

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 1st December 2019 ~ First Sunday of Advent, Yr A

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

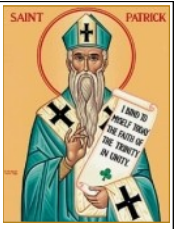
Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Our Mission Statement

'Help others to recognise, through their experiences, that Jesus who died and is risen is the truth that lights up their lives'

Our Vision Statement

'That the parishioners of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish grow as missionary disciples and live as community in Christ inviting all people into our Parish, welcoming them to our Parish life and embracing the rich diversity of our community'



'Keep Christ in Christmas'

CHRISTMAS 2ND RITE RECONCILIATION TIMES

Tuesday 17 December 7.30pm St Bernard's // Wednesday 18 December 7.30pm St Patrick's (1st Rite times are unchanged —see below for details)



HOPE

Prayers for Lighting the Advent Candles 1st Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: As we begin our Advent Journey, we light the first candle. We pray that God will fill our hearts with longing for the coming of his Son.
Reader: Stir up your power, almighty God, to rescue us from the darkness of sin.
Response: Come, Lord, and fill us with the light of hope.
Reader: It is time to wake and be ready.
Response: Come, Lord, and fill us with the light of hope.
Reader: The night is almost over and the day is close at hand.
Response: Come, Lord, and fill us with the light of hope.

Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24 December

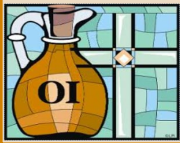
5pm St Bernard's Vigil Mass for Children, Carols & BBQ (Outdoors) bring a chair or rug
6pm St Patrick's Vigil Mass for Children
9pm St Patrick's Youth Vigil Mass
12 midnight St Patrick's 'Midnight' Mass

Christmas Day - Wednesday 25 December

8am St Patrick's Mass
9am St Bernard's Mass
10am St Patrick's Mass
NO evening Mass Christmas Day
NO Mass on Boxing Day



Anointing & Healing Mass



First Friday of the Month: 6th December 2019

ANOINTING & HEALING MASS @ St Bernard's:

Adoration: 10.30am; Reconciliation: 11am;

Healing Mass: 11.30am

[shared community luncheon follows]

NIGHT VIGIL @ St Patrick's: 7.30pm - 10pm



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Prayer, Praise & Worship, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction.
"Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

Your 'Tap' Helps our Parish 'Go' on.

We deeply appreciate the financial support of the parishioners and visitors to Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish.

No Cash? No problem!

Each of our machines are set to \$5 per tap.

One tap = \$5 ~ Two taps = \$10 etc.

Thank you for your generosity.

Donations made through these devices help to cover the ongoing maintenance costs of both our churches.



PASTORAL CENTRE

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P.O. Box 335, Berowra Heights 2082
Phone: (02) 9456 2450
Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au
Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp

Centre Hours: 9am – 3.30pm.

Parish Priest Fr Shaju John, OSH
Assistant Priest Fr Joy Thomas, OSH
Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper
Bookkeeper Karen Price
Youth Ministry Co-ord. Michelle Chahine
School/Parish Liturgy L. Patricia Smith
Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm St Bernard's
6pm St Patrick's
Sunday 8am St Patrick's
9am St Bernard's
10am St Patrick's
6pm St Patrick's

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Bernard's 8am Mon, Tues and Thurs.
9am Wednesday and Friday
St Patrick's 8am Wednesday and Friday
9am Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat.
First Friday – St Bernard's
10.30am Adoration
11.00am Reconciliation
11.30am Healing Mass
First Friday – St Patrick's
Night Vigil 7.30pm
RECONCILIATION
Every Saturday 9.30 am at St Patrick's
Every Friday After 9am Mass at St Bernard's, (except First Friday—see above)

This Week's: Readings & Prayers

1st week of Advent
Monday 02/12
 Weekday, Mass of the day
 Preface of Advent I
 Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday 03/12
 St Francis Xavier, priest
 Mass of the Saint
 Preface of Advent I or saint
 Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday 04/12
 Weekday, Mass of the day
 Preface of Advent I
 Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday 05/12
 Weekday, Mass of the day
 Preface of Advent I
 Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday 06/12
 Weekday, Mass of the day
 Preface of Advent I
 Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday 07/12
 St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
 Mass of the Saint
 Preface of Advent I or saint
 Is 30:19-21, 23-26;
 Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8


Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish Remembers & Prays for...

RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Fr Barry Nobbs, Ron Mahoney, James Kennelly

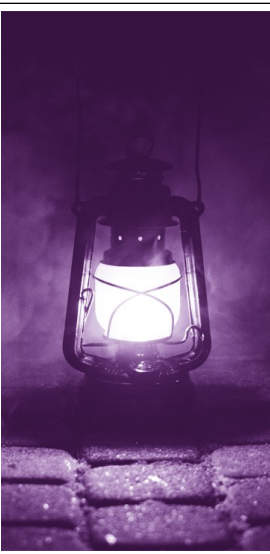
ANNIVERSARIES:
 Deacon David Huntley, Ronald Bond

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:
 Elisabeth (May) Bailey, Graeme Kachel, Michelle Chahine, Anna Nicholson, Antonio, Doug Hawkins, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Paul Sarks, Eve Davis (baby), Penny Rigor, Rodney Porter, Irena Fellmann, Jwona Nowak, Elaine Longmuir, Paula McGaulley, Michael Quinn, June Eileen, Patricia Smith (Carlton), Ramona Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Rosalinda de Ramos, Jaz Pitts, Georgia Meyers, Angela Smith, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook, Greg Cooper, Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones, Arlene Josen, Alfredo De Ramos, Kath Lock, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, John Macy, Narelle Cartwright, Tom Dawson, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr.

Please advise the office if names can be deleted from the sick list.

 **Pope's intention for December: The Very Young**
 That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

“Ask, ... and the door will be opened for you” (or the window!). Matthew 7:7
 As the weather warms up and many people gather together in a room (or church) things can quickly become a little stuffy. If you find this happening to you then *please* feel free to open a door at any time during mass and even change seats to catch a breath of fresh air. Our windows are kept locked for security reasons (*people forget to re-lock them and we've had thefts*), however, if you would like a window opened near your favourite pew, *please just ask*, and like the title above says, it **“will be opened for you”**.



Wake up to the Poetry
 Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah in his local synagogue. The poetic image of swords being hammered into ploughshares reverberated into his renouncing violence against the Roman occupying army in his own time. When will this picture come true for all human beings for all time?
 Only *God* knows! *We* don't know any more than we know when a burglar might target our home. But our ignorance of God's timetable is no excuse for being fatalistic and sleepy. We have our own span of life providing the timetable for our own contribution to the hammering of swords into ploughshares.
 Recent Popes, especially St John Paul II, have taken up this theme for our times, teaching more restrictive criteria for using armed force, even dropping the term 'just war' to very small print in the Catechism.
 We could pause for a moment to pray to be awake to our opportunities to shape society in the light of the vision of Isaiah and the practice of Jesus the Prince of Peace.
 © Fr Michael Tate



Candela, Peru THIS weekend - at St Bernard's,
 Mary Rajca will speak briefly about the work of the Sisters of Mercy in the shanty town of Candela in Lima Peru. Conditions in Candela are very difficult but over the years your support has helped the families live with dignity and feel positive about their futures. The mothers are determined to provide a better life for their children. After Masses there will be a sale of the goods that the women have made. This is the women's only source of income. All money raised from the sale of the goods goes straight back to the women so they can buy food, medicines, blankets and provide schooling for their children. **Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.**



What a wonderful evening the volunteers enjoyed at last Friday night's BBQ! Thankyou Father Shaju, Michelle, Karen, Olivia and Rebecca, Aldrin, Barbara, Paul, Jerome, Graham and Margaret, for all your work to make Friday evening a very warm and enjoyable event, beautifully run and organised, in a very friendly atmosphere. It was lovely to see so many people there, chatting and enjoying the great food and each other's company. It really showcased the amazing spirit that exists in our parish. *Teresa Schneider & Pat Smith.*



Senior Parish Choir will be singing at the monthly parish Mass of Anointing at St Bernard's this Friday, 6th December, at 11.30am. The Choir is also invited to sing at an Advent/Christmas Mass with Anointing to be held at Regis Nursing Home on Wednesday 18th December at 3pm, followed by carol-singing and good cheer. Any interested parishioners who would like to come and sing at these events would be most welcome.

Children's Choir @ St Patrick's will have its final practice for the year this Friday, 6th December. Our usual practice at 4pm will finish early and be followed immediately by the Choir CHRISTMAS PARTY in the courtyard outside the church. Siblings and parents/carers are welcome to join us: please RSVP for catering purposes. If you could bring some Christmas food to share it would be very much appreciated, but not essential. There's always plenty to share! Party should finish around 5.30pm.

Congratulations to our two newest trained cantors, Leah Alwis and Andrew Dalton! These young people have already sung their first psalm at 10am Mass. Well done!

Cherubs Choir has its final practice for the year this Tuesday, 3rd December, at 8.15 to 8.45am in St Patrick's church. The Cherubs will be singing at 10am Mass on Sunday 8th December and will then be in recess until 2020.

Midnight Mass rehearsals: 3rd, 11th and 18th December, 7.30 - 9pm St Patrick's. The more the merrier. For those who love to sing **Christmas carols** and listen to beautiful singing, don't miss our parish **Festival of Carols on Friday evening 13th December at 7.30pm at St Patrick's church**, presented by our own parish Select Choir. Enquiries on any of the above to: Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

The 250 Club! **NEW SERIES STARTED LAST WEEK Are you financial for the new series?**
 The New Series started **LAST WEEK** To those who are not members in this very successful parish fundraiser, it's not too late to join! Call the office on 9456 2450 to ensure you're financial or to join up and have a chance of winning **Not sure if you are or aren't financial?**
NB: Payouts can only be made to financial members. There are still blocks of numbers available and for a \$20 outlay (\$1 per week, payable in advance) you have the chance of winning \$25 each week and one chance in every five weeks of winning \$500!



Safeguarding: Month of December: We the people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay and KCCP are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.



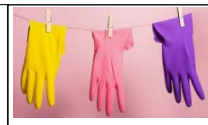
Children's Liturgy @ KCCP - it's on ! TODAY !

NB: Change of Venue for St Patrick's—Children's Liturgy will be in the Parish Meeting Room today due to flooding in the school during last weeks storms. Remaining **date for Term 4** is Sunday 15 December

Children's Liturgy is a great way for children to share in the Mass as the Liturgy of the Word is presented to the children at their level of understanding. All children aged from 4 years old are invited to join us for Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass at St Patrick's and 9am Mass at St Bernard's. *Children under 4 years are also welcome when accompanied by an adult.*

9am Mass @ St Bernard's
Jackie Tod is co-ordinator for SBB and takes the 1st Sunday of the month class
Marta Chylewska-Fulton takes the 3rd Sunday of the month class
For more details contact Jackie on 0414 579 477 or the parish office.

10am Mass @ St Patrick's
Please sign your child in TODAY ONLY at the Parish Meeting Room from 9.50am prior to the 10am Mass commencing.
Liz Trist, Lisa Payne, and Bec Daly are co-ordinators for SPA
For more details please contact Liz or Lisa or Bec on:
lizzee27@hotmail.com
lisalunchbox@yahoo.com
rebecca.daly@dbb.catholic.edu.au



Alison Henson has decided

it is time to hang up her gloves, after many years of service on the Cleaning Roster at St Patrick's. We thank you Alison for your dedication and stewardship in this ministry. As you know, many gloved hands make light work, so if you can help the Altar Society please contact the office. The Commitment is just one day every 5 weeks.

Expressions of Interest for Pint-sized actors at the (Outdoor) Christmas Eve [Children's] Vigil Mass 5pm



To all children who would like to be involved in the Nativity play on Christmas Eve, please contact Elaine to let her know you will be part of the Mass. Rehearsals will be held in the Church and the dates will be advertised shortly, so watch this space! Costumes provided. Parent helpers welcome.
To register your interest/ask questions please contact Elaine: 0422 093 594 or emd1979@hotmail.com.



Bernie's Ladies is a social group for women of any age who attend St Bernard's Church. The goal of Bernie's Ladies is to build community at our church.
A booking needs to be made on Monday, don't miss out, call Gen today!
Please come join us for dinner and a chat at **Berowra RSL on December 6 @ 7pm**
RSVP to me at david@barnettsroad.com asap and please let me know if you would like a lift. Gen.
As always, please feel free to invite along your friends from our



This wonderful **Ecumenical Christmas Event** is not far away.
Please join others from our local Church Communities
on: Thursday 19 December
at: Warrina St Oval, Berowra (opposite our church carpark);
at: 5.30pm for the Pre-Show (featuring Fr Shaju as one of the Wise Kings);
and at: 7.30pm for Carols.

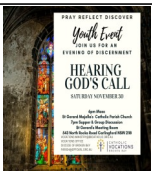
This annual event is fast approaching and we need your help.

Pre-show entertainment runs from 5.30-7.30pm with the Carols starting from 7.30pm. Our parish oversees running the Jumping Castle at the Carols during the Pre-show. We are looking for volunteers to help supervise for the two hours. Volunteers must be over 18 years of age and must have a Volunteer Working with Children check! If you don't have one, we can help you to get one! The Carols committee are also seeking volunteers to act as 'Welcomers' and for someone to run the 'Silent Auction' (you just have to stay at one stall to do this). We are also looking for someone with a Ute or Trailer who could help to transport the Jumping Castle (located near Berowra Oval) before and after the event. If you are able to help, please get in contact. If you can help on the night, please contact Kirsten on 0403 611 746 or contact the Parish Office.



The December Broken Bay News will be arriving in your parishes this week for distribution this weekend. Bishop Anthony Randazzo's installation Mass is the main focus for this issue, a joyful celebration with lots of photos. Other features include stories on the Choir Games, Jubilarian Mass, CCD Mass celebrating our catechists and our seminarians taking their next steps to priesthood. To get a sneak peak and read it online, https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_december_2019

Join us for an evening of discernment
~ Hosted by Epping and Carlingford Antioch in conjunction with the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Broken Bay ~



Hearing God's Call (Sat) 30 November 2019. Come for 7pm supper in St Gerard's Meeting Room followed by group discussions about Hearing God's Call and how to discern what God may be telling you. If you have any questions please email the Broken Bay Vocations Office vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au or contact Joanna Mak, youth minister on joanna@eppcarl.org.au.



Vinnies good works

CHRISTMAS CARDS & COLUMBAN CALENDARS are now available at **BOTH our churches, Calendars: only \$9.00, and they make great gifts for family and friends!** Assorted Religious themed **Christmas Cards: for sale at assorted prices** Many thanks for your support.



How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church?
As the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the first gathering of the Plenary Council in October 2020, we are all invited to discern how we are being called to be a Christ-centred Church. To learn about the process of discernment, visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or speak with your parish priest or local animator.
Plenary Council - Listening and Discernment

As the National Writing and Discernment Groups gather to prepare papers for the Plenary Council, communities are encouraged to gather and discern how we might respond at both a national and local level. In 2018 many of us participated by telling our stories and listening to one another as we spoke of our hopes for the Catholic Church in Australia. It is now time to discern how these ideas might take shape. By its nature, discernment is a slow process, it takes time and effort. A helpful introduction to discernment, including videos to download can be found on the National Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/introduction-to-discernment/>. Recommended reading includes the book *Always Discerning: An Ignatian Spirituality for the New Millennium*

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 7th/8th Dec—Second Sunday of Advent, Yr A

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



KU-RING-GAI CHASE
CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

St Bernard's Church

St Patrick's Church

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 9am

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8am

Sunday 10am

Sunday 6pm

Fr Shaju

Fr Joy

Fr Joy

Fr Shaju

Fr Shaju

Fr Joy

Acolyte/Snr Server

Paul Dryden

Alex Jarominek(sub r)

Mani Subramany

Malcolm Cross

John Messina

Keith Fone

Server

Jude Maatouk
Robyn Orr
Harry Tod

Alena Hartmann
Verity Hartmann
Zinta Hartmann

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Masses — please
contact Parish office

Abbey McAdam
Leith Suyyah
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John Larson
Aidan Dominguez
Nathan Mathew
Daniel Mathew

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Reader

Donna Machado
Francesca Parrino

Paul Maher
Peta Tonkin

Edwina Subramany
Mani Subramany

Sue Lum
Rosemary Pendlebury

Jo Quinlan
Kaitlin Quinlan

Chris Newnham
Sue Newnham

Children's Liturgy

December 1st, 2019 – Jackie F-T.

December 1st, 2019 – Liz T & Tatiana F

Communion to Sick

Gus Davis

Ellen Downey, Vicente Sanchez

Sacristy Care/Church
Cleaning/Flowers

Marcia Woods, Anne Bourke, Gwen Wood,
Helen Johnson, Cecilia Waite(f) Gisela Muschal(s)

Lyn Vila, Angie Pulanco, Leila Fowler, Cynthia Gilbertson, Editha Palmer, Yovana Castro
Guerrero **MORE PEOPLE NEEDED for ALTAR SOCIETY 5 weekly ROSTER, please volunteer**

Maintenance

Both teams A & B

December: David Hartmann. Matthew Tancred, Gerry Duffy **more VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Counters

Lyn Beacom, Catherine & Tony McMahon

Henning Schneider, Coral Thaddeus, Mary Stokes

Working in a child-related ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay: Paid and volunteer workers who have direct face to face contact with children (under 18 years) are required by law to obtain a Working with Children Check number. Please note though, exemptions may apply in some cases. The Parish is the employer of the paid or volunteer worker and therefore is required by law to verify the Working with Children Check number. All paid or volunteer workers engaged in a child-related role must have a clear Working with Children Check to work in a child-related ministry. This disclosure references the legislation, *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*.

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

Rosary After weekday Masses both Churches
Visit to Housebound Fr Shaju John & Fr Joy Thomas 9456 2450
Emergency sick calls **0468 341 841 (After hours)**
Nursing Home Visits By request
Clergy Days Off Fr Shaju John – Monday
Fr Joy Thomas – Tuesday
Home Visits For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests call the Office on 9456 2450

HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services.
Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.

Week 1: 25/11/19 ~ Winning Number: 419 ~

Winner: Greta Wickham ~

Amount: \$25.00

The 250 Club!



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Faith Formation Team Leader Parish of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills Fulltime

The Catholic Parish of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills is seeking applications from interested and suitably qualified persons for the position of Faith Formation Team Leader.

To obtain more information about this role including **how to apply**, please email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications close 4pm Monday 9 December 2019. The successful applicant will also be required to undergo pre-employment screening including WWCC verification.

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