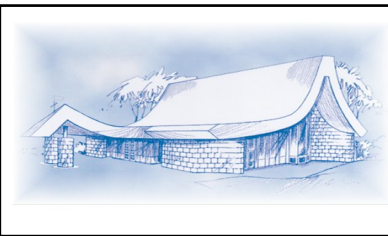


St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
The Barra
Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Year A
4th & 5th April 2026



Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER

Father John and the Parish Staff extend to all our parishioners and friends our heartfelt wishes for a Happy and Blessed Easter.

May the joy of the Risen Lord fill your homes with peace, hope, and renewed faith.

Thank you for the many ways you share your gifts, your presence, and your prayers with our parish community.

Alleluia, He is Risen!

Father John ponders.....

PARISH INFORMATION



A message for Easter from Johann Cristoph Arnold:

“I have lived long enough to learn that failure to forgive leads down a path of destruction – of bitterness, self-hate, alienation, relentless cycles of conflict, and downright misery. But forgiveness can vanquish all such pain. Why else did Jesus command us to forgive? It can heal both the forgiver and the forgiven. In fact, it could change the world if we allowed it to. But too often we stand in its way, not daring to allow it to flow through us unchecked. If only we would dare!

If the cross and resurrection are not just historic happenings but present realities, which I believe they are, then what we celebrate at Easter is the healing power of God's forgiveness at work in our world today. God's forgiveness can transform lives on a personal level, but it can influence events on a broader scale as well.

Jesus offered his disciples the “keys of the kingdom.” We hold the keys of forgiveness in our hands. And we must choose whether or not to use it. Christ wants to use our hands, wounded as they may be, to extend his forgiveness to the world. Will they be closed, or outstretched like his?

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.

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Mrs Kym Romanous
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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

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

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/>

Sunday 5th April <i>Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass
Monday 6th April	No Morning Mass -Office is closed
Tuesday 7th April	No Morning Mass -Office is closed 10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C 6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Wednesday 8th April	9.15am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Bridge P/C
Thursday 9th April	9.15am Mass 1.00pm Bridge P/C 3.30pm Mila's Lenten Group M/R
Friday 10th April	9.15am Mass 1.30pm Bowlers P/C
Saturday 11th April	9.15am Mass 4.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 12th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter Year A</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Baptisms

Positions Vacant:

Catholic Chaplain – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

Bishop Vincent presents Archbishop Ryan Jimenez: 21 April

Archbishop Ryan Jimenez, Archbishop of Agaña in Guam and President of the Episcopal Conference of the Pacific is the first guest speaker for this year's Bishop Vincent Presents series. Join us at 6pm on Tuesday 21 April in Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, for an evening with Archbishop Jimenez as he reflects on the theme "An Immigrant Bishop for an Immigrant Church." To register, please visit parracatholic.org/jimenez

Adult Confirmations 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 29th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day.

The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1st September, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday 18th August, 2026. For more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

A conversation with the Sisters of Saint Joseph on Homelessness: 23 April

In partnership with the Sisters of Saint Joseph, join us for an hour-long conversation on zoom at 5.00pm on Thursday 23 April to raise some possible responses to the urging of the 2025 Bishops' Statement: Signs of Hope on the Edge. If you would like to participate in this conversation, **please register by Wednesday 1 April:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/online-conversation-homelessness/>

Music Workshop 'Exploring Music for the Solemnities': 5 May

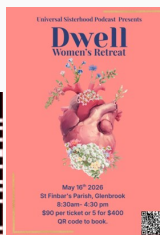
Musicians throughout the Parramatta Diocese and beyond are invited to attend this workshop led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. On Tuesday 5 May to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown, the workshop will outline suggested hymns and explore music new and old for the many Solemnities and Feasts that occur in the period of Eastertide. Please RSVP by 1 May via <https://parracatholic.org/events/music-workshop-exploring-music-for-the-solemnities>. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

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May 16th 2026

8.30am—4.30pm \$90 per ticket or 5 for \$400



CATALYST FOR RENEWAL REFLECTION

MORNING. "Reading the Bible for Contemplation"

Presented by: **Dr. Laurie Woods**. Date: April 18, 2026.
Time and Place: 9:30am-12:30pm at Uniting Church Hall.
Cnr Gt. Western Highway & Rosedale Ave, Hazelbrook
Parking: Hazelbrook Shopping Centre.

Dr Laurie is a specialist in Biblical Studies having taught in that field for 30 years at Australian Catholic University.
Tea/Coffee Provided: Entry by donation Enquiries:
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Program also on Catalyst for Renewal website
www.catalystforrenewal.org.au

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO SR CARMEL PILCHER

Our parish extends it's heartfelt thanks to Sister Carmel Pilcher for her wonderful support and guidance in helping to organise our Easter Celebrations over the past two years. Her liturgical wisdom, gentle leadership, and generous spirit have been a true blessing to our community.

As Sister Carmel prepares to move to Adelaide, South Australia, on Thursday next week. We offer her our warmest wishes. We are deeply grateful for the time she has shared with us and for the care she has shown in helping our Parish celebrate the most sacred days of our faith with reverence and joy.

May God continue to bless Sister Carmel in her ministry and in this new chapter ahead.

ANNUAL VARIETY CONCERT FOR BUSH SCHOOL CAMBODIA.

When : 2 May 2025 **Where :** St. Finbar's Church Hall, Levy St., Glenbrook, **Time:** 7pm to 9.30 pm

This will be a most enjoyable night, featuring vocal and instrumental music in a true spirit of variety and will include the impressive "Vocal Edge" and "Moo" choirs and the "Neil Hall Band". A sumptuous supper, the drawing of some great raffle prizes and an informative photo history of the school will complete the evening. The cost is \$35 per person, \$60 for family, with some concessions available.

To book: Phone Doug on 0403 303 943 or email: bushschoolcambodia@gmail.com (some seats will be available at the door). We'd love to see you at the concert, but if you can't make it and would still like to donate, this can be done also through our special updated account below:

Commonwealth Bank "Cambodian Educational Support Inc."

Account: 062601 10496685—Note that all donations to the school are now tax deductible and receipts will be issued for this purpose (please provide name, amount donated and email). A one-off donation is much appreciated, but we also have an urgent need for monthly subscribers, to secure the school into the future. Can you help? If so, email bushschoolcambodia@gmail.com. For further information, visit www.bushschoolcambodia.com or see Fb: bush school Cambodia

LADIES MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA — Fundraising for the Parish Office Floor Covering

Saturday, 9 May 2026 at 2.30pm at the Parish Hall

Cost: \$25 per person

Join us for a delightful afternoon!

We warmly invite mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, daughters, and all the wonderful women of our Parish to come together for a joyful Mother's Day High Tea. Enjoy an afternoon filled with fun, friendship, and the chance to connect with other lovely ladies in our community.

This year's gathering will also feature light games, fun-filled activities and lots of prizes to be won, adding laughter, energy, and a playful spirit to the celebration. Please contact the Parish office on 4742 6958 to add your name on 47426958. We look forward to sharing this special afternoon with you, thank you for your support.

FINAL REFLECTION ON 2025 BISHOP'S SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Service to the poor is a critical aspect of being a Christian - not an optional extra. The *2025 Bishop's Statement* quotes from St John Chrysostom (a doctor of the Church and Bishop from the fifth century).

"Do you want to honour the body of Christ? Do not let it be despised in its members, that is, the poor who lack clothes to cover themselves. Do not honour him here in the Church with rich fabrics, while outside you neglect him when he is suffering from cold and naked."

Pope Francis, when declaring 2025 as a Year of Jubilee, encouraged us to be signs of hope for those who are excluded and marginalised, including those who are homeless and are suffering from mental ill-health.

The *2025 Bishop's Social Justice Statement* challenges each of us to become informed about issues of homelessness and mental health; to advocate for better policies and improved services to support these people; and to find ways to engage personally with marginalised people. Pope Francis said that, *"people on the margins have much to teach us. In their difficulties they know the suffering Christ"*. Easter be a time when we recognise the suffering Christ in those who are experiencing homelessness and poverty in all its forms.

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 11TH & 12TH APRIL 2026

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Jim Barndon	Carl Moll	Garry Pursehouse
Senior Server	Jim Barndon	Carl Moll	Nick McMaster
Junior Servers	Quentin Lynch & Sophie Lynch		Summer & Oliver Wilson, Noah Young
Warden	Maree Roach	Ben Oxley	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Maureen Tulk	Peter McMahon	Dan or Tim Kensey
2nd Reading	Jessica Doherty	Elizabeth Konza	Kristina Rajnoch
Intercession	Volunteer Please	John Isaksen	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Dawn Willis & Michael Taylor		Finnie's Group
IT Operators	Juliette Lynch	Robyn Flynn	Sophia Karatovic
Gifts	Margaret & Michael Richards	Volunteers Please	Dorothea Walsh
Communion	Thea Robertson & Vince Dobson	Jim Tierney & Kath Tierney	Colin Stead & Gerard Egan
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
Church Care	Volunteers Please		
Hospitality	Ann King, Lynne Atkinson, Daren & Liz Dukes		
Lawn Mowing	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Brendan Christie		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michelle Pereira (June Bouche's sister), Margaret Moore and Jennifer Devlin.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

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:

John Burrowes, Imre Varga, Geoffrey McNay, Frederick Grange, Florance Pilkington, Elizabeth Doyle, Shirley Conlon, Mary Kiel, Agnes Collins, John Gibson, James Sims, Wallace Whye, Margaret Noonan and John Downes.

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