

# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 2nd February 2020 ~ The Presentation of the Lord Yr A

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord.

Malachi 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

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'



## Requiescat In Pace ~ Fr Denis Callaghan



It is with sadness that we advise of the passing of Fr Denis Callaghan, much loved Parish Priest of St Bernard's Berowra Heights from 1997-2002.

Fr Callaghan, the most senior priest in the Diocese of Broken Bay, died peacefully in the early hours of Friday 31 January 2020 at McQuoin Park, Waitara.

He was 91 years of age and celebrated 67 years of Ordination last year.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

Funeral arrangement will be announced shortly and placed on the parish website.

## The Presentation of the Lord

### Gospel Reflection

The gospel writer has merged two different ritual events into one in this passage: a ritual of purification following childbirth and an act of redeeming a first-born son through tribute to the Temple. The ritual of purification referred to would take place forty days after childbirth and today's feast is the fortieth day from Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Jesus. It was a ritual for the mother, not the child. Mary and Joseph took the opportunity of attending the Temple to bring Jesus into the presence of God who, according to tradition, dwelt in the Temple. The tradition associated with this purification of women after childbirth dictated that a lamb and a turtledove or pigeon be sacrificed. However, for the poor, an extra turtledove or pigeon could be substituted for the lamb. The gospel tells us that Mary and Joseph were sacrificing a pair of birds. This fact gives us an indication of the status of Mary and Joseph – they were sufficiently poor that they could not afford to sacrifice a lamb.

The other ritual alluded to in the passage relates to the tradition from Exodus 13:2 and Numbers 18:15 that every first-born son belonged to the Lord and had to be 'bought back' or 'redeemed' by payment to the Temple. The original command of the first-born belonging to the Lord meant that the child was destined to serve in the Temple. However, the child could be 'redeemed' from this service by payment to the Temple. There is a great contrast between the forceful entry into the Temple by the Lord as foretold by Malachi in today's first reading and the humble entry of the baby Jesus into the Temple. It reinforces the way in which throughout his ministry Jesus confounded many of the expectations about the Messiah.

### Historical Context – Service in the Temple

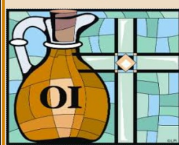
The ritual of the redemption of the first-born son originates in Exodus 13:2 where God claimed the first-born sons of Israel as God's own. These sons were to be sanctified for service in the Temple. However, this service was taken away from the first-born sons of every tribe and reserved exclusively for the sons of the tribe of Levi and the descendants of Aaron, the high-priest. It is from this tradition that we encounter the 'Levites' in the gospel accounts. The Levites were involved in various ministries in the Temple: assisting the priests; musicians; and slaughtering sacrifices.

### Have you thought? – The role of the observer

In today's gospel passage, it is the devout Simeon and the prophetess, Anna, who declare the greatness and far-reaching influence of the child that has been brought to the Temple. This is a common feature of the gospel accounts. It is not Jesus himself who proclaims his greatness but those who have observed him and recognised the revelation of God's presence amongst the people. *[Continues inside...]*



### Anointing & Healing Mass



## First Friday of the Month: 7th February 2020

**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**



### PASTORAL CENTRE

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**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

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CATHOLIC PARISH  
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

### 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
	<b>RECONCILIATION</b>	
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**

**Ordinary Time Week 4 Year A**

**Monday 03/02**

Weekday, Mass ad libitum  
2 Sam 15:13-14,30,16:5-13;  
Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday-04/02**

Weekday, Mass ad libitum  
2 Sam 18:9-10,14,24-25, 30-19:3;  
Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday-05/02**

St Agatha, virgin, martyr  
Mass of the Saint  
Preface of weekday or saint  
2 Sam 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday-06/02**

St Paul Miki & companions, martyrs  
Mass of the Saints  
Preface of weekday or saints  
1 Kg 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

**Friday-07/02**

Weekday, Mass ad libitum  
Sirach 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday-08/02**

Weekday, Mass ad libitum  
1 Kg 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Anzelma Muzolf, Jan Seage

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Kevin Harant, Regina Coelho,  
Catalino Ubaldé, Elena Ubaldé,  
Eduardo Ubaldé

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Felicity Fone, 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 Joson, 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.

**OTHER**

Thanksgiving: Marcus Jerome Miguel & Family

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



**The Pope's Prayer  
Intention for  
February 2020**

Listen to the  
Migrants' Cries.

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

[from front page...] It is a role that continues today. Those of us who believe and recognise the presence and influence of God in the world are challenged to proclaim it in both our actions and our words.

**Gospel Focus – A sword**

Simeon's second pronouncement about Jesus is addressed to the child's mother, Mary. Having predicted the rejection that Jesus will endure, Simeon tells Mary, 'and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' He appears to be referring to the sacrifice that Mary will have to make in the future. On this day, Mary and Joseph have 'redeemed' their son from service to the Lord in the Temple. Despite this, Jesus is still destined for service to God and Mary will have to surrender him back to the Lord. Simeon suggests that Mary herself will be a sacrifice offered to God at this time. © Greg Sunter

Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people.

## SEEKING PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Three members of our current Parish Pastoral Council are coming to the end of their two year term and so nominations are now invited from the Parish community to join the PPC.

Nomination forms can be found at the back of each church and require the agreement of the nominee and the names and signatures of 2 endorsements of others in the Parish who:

- Regularly affiliate with the Parish and
- Are not family members of the nominee.

**Nominations will remain open until Wednesday 26 February 2020.**



**Children's Liturgy TODAY at KCCP**

We welcome all our little ones to Children's Liturgy today, Sunday 2nd February at 9 & 10am. All children aged from 4 years old are invited.

*(Children aged under 4 years are also welcome when accompanied by an adult).*

We want to encourage more young families to join us, so please spread the word while our leaders spread the Word of God in a way our little ones can easily understand.

**Term 1 Dates: Sundays at either church: SBB: 9am; SPA: 10am—  
February 2 & 16; March 1 & 15; April 5;**

**9am Mass  
@ St Bernard's**

Jackie Favalaro-Tod  
Is co-ordinator for SBB  
and takes the 1st Sunday class  
Marta Chylewska-Fulton  
takes the 3rd Sunday class

For more details contact Jackie on 0414 579 477  
or the parish office

**10am Mass  
@ St Patrick's**

*Please sign your child in at the school/parish hall 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 via:  
[lizzee27@hotmail.com](mailto:lizzee27@hotmail.com)  
[lisalunchbox@yahoo.com](mailto:lisalunchbox@yahoo.com),  
[rebecca.daly@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rebecca.daly@dbb.catholic.edu.au)



**Children's Choir** at St Patrick's invites any young parishioner from Year 3 and up at any school in the parish to come and be part of this brilliant ministry which brings so much joy and beauty to our parish Masses. It's very easy to join: there are no auditions, and no fees. Simply come to our next practice on Friday afternoon at 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. There are games and warm-ups, lots of singing and learning music and choir skills, for boys and girls of all ages. The Choir sings twice a month on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10am Mass and practises every week during school terms. Please think about your children's desire to give something back to their community and use their talents and skills in an active way in our parish Masses.

**Cherubs Choir** - for young singers from Kindergarten to Year 2 who would like to sing at weekend parish Masses - will begin practices for 2020 on TUESDAY 11th February at 8.15 to 8.45am in St Patrick's church. This group will sing at 10am Mass with the Children's Choir approximately once per month after an initial training period.

**Senior Parish Choir** will be singing at the regular monthly Mass of Anointing at 11.30am at St Bernard's church on Friday 7th February. New singers are always welcome to join this important ministry. *For information on any of the above please call Patricia Smith 9482 7935*

**National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Leadership, monitoring & improvement  
Standard 1 – Committed leadership, governance and culture**



Key Elements of Standard 1:

- A commitment to Safeguarding
- Promoting a Safeguarding Culture
- Safeguarding Policies
- Code of Conduct

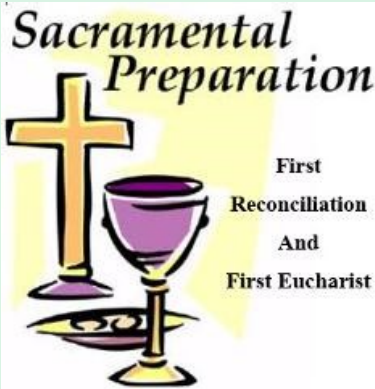
**Safeguarding 2020 Learning Hub for Parish employees and volunteers**

This week's topic – **Making Safeguarding integral.** Watch the video to learn more from Fr Hans Zollner SJ- <https://www.youtube.com/embed/bEwv3gbo7f4?rel=0>



# RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST ENROLMENTS

## Weekend of February 8th & 9th, 2020



**St Patrick's Asquith in hall:**  
Saturday February 8th from 5-6pm  
Sunday February 9th from 9-10am

**St Bernard's Berowra Heights in church portico area:**  
Saturday February 8th after 5pm Mass  
Sunday February 9th after 9am Mass

**Mandatory talk on the Sacraments—for parent only:**  
Wednesday February 19th after 7.30pm-8.30pm  
in St Bernard's Church Berowra Heights.

*See website for full details  
(under Sacraments then Reconciliation or Eucharist tabs)  
or contact our Sacramental Team:  
kccpsacraments@gmail.com*



### Respect Please

When inside the church, please remember where you are and in whose presence and keep noise to a minimum.

You are requested **not to consume food, tea/coffee AT ANY TIME** when in our churches. (water excepted)

### HEALTH NOTICE

A directive from Bishop Anthony regarding Novel Coronavirus. In light of the current situation these guidelines are to be followed in the Diocese of Broken Bay:

1. The Chalice is not to be shared at any Masses but is to be reserved to the Celebrant/s only.
2. All Ministers of Communion (Ordinary and Extraordinary) are to be diligent in the use of hand sanitizer prior to the distribution of Communion.
3. These measures are to be publicly and clearly communicated to all congregations at Mass.
4. Such precautions remain in force until the end of February, upon which time Bishop Anthony will review the situation in light of any further developments.

A copy of the Communicable Diseases FactSheet (NSW Govt) can be provided by the parish office.



## We seriously need the following request to be considered

Deborah and Louise, would *really, really* like to retire from The Sacramental Team Ministry.

They have coordinated this ministry for 10 years!!  
That's a whopping 30 different Sacramental occasions.  
*Understandably, they're tired :(*

*Please*, we need to find one (or two) new Children's Sacramental Programme coordinators at the St Patrick's end of the parish. This ministry helps children and families prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

**And the ladies won't you drop in the deep end either...**

Deborah and Louise are happy to offer a transition year with full support.  
Contact the parish office for more information on 9456 2450.  
We look forward to hearing from you *very soon please!*

**SVdP Bushfire Appeal:** Thank you for your thoughtful and compassionate prayers and donations to the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal held over the Australia Day weekend. Our parish raised an amazing **\$5,631.00**.



If you were not in a position to help last week but would like to now, SVdP is still taking donations online via this link: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/bushfires>. Our Diocese advises there are additional prayers, reflections and resources available including a link to the Catholic Emergency Relief Australia website at

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/bushfires/resources> for those wishing to volunteer or provide additional assistance.

### ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER

The latest St Patrick's Asquith, is now available from the Sacristy. Please collect yours today. Help is always needed in this ministry and many hands make light work. So, if you would like to join a group who clean the church once every 5 weeks please contact the parish office weekdays on 9456 2450.



The Holy Father asks that we consider taking some steps to read or study the Scriptures more this year and to assist you, the Parish Office has available a limited number of the **NRSV Catholic Gift Bible** which can be purchased for just **\$14.00**.

(RRP \$32.99, but available at the subsidized price of \$14.00 thanks to the generosity of the Fr Harry Davis Estate). As Pope Francis says, "A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event." (AI, 8)

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH YOUTH

## You!-th Matter-s



**First Youth Group of 2020  
This Sunday February 2nd  
Mass @ 6pm  
Youth Group @ 7pm- 8:30pm  
St Patrick's Church Asquith  
Parish Hall**



**ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND - 8/9 February - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**  
**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5: 13-16**

	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 Joy	Fr Shaju	Fr Shaju	Fr Joy	Fr Joy	Fr Shaju
Acolyte/Snr Server	Garth Graham	Michael O'Neill	Sandra Sparkes	Malcolm Cross	John Messina	Keith Fone
Server	Jude Maatouk Robyn Orr Harry Tod	Bronte Tonkin Freya Tonkin Isaac Tonkin		Leith suyyah	John Larson Aidan Dominguez Nathan Mathew Daniel Mathew	
Reader	AnneMaree Hurtchins Francesca Parrino	Cristina Hopwood Clare McLoughlin	Nuria Gonsalves Rionah Gonsalves	Rosemary Pendlebury <b>Volunteer needed</b>	Cora Cuasay Simone Noel	Sue Newnham Chris Newnham
Children's Liturgy	1st Sunday of Month: Jackie Tod		1st Sunday of Month: Liz T & Tatiana F			
Communion to Sick	Chichi Dato		Millie Wong, Cynthia Gilbertson			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Marcia Woods, Anne Bourke, Gwen Wood, Helen Johnson, Cecilia Waite (f) Gisela Muschal (s)		Imm Lui, Jeanette Hester, Anthony Drake, Fiona Fone (f), Mia			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		February: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk			
Counters	Genevieve Funk, Lyn Beacom, Luisa Gomez		Chris Newnham, Jan Bennett, Susan Clarke, Christine Rodrigues			

**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*.

<p><b>LITURGICAL SERVICES &amp; PASTORAL CARE</b></p> <p><b>Rosary</b> After weekday Masses both Churches  <b>Visit to Housebound</b> Fr Shaju John &amp; Fr Joy Thomas 9456 2450  <b>Emergency sick calls</b> <b>0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only)</b>  <b>Nursing Home Visits</b> By request, call the parish office to arrange.  <b>Clergy Days Off</b> Fr Shaju John – Monday  Fr Joy Thomas – Tuesday  <b>Home Visits</b> For Masses, House Blessings &amp; Pastoral Requests Please call the Office 9456 2450</p> <p><b>HOSPITAL ADMISSION:</b>  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>	<p><b>What's happening here and out and about... See noticeboard for more details</b></p> <p>* Course for adults nourishment of their spiritual life Tuesday mornings every 2nd month, starts 18 Feb. 10am–12 noon, <b>The Grail Centre</b>, 22 McHatton Street, North Sydney.</p> <p>* <b>Vocation Discernment Weekend run by the Capuchin Friars 15-16th FEBRUARY 2020.</b> 9am Sat. - 4pm Sun. at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. Cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 6th February.</p>	<p> <b>FOUND:</b> An item of jewellery has been found in the grounds of St Bernard's. If you think this item might be yours, please call the parish office on 9456 2450.</p> <p><b>King Tide Café/Restaurant</b>  <i>Owned and operated by our very own</i>  <b>KCCP Parishioners</b>  <b>John &amp; Moauli Griffiths</b>  Open 7 days  from 8am to 4pm  <i>Come by Car</i>  <i>by Boat or by Train</i></p> <p>Delicious food, fabulous service &amp; exceptional views await YOU!  Hawkesbury River Marina  9 Dangar Rd Brooklyn NSW  (02) 9985 7102</p>
<p> <b>250 Club Results between December 23 &amp; January 20.</b></p> <p>Week 5 – 23/12/2019 - Winner: Mary Burns - Winning Number: 146 - Amt: \$500  Week 6 – 29/12/2019 - Winner: Unfinancial - Winning Number: 818 - Amt: \$25  Week 7 – 6/1/2020 - Winner: Coral Thaddeus - Winning Number: 236 - Amt: \$25  Week 8 – 13/1/2020 - Winner: Michael Halliday - Winning Number: 354 - Amt: \$25  Week 9 – 20/1/2020 - Winner: Rose Formby - Winning Number: 289 - Amt: \$25</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>		

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