

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

2nd December 2018 ~ The 1st Sunday of Advent. ~ Year C

To you O Lord, I lift my soul.

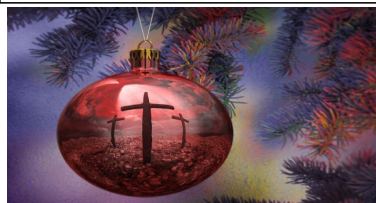
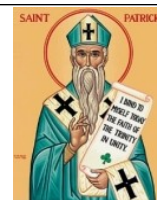
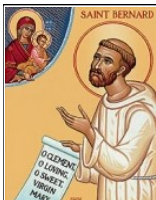
Jer 33: 14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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'



Today is the **first Sunday of Advent**, which is also the first Sunday of the **new liturgical year**. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. **Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord**. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. **The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.**

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). **Today's Gospel** is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which **Jesus is teaching in the Temple**. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the

persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. **He encourages his disciples to pray for strength.** The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we **find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.**

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world. (Loyola Press)



**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.

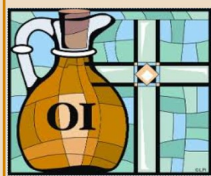
Reader: It is time to wake and be ready.

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.

Anointing & Healing Mass



First Friday of the Month: 7th December 2018

ANOINTING & HEALING MASS 11.30am @ St Bernard's

Adoration: 10.30am; Reconciliation: 11.00am; Healing Mass: 11.30am followed by a shared community luncheon.

NIGHT VIGIL @ St Patrick's: 7pm - 10pm; 7pm Rosary & Adoration; 9.45pm Benediction.

Matt. 7:7: "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."

PASTORAL CENTRE

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Assistant Priest Fr Shiju Simon, OSH

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

WEEKEND MASSES

Day	Time	Location
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

Location	Time	Days
St Bernard's	8am	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
	9am	Wednesday
	9am	Friday
First Friday-St Bernard's	10.30am	Adoration
	11.00am	Reconciliation
	11.30am	Healing Mass
St Patrick's	8am	Wednesday and Friday
	9am	Monday, Tuesday, Thurs, Sat.
	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
and PRAYERS**

**Advent 1st Week
Monday 03/12**

St Francis Xavier, priest
Mass of the Saint
Preface of Advent 1 or saint
Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday 04/12

Tuesday, 1st week of Advent
Mass of the day
Preface of Advent 1
Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday 05/12

Wednesday, 1st week of Advent
Mass of the day
Preface of Advent 1
Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday 06/12

Thursday, 1st week of Advent
Mass of the day
Preface of Advent 1
Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday 07/12

St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
Mass of the Saint
Preface of Advent I-or saint
Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday 08/12

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass of the Solemnity, Gloria, Creed
Preface of Immaculate Conception
Ritual Masses are prohibited
Gen 3: 9-15, 20; Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1: 26-38

**Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish
REMEMBERS & PRAYS for...**

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pedring Alvarado, Marcelino Cantuba

ANNIVERSARIES

Deacon David Huntley, Bill McDonagh, Jack & Marie McNamara

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Jude Maatouk, Ramona Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Rosalinda de Ramos, John Goudie, Peter Todd, Jaz Pitts, Georgia Meyers, Angela Smith, Greg Cooper, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Maureen Sharpe, Ewa Rakozy, Barbara Halliday, Jean Cook, Morrie Ramsden, Betty Borg, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Darcy Green, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones, Arlene Joson, Alfredo De Ramos, Kath Lock, Marcelina De Ramos, Patricia Pascuzzo, Cadia Maestri, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, John Macy, Narelle Cartwright, Dn Jim Caulfield, Tom Dawson, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Barbara & Frederick Novak, Maciej Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr

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



Our priests are back amongst the fold of KCCP and ready to shepherd us towards the Birth of Our Lord and the start of a brand new Church year. Having had a small break to see family and friends but mainly to elect a new **Congregational Leader** Fr's Shaju & Shiju have returned to us safely with renewed vim and lots of vigor.

Item One on the Agenda is to give thanks

to those who filled the void in their absence and so we sincerely thank *Fr Duck, Fr Leonse, Fr Joby, Fr Stephen, Fr Baby, Fr Johny & Fr Sunny* for ... yet again ... keeping us on the straight and narrow over the last 3 weeks.



This Sunday, 2 December is Catholic Religious across Australia – National Day of Sorrow and Promise

In a collective response from Catholic religious orders across the country, religious women and men will hold a National Day of Sorrow and Promise on Sunday, 2 December 2018, the beginning of Advent and the start of a new Church year.

The day has emerged to acknowledge survivors of abuse within the Catholic Church and all those who have been hurt by that abuse. Underpinning this, is a clear promise for a better, safer future.

... In addition to apologising again for the tragedy of abuse, the purpose of the day is also to acknowledge those who work in the interests of persons harmed by abuse and those who work for the safety of the vulnerable. *(extract from Media Statement released on 25 Nov 2018 by Catholic Religious Australia)*



This week-end the St Vincent de Paul Society is having a **Christmas Appeal in St. Bernard's and St. Patrick's**. By donating to our Christmas Appeal you will be able to assist in two ways. At a local level, our members and volunteers will be able to offer assistance directly to families and individuals.

At a broader level, you will be contributing to the large and varied network of short-term and longer-term support services for people in NSW who require specialised care.

St. Vincent de Paul told his followers there are no people so rich that they have nothing to receive, and none so poor that they have nothing to give.

Support for this Appeal will benefit recipients and address poverty and disadvantage in our communities.

At the same time it is an endorsement of the concern of donors.

You can **donate by cash or credit card**, place your donation **in the envelopes on your seat**, fill out the details and place the envelope in either of the collection plates. All donations are Tax Deductible and receipts will be given. Please **DO NOT** place your cash donation on either of the collection plates, unless in the envelope provided. You can put your cash donation **in the poor box now or at any time.**

The Parishioners of **Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish** have always been generous to our appeals and we thank you and hope for your generous response to our Christmas Appeal. *Alan Henson St. Vincent de Paul Society.*

RCIC ATTENTION PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS The Parish is proposing to start quite soon, a programme for children aged 7 and up who have missed out on Baptism. This will be for the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Children** and will involve lessons during 8am Mass on Sundays at St Patrick's, two before Christmas and then each Sunday after the School Holidays until Easter. If you would like to know more please telephone Ellen Downey 9477 7180.

Continuing our 'Something fun for our young (and young at heart) parishioners' - The 12 Days of Christmas—refer to the twelve day period that starts with Christmas day and ends on Epiphany (6th January).

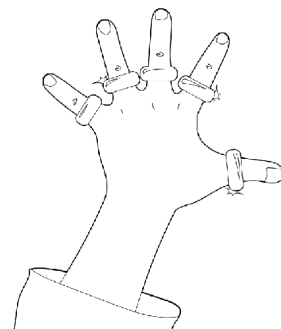
Next week we will have the meanings of the next 3 days—we hope you are having fun colouring in your pictures for each day



The 'four calling birds' are the four Gospels in the New Testament of the Bible. (They could also mean the four major Old Testament prophets [Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel]; or the four horsemen of the Apocalypse!)



The 'five golden rings' are the five senses. (They could also mean first five books of the Bible also called the Pentateuch, the Books of Moses or the Torah.)



The 'six geese a-laying' are the six days of creation.



December Safeguarding Message:

Each of us can make a difference.
Each of us can help to protect one another.
We are called to Step Up and to Speak Out for the protection of all.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith
That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.



'Keep Christ in Christmas'

CHRISTMAS 2ND RITE RECONCILIATION TIMES

Tuesday 18 December 7pm St Bernard's //
Wednesday 19 December 7.30pm St Patrick's
(1st Rite times are unchanged—see front page for details)

CHRISTMAS-MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve - Monday 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 - Tuesday 25 December

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

Festival of Carols & KCCP Youth Group Christmas Celebration December 2 2018

- § 6pm Youth Mass
- § 7.15pm Festival of Carols—Featuring: Children's Choir, Select Choir & the KCCP Youth Group
- § 8pm KCCP Youth Group Christmas Celebration



Dress as 'Christmas-eee' as you like, or as your favourite Christmas character!

Please rsvp to Michelle by Friday November 30
michelle.chahine@bbcatholic.org.au

@ St Patrick's Church 1 Royston Parade, Asquith
Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Catholic Parish

Actors Needed

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

ST BERNARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

To all children who would like to be involved in the Nativity play on the night ... there will be rehearsals at the Church on:
Wednesday 19 December at 3.15pm & Thursday 20 December at 10.00am
Costumes provided. Parent helpers welcome. To register your interest/ask questions please contact Elaine: 0422 093 594 or emd1979@hotmail.com.



Senior Parish Choir will be singing this Friday, 7th December, at the regular Mass of Anointing at St Bernard's at 11.30am. Please gather at 11.15am.

Note: We will also be singing at Regis (formerly Ku-ring-gai Gardens) Nursing Home on Wednesday 19th December for an Advent/Christmas Mass for residents at 3pm.

Children's Choir, Select Choir and the parish Youth Group are presenting an Advent Festival of Carols at St Patrick's church tonight, 2nd December at 7.15pm. Rehearsal for all singers and instrumentalists and readers at 4pm. Please bring \$5 for pizza and a plate to share for supper!

Children's Choir Christmas party at St Patrick's this Friday 7th December! We will finish our usual 4pm rehearsal early and move outside to the courtyard for our end-of-year party from 4.45 to 5.30pm. If you would like to bring food to share, it would be much appreciated but not essential. This will be our FINAL practice for the year. Our final Mass for 2018 will be next Sunday, 9th December, then the Choir will be in recess until 2019.

Midnight Mass Practices for midnight Mass at St Patrick's this year will be held on Tuesday evenings, 11th and 18th December at 7.30pm in the church. All welcome, whether you're new to the parish music ministry or not, singers and instrumentalists. Enquiries on any of the above to: Patricia Smith 9482 7935



A beautiful part of Advent preparation is our traditional Taizé evening,

to be held this year on

Friday 21 December, at 7.30pm at St Patrick's. Set this date aside now, for meditation and prayer in the context of the uplifting and inspiring music of Taizé.

Carols Under THE Star ~ Thursday 20 December 5.30-9.30pm at Warrina St Oval.

Carols Under the Star is a combined churches of Berowra event, and was a HUGE success last year, so you are encouraged to save the date. Volunteers needed to help with the BBQ and crowd control. To volunteer call Joanne: 0414 745 846.

Cake Competition—Calling all cake makers!

Show your creative flair and earn the title of Berowra's Best Decorated Christmas Cake 2018. Cakes displayed and judged on **Saturday 15 December** at Berowra Village Shopping Centre from 10am-1pm. Winner announced at Carols under the Star.

All cakes need to be registered before 10 December. To register call Madeleine: 0481257520.



ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY -



ASQUITH & BEROWRA CONFERENCES COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our SVdP Society Conferences once again have Columban Art Calendars for sale. \$9 each and assorted Christmas Cards. Your purchase will assist those in need in our Parish & the Columban Missions. Please place money in the box provided. **Many thanks for your support.**
Les Fogden 9476 4058

'Rejoice and Be Glad' Discussion Guide. Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation

Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad) invites every person to a path of holiness.



Now available on the diocesan website PDF format can be printed as an A4 booklet, or as individual sessions.

A 5-week Discussion Guide has been prepared to encourage engagement with this document, and it would be a suitable **Advent resource** for small groups.

The weekly sessions correspond to the chapters within the document:

- Week 1** - The call to holiness is meant for everyone, each in our own way, so that we become what God had in mind when we were created.
 - Week 2** - We can block our holiness when we think it is only about what we know, or when we try to do it on our own without God's grace.
 - Week 3** - The Beatitudes is the way we grow in holiness. It is the Christian's identity card.
 - Week 4** - The signs of holiness in our life are perseverance, joy, boldness, community, prayer.
 - Week 5** - Christian life is a battle, and we need to discern the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
- Enquiries: faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au or Pina Bernard 8379 1627

Free e-book—

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-I
This e-book, is downloadable **free of charge** and offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year C. Each daily Gospel has a reflection of some 750 words. The e-book may be passed on to friends as desired. (Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher). Access at:
www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

Rosters & Readings for weekend 8th / 9th December — 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:3-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



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	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904)			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John
Acolyte/Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Alex Jarominek	Mani Subramany	Malcolm Cross	John Messina	Keith Fone
Server	Alex Rogers Suszie Thompson Jake Williams	Max Jarominek Matthius Mcloughlin Isaac Tonkin		Sarah Croft Sam Park Leith Suyyah Abbey McAdam	Adrian Joson Sam Holm Gabiella Chahine	Anika Campos Olivia Ratcliffe John Larson
Reader	Anne Maree Hutchins Sophia Smith	Kerrin Enright Denise Harant	Brian Walsh Celia Cox	Michael Halliday David De-Fina	Sandra Maloney Elizabeth Fernandes	Fiona Fone Ethleen Low
Children's Liturgy	<i>Children's Liturgy 2nd Dec.: Jackie T.</i>		<i>Children's Liturgy 2nd Dec. -No children's liturgy due to Kindergarten class Mass.</i>			
Communion to Sick	Garth Graham, Isabel Henson		Penny Loughland, Janette O'Brien			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Marcia Woods, Anne Bourke, Gwen Wood, Helen Johnson, Cecilia Waite(f) Chichi Datoc(s)		Scott Smith, Maria Hon (f), Winston Rodrigues, Paul Mathew, Antony Davis			
Maintenance	Team A: Peter, Paul, Mark, Tony		December: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk, More Volunteers Needed for Roster!			
Counters	Cecilia Waite, Pat Folkes, Anne Marie Doran		Patrick O'Donoghue, Paula & Jim Hand, Fiona Henrisson			

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	LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE
<p>Rosary After weekday Masses both Churches</p> <p>Visit Housebound Fr Shaju John & Fr Shiju Simon 9456 2450</p> <p>Urgent sick calls Fr Shaju John 9456 7012 (Presbytery) Fr Shiju Simon 9476 8843 (Presbytery) Nursing Home Visits By request</p> <p>Clergy Days Off Fr Shaju John – Monday Fr Shiju Simon – Tuesday</p> <p>Home Visits Requests For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Please call the Pastoral Centre 9456 2450.</p> <p>HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. <i>Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 2 Dec. 7.15pm: Christmas carols and Advent music St Patrick's * 7 Dec. 11.30am: First Friday Healing and Anointing Mass St Bernard's * 7 Dec. 7-10pm: Night Vigil St Patrick's * 18 Dec. 7pm: 2nd Rite Reconciliation St Bernard's * 19 Dec. 7.30pm: 2nd Rite Reconciliation St Patrick's * 20 Dec. 5.30-9.30pm: Carols Under the Star, Warrina St Oval Berowra <p style="text-align: center;">ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Advent Retreat @ Verbum Dei Missionaries, Randwick, 1 Dec. * Advent at the Grail Ctr Dec 5 (Matt 1:18-2:23); Dec 12 (Lk1:26-56; 2:1-40) * Women's Advent Retreat—University of Notre Dame, Broadway Sat. Dec 8, Free * (Social Justice) Movie: <i>The Merger</i>, Odeon Cinema Hornsby 10 Dec 6.30pm * [Weekly] Life Marriage & Family Notice from the DBB * Vocations Office DBB —opportunities for prayer, discernment and inquiry if considering a vocation to priesthood or diaconate. Vocations.Ministry@bbcatholic.org.au * Aust. Pastoral Musicians Network National Conf. 1-3 Oct 2019 in Melbourne.

250 Club Results

Week 09 ~ 26/11/2018 ~ \$25 ~ Ticket # 136 ~ Winner: Noel Farrell ~ Congratulations!

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**Thursday
December 13
at 8pm**
Our Lady of the
Rosary Cathedral,
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara

King Tide Café/Restaurant
*Owned and operated by
our very own*
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**Walk the
Camino Portugués**
Catholic Mission 17-day
Pilgrimage: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto,
Santiago de Compostela. Two
pilgrimages:
May 2019 and June 2019.
Small group led by Sr Veronica,
O.P., (0451 387 906). See
www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions/camino-portugues