



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
The Barra
 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 Year C
 19th & 20th April 2025



Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4 ; Luke 24:1-12

As part of the Diocese of Parramatta, St Finbar's is committed to being a community of safeguarding, and echoes Bishop Vincent's zero-tolerance to abuse of any form.

For details on safeguarding, please visit the diocesan safeguarding website:

<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/>

Father John ponders.....

If the doors of perception were cleansed, everything would appear to man as it is, Infinite. For man has closed himself up, till he sees all things thro' narrow chinks of his cavern.

'The Marriage of Heaven and Hell' - William Blake (British "visionary")

The resurrection of Christ from the dead gives us the opportunity not only to acknowledge God's power over life and death, but also a welcome moment to consider the immensity of what the resurrection means for us. Death has truly been conquered, this is the faith we hold dear. But it is so easy to remain unconvinced by the deeper realities which lie beneath the surface. These realities are not hidden as such, but they do remain somewhat obscure because we do not engage our spiritual eyes to see what can be seen. Living superficially, weighed down by the consequences of the Fall from Grace, consumes our lives as we try to survive and thrive in the world which has been given to us. This is part of God's plan, that we flourish as we may in this life, but in His life too.

To raise our sight to heaven is to catch the profound glories, not just of God but also to perceive his greater plan for each of us. As Saint John reminds us "we do not know what we shall be in the future, all we know is that we shall be like Him because we shall see Him as He really is" (1 John 3:2). This truly is the power of the resurrection. It is also the power of clear perception, as conceived by our quote today from William Blake. Our inability to see clearly we might attribute to our less than perfect condition, the shared condition of Adam and Eve being put out of the Garden with no clear view of God anymore. The death and resurrection of Christ reverses all of this. In faith we can see him clearly, believing all his teachings and actions leads us to a familiarity of heart. Blake references the narrow chinks of sight and insight we believe we are condemned to. Christ now leads us to the Infinite.

His new life, that is resurrected life, He shares with us through baptism and all the sacramental and worship life of the Church. The finite world cannot constrict this experience because it is an experience of the "numinous", the Infinite, the glory of God fully alive in our hearts, minds, and souls. How do we experience this to the full? We have to wake up to the possibilities which Christ has won for us. We can remain in our caverns content with narrow chinks, or we can rise to the occasion with Christ whose bursting from the tomb displays the mighty power of His Father. Therein is the Infinite to be found, eclipsing the restrictions of this world. A panorama of Eternity, no chinks to be found!

Welcome & Congratulations to Tara Brame, Matthew Harris, Natasha Harris and Lorraine Smith on receiving the Sacraments of Baptisms, Confirmation and Holy Communion this Easter Vigil Mass. May these Sacraments strengthen them in their journey as Catholics.

PARISH INFORMATION

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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

Sunday 20th April <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass
Monday 21st April	No Mass. Office is closed
Tuesday 22nd April	No Mass. Office is closed 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Wednesday 23rd April	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
Thursday 24th April	9.15am Mass 1.15pm Bridge Club P/C
Friday 25th April ANZAC DAY	8.00am ANZAC Day Mass
Saturday 26th April	9.15am Mass 4.30pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 27th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) Year C</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms

FACE TO FACE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Maria Kervin will be presenting training Face to Face in the upcoming month.

Everyone is welcome to complete this independently online at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>

For parishioners who have completed their Cycle 1 Training Modules 1-3 in 2023. The parish is offering Cycle 2 Renewal Training Modules 4 and 5 Face-to-Face Training on the following dates:-

Cycle 2 – Renewal Modules 4 and 5

Tuesday 6th of May at 7pm in the parish hall. Module 4 – Applying the Child Safe Standards to Safeguard Children and Adults at Risk (90min), and

Thursday 22nd of May at 7pm in the parish hall.

Module 5 – Legal Compliance: Risk of Significant Harm and Reportable Conduct (90min)

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

Wishing you all a happy and safe Easter. May the Risen Lord bless you all and your families.

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Tuesday the 22nd of April.

Fr John, Peter and Juliana.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Thank You for Supporting our Catholic Care's chaplaincy services

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for people in hospital and prison who might otherwise feel abandoned. The Diocesan Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal has raised \$126K, which will provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to people in times of darkness. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



Positions Vacant

Communications Lead – Diocesan Pastoral Plan
 More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

Bookings now open: Diocese of Parramatta's Adult 35 years+ Jubilee Pilgrimage

Join a life-changing 19-day pilgrimage from 7 to 25 September 2025, exploring sacred sites in Greece, Turkey, and Rome. Open to adults aged 35 and over, this journey follows St. Paul's path and the early Church, culminating in the Jubilee Year of Hope in Rome. Bookings close on 2 May 2025, with a deposit of \$800 required at the time of booking. The final payment is due by 7 July 2025. Don't miss this incredible faith experience. For more information and to register, visit parracatholic.org/jubilee2025/

Bookings now open: Diocese of Parramatta's Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage

Young people (18-35 years) from Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are invited to join an 18-day pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome from July 19 – August 5, 2025, including a visit to Greece to trace the footsteps of Saint Paul and a celebration of the canonisation of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati in Rome. With only 45 spots available, secure your place by booking before May 10, 2025, with a deposit of \$800, and find out more or book at parracatholic.org/jubilee2025/

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

POSITION VACANT AT ST FINBAR'S PARISH

St Finbar's is looking to hire a dedicated and organised Admin Assistant to provide essential support for the parish and to learn how the parish operates.

The position will initially be 6 hours per week over two mornings, progressing to 10 hours per week for the right person.

If you have some admin ability, some Microsoft Office skills, some database skills and are interested in learning more, please talk to Fr John or Peter in the Parish office

SVDP 2024 CHRISTMAS APPEAL REPORT TO THE PARISH

We would like to acknowledge the generous donations and support from parishioners and the parents, teachers and students of St Finbar's School. We thank you all for your support.

If you provided items for the hampers or toys for the gift tree, bought a calendar, contributed a donation at a leaving collection or to the Poor Box or assisted the conference members sort, pack and deliver the hampers and toys then you made a very valuable contribution to the success of the Christmas Appeal.

Excess hamper items and toys were distributed to a refugee centre to make their Christmas a more joyous season.

"I was hungry and you fed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was homeless and you helped me find a safe place".

Mass	5.30pm	7.30am	9.30am	Other	TOTALS
Pre Appeal Notes	\$1 260	Nil	Nil		\$1 260
Appeal Notes	\$340	\$440	\$280		\$1 060
Appeal Coins	\$7.55	\$13.00	\$8.80		\$29.35
Credit Card	\$495	Nil	\$605		\$1 100
Poor Box	Christmas Appeal period (December to February)			\$3383	\$3 383
Calendars				\$194	\$194
St Finbar's School cash Donation				\$242	\$242
Hampers 2 hampers per each of 25 clients @ a nominal value of \$80 per hamper. Donations in kind only.				\$80 x 50 \$4 000	\$4 000.00
TOTALS	\$2 102.55	\$453.00	\$893.80	\$7819.00	\$11268.35

Thank you again for loving your neighbours in need by showing them the same compassion and charitable support that God calls each of us to demonstrate in our daily lives.

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 26TH & 27TH APRIL 2025

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Servers	Sophie Lynch & Volunteer Please		Elija & Oscar Baird
Warden	Margaret Richards	Volunteer Please	Frank Zammit
1 st Reading	Volunteer Please	Kevin Lloyd	Cecilia Zammit
2nd Reading	Naomi Cheeseman	Carl Moll	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Kevin Flynn	Irene Aligno
Music	N/A		Holy Light
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Robyn Flynn	Pat Watson/Sophia
Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Volunteers Please	The Young Family
Communion	Lorraine Brown & Peter McIlvenna	Brian Grech & Helen Keogh	Carmel Higgins & Elizabeth Rowe
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Piety Stall	Anne Marie King		
Church Care	Volunteers please		
Hospitality	Kerry & Peter Herborn		
Lawn Mowing	Kevin Debeck, Rob Lennon & Bob Hanigan.		

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:

Baby Gwen Fielden, Eleanor Morgan, Grace Walkley, Alan Bryan, Madge Boylan, Raymond Merchant, Kathleen Moore, Margaret Mead, Robert Aitken and Wayne Portelli.



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