



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
The Barra
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - Year A
28th & 29th March 2026

Entrance: Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

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Father John ponders.....

THE EASTER VIGIL

Without doubt the Easter Vigil is the most powerful of all Eucharistic celebrations. In the early days it used to begin at nightfall on the Saturday and didn't end until early Sunday morning, the baptisms taking place as the sun began to rise. During the dark hours the faithful listened attentively to various scripture readings, especially to the prophets who foretold of the sufferings and resurrection of the Messiah. You can still celebrate in this fashion, but most churches have a reduced celebration to make it easier for the people.

We begin with the Lighting of the Easter fire outside in the grounds. There is something so elemental about the flames: the light, the heat and the power. Of course, for we Christians this fire represents the Risen Christ as the Light of the World. Hence the Easter or Paschal Candle is lit from the Easter fire and carried in solemn procession and placed in its stand near the baptismal font. Three times we proclaim "Christ our light, thanks be to God" in rising crescendo. Then the *Exultet* is proclaimed, a solemn song in praise of the candle representing Christ as Light of the World. Next, we listen to various scripture readings leading up to the proclamation of the Gospel of the Resurrection before listening to a brief homily.

Ordinarily the Rite of Baptism then takes place although we have no candidates this year. The baptismal waters are blessed and the Easter Candle plunged in to provide the graces of new birth. Next comes the Renewal of our baptismal promises which we proclaim with great dignity. With our candles relit from the Easter Candle, we stand proud as the people who have been redeemed. The people are sprinkled with the newly blessed waters which reminds us that we are those who have been graced to drink deeply from the springs of salvation. And saved we are!

This Paschal Feast continues with the Presentation of Gifts (Offertory) and moves to the Eucharistic Prayer where the death and Resurrection of Christ are sacramentally made present to us, as bread and wine are consecrated into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ our Redeemer. "Holy things for holy people" for it is our greatest privilege to receive Christ in Holy Communion. Easter is a gateway into the rest of the year as we continue to celebrate this mystery to help us deepen our faith, hope and love. This moves us to a deepening realization and gratitude for all that has been won for us, which is eternal life with God. Let the "Alleluias" ring out, for we are truly an Easter People.



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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

PARISH NEWS

<p>Sunday 29th March <i>Passion of the Lord</i> <i>Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass</p>
<p>Monday 30th March</p>	<p>No Morning Mass –Office is closed 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7:30pm Holy Thursday Rehearsal</p>
<p>Tuesday 31st March</p>	<p>9.15am Mass 10.00am Confessions 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.30pm Claire Brown’s Choir Practice 7:30pm Good Friday Rehearsal</p>
<p>Wednesday 1st April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 9.30am Playgroup 10.00am Confessions 7.00pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Naomi’s Group Easter Vigil Choir Practice</p>
<p>Thursday 2nd April <i>Thursday of the</i> <i>Lord’s Supper</i></p>	<p>NO MORNING MASS 10.00am Confessions 1.00pm Bridge P/C 7.30pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper and then until 10.00pm at the Altar of Repose</p>
<p>Friday 3rd April <i>Friday of the Passion</i> <i>of the Lord</i> <i>(Fast & Abstinence)</i></p>	<p>10.00am Stations of the Cross Confessions following Stations 3.00pm The Passion of the Lord 4.00pm Confessions</p>
<p>Saturday 4th April <i>Easter Vigil of the</i> <i>Resurrection</i></p>	<p>10am Rehearsal for Easter Vigil 7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 5th April <i>Sunday of the</i> <i>Resurrection of the</i> <i>Lord</i></p>	<p>7.30am Easter Mas 9.30am Easter Mass</p>

Easter Sunrise Service

Elizabeth Lookout
Glenbrook

Date: Sunday, 5 April 2025
Time: 6am
Location: Elizabeth Lookout, Glenbrook. Gates open 5.15am – enter via dirt vehicle track 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.

*An initiative of The Glenbrook-Blaxland Inter-church Group.
This is an ecumenical, non-denominational service.
All welcome.*

HOLY WATER FOR YOUR HOME THIS EASTER

This Easter the church will have **Blessed Holy Baptismal Water** available for parishioners to take home after the **Easter Vigil** and **Easter Sunday Masses**.

If you would like to bring this blessing into your home, please **bring a bottle or jar** with you to fill.

As we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection, may this Holy Water be a source of grace and protection for you and your family this Easter.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE – TUESDAY 7 APRIL

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 7 April. There will be **no morning Mass** on this day.
Thank you for your understanding.

CHURCH DOORS

It is a legal requirement that all doors in the church open **OUTWARDS**. This also applies to the doors between the narthex and the body of the church. The reason is to prevent people being trapped behind inward opening doors in case of emergency. If you are opening the doors from the narthex to the church proper, please open them outwards! Thank you.

ORDINATION OF JEFF HOOD INTO THE DEACONERY – SUNDAY 26 APRIL

We are delighted to announce that Jeff Hood, formerly stationed at this parish, will be ordained as a Deacon on Sunday, 26 April at 6.00pm at St John XXIII Parish, Stanhope Gardens. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this joyful celebration.
Supper will follow the Mass, and we hope many from our community will join in supporting Jeff as he begins his ministry as a Deacon.

EASTER WISHES

Fr John and the staff of St Finbar’s church wish all parishioners a blessed and happy Easter.

2026 HOLY WEEK AND EASTERTIMETABLE AT ST FINBAR'S

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH	9.15am Mass Confessions 10am to 11am
WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary Confessions 10am to 11am 7.30pm Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.
HOLY THURSDAY 2ND APRIL	No Morning Mass Confessions 10am to 11am 7.30PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. WITH ADORATION AT ALTAR OF REPOSE TILL 10PM
GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT	10.00am Stations of the Cross Live Streaming Link Confessions after stations till 12.30am 3.00PM SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION Live Streaming Link Confessions to follow
HOLY SATURDAY 4TH APRIL	7.30PM EASTER VIGIL Live Streaming Link 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 & Gospel</i> Liturgy of the Eucharist
EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL	7.30AM AND 9.30AM MASSES

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ray Mirabito (Briony Mowbray's Dad), Ray Duke (Darren Duke's Cousin), Margaret Moore and Jennifer Devlin.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Tony Phoebus (Mark Phoebus' Uncle), Tom Torrance, John Brown, Mila Svehla, Anita Keenan, Chris Wilson, Caroline Goosen, Chris Paine, Norman Fisher (Bernie Fisher's brother), Noreen Taylor, Beryl & Stan Callaghan, Pat Barrett, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Mark Bates, Maddison Farrugia, Lyn Downes, Margaret Stevens, Gerard Keenan (Anita Keenan's Son), Christopher Thomson, Colleen Nolan, David Haynes (Yvonne Scanlan's Dad), Sophie Hollies, Margaret Christensen, Joan and Marcia Pereira, Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika Gawlik.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Rosemond Coughlan, Cecil Luczak, Harold Gapps, Monica Barron, Sybil Mason, Mary Dutfield and Marjory Plevy.

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 2ND TO 5TH APRIL 2026

Liturgical Ministries	Holy Thursday 7.30pm	The Lord's Passion 3pm	7.30pm Easter Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Jim Barndon	Peter McMahon	Gerard Egan
Senior Server	Peter McMahon	Carl Moll	Jim Barndon & Peter McIlvenna	Peter McMahon	Lukas Rajnoch
Thurifier	James Horner		The Scanlan Family		
Junior Servers	The Wilson Family	Volunteers please	Volunteers please	Summer & Oliver Wilson	Xavier Rajnoch & Elizabeth & Sofia Grus
Warden	Vince Dobson	Frank Fitzpatrick	Vince Dobson	Ben Oxley	Gary Clune
1st Reading	Cecilia Zammit	Joanne Stubbs	1. Maureen Tulk 2. Elizabeth Rowe 3. Leih Agahari	Volunteer Please	Jessica Doherty
2nd Reading	Geraldine Agahari	Gideon Goosen	Volunteer please	Andrew Teece	Steve Baird
Gospel Narrator	N/A	Maire Griffin	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gospel Other	N/A	Nick McMaster	N/A	N/A	N/A
Intercession	Marie Anne Van der Roil	Cantors	Greg Rowe	Kevin Flynn	Martin Rogers
Music	Combined Choir Group	Combined Choir Group	Naomi's Group	N/A	Anne's Group
IT Operators					
Oils	1. Joanne Stubbs 2. Fran Blakemore 3. Jessica Doherty	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gifts	The Howard family		Volunteers please	Maria Heinzl & Stanis Drobiszewski	The Grus Family
Communion	1. Juliana Khnouf Volunteers please 2. 3.	1. Cecilia Zammit 2. Kylie Mills	Volunteers please 1. 2. 3.	Volunteers Please	Garry Pursehouse & Wendy Brown
Church Care	Jane Lennon, Melissa McDonald, Gabrielle Lynch & Lucy Limbers.				
Hospitality	Lina Wiecek and Vicky Ang				

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