

St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

2nd Sunday of Easter - Year A

11th & 12th April 2026



Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 117; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

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

Father John ponders.....

PARISH INFORMATION

"The meaning of life is to give life meaning." -- Ken Hudgins

The celebrations of Easter each year serve to remind us that there is far more to earthly existence than mere survival. We believe that Jesus Christ, lord and saviour, is risen from the dead. We know he lived in our humanity, preaching, teaching and healing. Of greater significance is his sacrificial death, offered to God on our behalf. The fall from grace enacted before the forbidden tree and its fruit carried with it the curse of death both physical and spiritual. Only a perfect human could reverse this situation by undergoing death himself. The presentation of Christ on Calvary, of himself to the Father, was a death undertaken to satisfy the curse for all of humanity. This is not to say that we are totally let off scot-free. We are expected to do our part in encouraging within ourselves the saving grace Christ has won for us. We are not idle bystanders for Saint Paul encourages us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. We are meant to take our part in this love-consumed death of Christ. And he has given us the ability to be united with him in his death through the sacrament of baptism. This is in order to be immersed in his glorious resurrection.

It is also the invitation to be immersed into his glorious humanity as well as sharing in his divinity. So many people drift through life unaware of the implications of what Christ has won for us. Without acknowledgment of the divine our lives seem empty because we are unable to fulfil our vocation to become Christ-like. Giving meaning to life in these circumstances becomes a somewhat fruitless enterprise. We live on shifting sands trying to complete ourselves according to our own expectations which tend not to be stable. Sure, human excellence is to be encouraged, but it also needs an orientation, a final goal. When the goal is only for an earthly end we end up drowning rather than waving. Leaving eternity to itself and allowing one's life to be unaffected by eternity is a frustrating effort which comes to very little.

To find meaning in life we need to hold in balance the earthly experience of our lives acknowledging that we are created, while also including the vast existence of a blessed eternity which visits us in the here and now and helps us to fulfil our true purpose. If we have been missing out on this maybe now is the time to add to or change the meaning of it all and apply a singular purpose in making sure that we embrace Jesus Christ as the true and only ultimate meaning in our lives.

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Baptisms

The Parish joyfully welcomes the Baptisms of

**Cooper Oliver Martin,
Kian William Ager &
Cameron Bruce Ager**

this Sunday, and warmly welcomes them 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

PARRAMATTA DIOCESE NEWS

<p>Sunday 12th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>10.45am Baptisms</p> <p>12.00pm Private RCIA Baptism</p>
<p>Monday 13th April</p>	<p>No Morning Mass -Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 14th April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>
<p>Wednesday 15th April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 16th April</p>	<p>9.15am Healing Mass followed by morning tea</p> <p>1.00pm Bridge P/C</p> <p>5.00pm Reconciliation preparation sessions P/C</p>
<p>Friday 17th April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p>Saturday 18th April</p>	<p>9.15am Mass</p> <p>4.15pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 19th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>7.00pm "The Lounge" Youth Group P/C</p>

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities for May 2026

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on 2 May at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood. More training opportunities are available throughout May at different parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: 12 May

All liturgical ministers – readers, servers, extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our [Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers](#). Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on 12 May 2026, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Liturgical ministers are asked to please arrive by 7pm and be seated by 7:15pm. To register the number of guests and ministers attending please register by Thursday, 7th May. To register please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

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 20 April:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/online-conversation-homelessness/>

FAMILY ENRICHMENT AUSTRALIA & THE MARRIAGE PROJECT WARMLY INVITE YOU TO UNSHAKEABLE

“CREATE A FAMILY CULTURE THE WORLD CANNOT BREAK”

At Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Kellyville, Saturday 9th May 2026 at 7pm.

Led by Mike and Alicia Hernon Parents of 10 & hosts of the Messy Family podcast.

HAPPY EASTER CHRIST IS RISEN

Over our Easter weekend many hundreds attended St Finbars in prayer and worship.

Thanks go to those who made it happen, there were well over 100 parishioners aged 8 to 85 involved in the liturgies, the music and the Stations of the Cross. Easter blessings to all of you.

ANZAC DAY MASS SATURDAY 25TH OF APRIL 2026

ANZAC Day Mass will be at 8am on Saturday the 25th of April 2026 this year, to give time to parishioners to attend the ANZAC day parade. Please note that there will be no 9.15am Mass on that day.

PARISH BANKING UPDATE – YOUR HELP APPRECIATED

Since the start of the new financial year, our bank has made it increasingly difficult for the parish to deposit coins. The machine that previously allowed us to bank coins directly into our accounts has been removed, and the remaining machine is often out of service and has a strict weight limit.

To help us manage parish banking more efficiently, we kindly ask that, where possible, coin contributions in the collection bags be limited to **\$2 and \$1 coins**.

Your generosity keeps our parish running, and your support with this small change will make a big difference. Thank you for your understanding and continued kindness.

ANNUAL VARIETY CONCERT FOR BUSH SCHOOL CAMBODIA.

When : Saturday 2 May 2026 **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

RECONCILIATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

Please note that the session for the Sacrament of Reconciliation preparation will start on Thursday the 16th of April at 5pm in the parish hall.

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. We look forward to sharing this special afternoon with you. Thank you for your support.

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 18TH & 19TH APRIL 2026

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am	6.00pm Youth Mass
Sacristan	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Stuart Sheary	Nick McMaster
Senior Server	Vince Dobson	Peter McMahon	Martin Rogers	Nick McMaster & Tim Kensey
Junior Servers	Volunteers Please		Joseph Sheary & Johnny Hamilton	James Horner
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Volunteer Please	Frank Fitzpatrick	Volunteer Please
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Carl Moll	Peter or Trish Hurley	Elizabeth Christie
2nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Andrew Teece	Gary Clune	Emily Mulhall
Intercession	Volunteer Please	John De Mattia	Irene Aligno	Yvonne Scanlan
Music	Cantabile	N/A	Cormac's Group	Youth Band
IT Operators	Anne Hobbs	Elizabeth Konza	Patrick Watson	Lachlan Lloyd
Gifts	Thea & Brian Robertson	Kay Whitty	The Wilson Family	N/A
Communion	Bernie Fisher & Volunteer Please	Jessica Tiller & Jean Di Nucci	Irene Aligno & Erin Kelly	Brendan Khnouf
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays			
Church Care	Francis Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, Veronica Clune, Emily Mulhall Mopping group: Andrew Flaherty, Carl Moll, Steve Lee & Bryan Egan.			
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Irene and Bert Aligno			

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ray Mirabito (Briony Mowbray's Father), Michelle Pereira (June Bouche's sister), Margaret Moore and Jennifer Devlin.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Tony Phoebus (Mark's Uncle), Tom Torrance, John Brown, Mila Svehla, Anita Keenan, Chris Wilson, Caroline Goosen, Chris Paine, Norman Fisher (Bernie's brother), Noreen Taylor, Beryl & Stan Callaghan, Pat Barrett, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, Maddison Farrugia, Margaret Stevens, Gerard Keenan (Anita Keenan's Son), Colleen Nolan, Christopher Thomson, 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:

George Cottee, Mary McAtamney, Joan Barker, Kevin O'Duffy, Holly O'Toole, Laura Wilson, Andrew Mason, Robert Hill, Daniel Newman, Mathieu Fransen, Patricia Young and Leonard Mott.

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