.15am Mass Confessions 10am to 11am</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary Confessions 10am to 11am 7.30pm Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.</b>
<b>HOLY THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>No Morning Mass Confessions 10am to 11am <b>7.30PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. WITH ADORATION AT ALTAR OF REPOSE TILL 11PM</b></b>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>  <b>A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT</b>	<b>8.00am Rotation groups Stations of the Cross outside the church 10.00am Stations of the Cross Liturgy – inside the church Live Streaming Link <a href="https://youtube.com/live/gr5Xm2WgWdI?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/gr5Xm2WgWdI?feature=share</a> Confessions after stations till 12.30am <b>3.00PM SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b> Live Streaming Link <a href="https://youtube.com/live/0z41gCEdba0?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/0z41gCEdba0?feature=share</a></b>
<b>HOLY SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>7.30PM EASTER VIGIL Live Streaming Link <a href="https://youtube.com/live/1ZjARvvpDo0?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/1ZjARvvpDo0?feature=share</a> including The Solemn Beginning or Lucernarium <i>including the Lighting of the Fire and Exsultet</i> The Liturgy of the Word <i>with 3 readings, Epistle, Solemn Alleluia &amp; Gospel</i> Baptism &amp; Confirmation Liturgy of the Eucharist</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>7.30AM AND 9.30AM MASSES NO YOUTH MASS</b>

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

George Cottee, 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:

Norman Fisher (Bernie Fisher's brother), Robyn Behrooz, 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:

Max Callaghan, Kevin O'Duffy, Holly O'Toole, Laura Wilson, Andrew Mason, Robert Hill, Daniel Newman, Mathieu Fransen, Patricia Young, Leonard Mott, Rein Bruinsma and Benjamin Lowe.

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## LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 19TH & 20TH APRIL 2025

Liturgical Ministries	Holy Thursday 7.30pm	The Lord's Passion 3pm	7.30pm Easter Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am
<b>Sacristan</b>	Peter McMahon	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Stuart Sheary
<b>Senior Server</b>	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll Peter McIlvenna Jim Barndon	Kylie Mills Jim Barndon	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
<b>Thurifier</b>	Elija & Oscar Baird		Peter McMahon		
<b>Junior Servers</b>	1. Helena Scanlan 2. Zac Scanlan	1. Zoe Wilson <b>2. Volunteer please</b>	<b>Volunteers please</b>		Zoe Wilson, Dominic Sheary & Tim Kensey
<b>Warden</b>	Vince Dobson	<b>Volunteer please</b>	<b>Volunteer please</b>	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Frank Zammit	Cecilia Zammit	1. Nick McMaster 2. Carmel Pilcher 3. Peter McIlvenna	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Nick McMaster	Dawn Willis	Felicity Lindfield	Andrew Teece	Frank Zammit
<b>Gospel Narrator</b>	N/A	Maire Griffin	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Gospel Other</b>	N/A	Nick McMaster	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Intercession</b>	Joanne Stubbs	1. Joanne Stubbs 2. Camilla Lobo	Kate Ferris	John De Mattia	Tricia Murnane
<b>Music</b>	Naomi's Group	Youth Group	Cantabile	N/A	Claire Brown
<b>IT Operators</b>	Henri Hanko	Lachlan Lloyd	Robyn Flynn/ Juliette	Elizabeth Konza	Joanne Stubbs
<b>Oils</b>	Colleen Sisson Claire Brown	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Gifts</b>	<b>Volunteers please</b>		RCIA Candidates	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family
<b>Communion</b>	1. Chris Scanlan 2. Yvonne Scanlan	1. Erin Kelly 2. Jim Tierney	1. Gerard Egan <b>2. Volunteer Please</b>	Jessica Tiller & Jean Di Nucci	Irene Aligno & Erin Kelly
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	N/A				
<b>Piety Stall</b>	Lee Jackson				
<b>Church Care</b>	Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, Gabrielle Lynch & Veronica Clune Moping group: Andrew Flaherty, Carl Moll, Steve Lee & Bryan Egan.				
<b>Hospitality</b>	Irene & Bert Aligno				



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