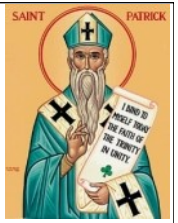


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 3rd March 2019 ~ 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6: 39-45

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'

Luke 6: 39-45 *Each tree is known by its yield.*

The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.



The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind.

Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your **good deeds** they will know that this is because you have a **good heart**. (Extracts from Loyola Press)



On 6th March, we celebrate **Ash Wednesday**, the first day of the liturgical **season of Lent**. In this season, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the high point of our Christian life, Easter. Each year, the readings for Ash Wednesday are the same. They call us to a **change of**

heart and teach us about the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These disciplines are to be part of the Christian life during every season, but during the season of Lent, **we renew our commitment** to them.

The meaning behind tracing a **cross on our foreheads** with ashes (the liturgical sign of Ash Wednesday) is a summary of our Christian life. On one level, the ashes remind us of **our origin and our death**. In the words of the prayer said when we receive ashes: *"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."* The ashes are also the **sign of our victory: the cross of Christ**. In his death and resurrection, Christ conquered death. Our destiny as Christians is to receive the victory over death that Christ won for us. We acknowledge that victory when we *"[t]urn away from sin and [are] faithful to the gospel,"* words from the alternative prayer when we are signed with ashes.

Jesus warns his followers against acting for the sake of appearance. When Jesus' disciples give alms, pray, and fast, they are to do so in such a way that only God, who sees the heart and knows what is hidden, will know. (Loyola Press)

Ash Wednesday Mass Times 6 March 2019
[A Day of Fast and Abstinence]

Berowra: 7.30 am and 9am (school mass)
Asquith: 9am (school mass) and 7.30 pm

2019 Adult Faith Formation Series "The Mass" by Bishop Robert Barron

A series of talks on each part of the Mass. **To be held in the Parish Hall at St Patrick's every Thursday during Lent from 7.30pm to 8.30pm from 7 March**, the format will be a short 25 minute video followed by discussion. *Please come along and bring a friend.*



Please take home a Project Compassion box and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Give Lent 100"** *Lives change when we all give 100%*



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

The news of Cardinal George Pell's conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges has shocked many across Australia and around the world, including the Catholic Bishops of Australia.

The Bishops agree that everyone should be equal under the law, and we respect the Australian legal system. The same legal system that delivered the verdict will consider the appeal that the Cardinal's legal team has lodged. Our hope, at all times, is that through this process, justice will be served.

In the meantime, we pray for all those who have been abused and their loved ones, and we commit ourselves anew to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and the vulnerable. *February 26, 2019*

Our Diocesan Administrator, Fr David Ranson, has written a letter to all of us about this matter.

If you were not handed a copy when arriving at church today,

there are copies available for collection at the back of our churches, please take one with you.

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Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH
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Bookkeeper: Karen Price
Youth Ministry Co-ord.: Michelle Chahine
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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

ORDINARY TIME 8th Week

Monday 04/03

Weekday, Ordinary Time 8
Mass ad libitum
Sirach 17: 24-29; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday 05/03

Weekday, Ordinary Time 8
Mass ad libitum
Sirach 35: 1-12; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday 06/03

ASH WEDNESDAY (fast & abstinence)
Mass of the day, Intro: Greeting, Collect.
Homily, Blessing & giving of ashes
Preface of Lent III or IV
Joel 2: 12-18; 2Cor 5:20-6:2;
Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

Thursday 07/03

Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Mass of the day
Preface of Lent I-IV
Deut 30: 15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday 08/03

Friday after Ash Wednesday
Mass of the day
Preface of Lent I-IV
Is 58: 1-9; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday 09/03

Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Mass of the day
Preface of Lent I-IV
Is 58:9-14; Lk 5: 27-32

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anthony Vu

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maurie Perrott

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Elaine Longmuir, Jwona Nowak, Jennifer Hindmarsh, Elaine Longmuir, Paula McGaulley, Michael Quinn, June Eileen, Patricia Smith (Carlton), 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, Jean Cook, Morrie Ramsden, Betty Borg, Brian Neary, Darcy Green, Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones, Arlene Joson, Alfredo De Ramos, Kath Lock, Marcelina De Ramos, Cadia Maestri, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, John Macy, Narelle Cartwright, Dn Jim Caulfield, Tom Dawson, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr

No Flowers on the Altar during Lent

[Altar society members and flower volunteers please note]

During Lent our altars are not decorated with flowers, in fact, it is not allowed. The General Instruction states: 305. **During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers.** Exceptions can be made on *Laetare* Sunday (4th Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts. **Of course, our Altars burst back to life with magnificent displays of flora for our Easter Sunday Celebrations of the Risen Christ.**



**TODAY IS CATECHIST SUNDAY:
Celebrate with us the gift of the Catechist Ministry**

Today we acknowledge the work and dedication of volunteer catechists, including SRE catechists (those who attend our State Schools), Sacramental catechists (those who prepare our children for their Sacraments), RCIA catechists (those who prepare adults who will become Catholic), Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (those who teach Christian Formation) and Children's Liturgy of the Word catechists (those who teach our littlest parishioners). Catechist Sunday also acknowledges the importance of the Church's teaching ministry, so we also take the opportunity to recognise our Catholic school teachers.

At the back of both Churches today there will be a display of student books and teachers manuals for all to peruse. On the Church pews, Catechist Prayer cards have been placed for you take home to pray for this Ministry. At the 9 am Mass at St Bernard's, Catechists will renew their promise to this Ministry and receive a special Blessing. Please join our Catechists and helpers for a cup of tea/coffee/cake and a chat after Mass.

Did you know that catechists form the largest volunteer team within the Church?!

Catechists come from all walks of life, from mums to retired magistrates, from students to doctors, and we are united by our goal to ensure that all children of our Parish hear of God's great love for them. However, there are still more children we could reach.

Can you give around an hour of your time a week to teach or help out in the classroom? Please speak to our Parish Priest or one of the Catechists if you would like to get involved.

Planning ahead for LENT at KCCP 2019

**Ash Wednesday Mass Times
6 March 2019**

Berowra: 7.30 am and 9am (school mass)

Asquith: 9am (school mass) and 7.30 pm

Reconciliation Times during Lent: At our regular times of:
Every Saturday 9.30 am at Asquith and Every Friday after 9am Mass at Berowra (except First Friday)

Additional opportunities for Reconciliation:

- * Wednesday, Thursday, Friday after morning Mass on request.
- * Every Friday evening during 'The Light is On'
- * 2nd Rite: Tuesday 9 April 7.30-8.30pm at Berowra



**The Light is On for You!
at Asquith, every Friday night during Lent from 7 to 8pm**

Lent offers us a privileged time to reflect on our faith and reorient ourselves more closely towards God. Again this year, our parish, will join with other parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay, in *The Light is On*, where every Friday evening during Lent, churches will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Our Church at Asquith will be open from 7pm—8pm for Reconciliation**, and you are invited to spend this time with God and to allow God's light to enter the circumstances of your life in a new way this Lent. **Stations of the Cross at Asquith** will also

be prayed during this time. Please join us at St Patrick's Church whenever you can during Lent.



Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Bernard's Berowra Heights:

8.30am Friday mornings followed by Holy Mass, except the 1st Friday of the month (5 April)

when Stations will be at 10am followed by Adoration then Anointing and Healing Mass.

To help you prepare for Easter

**2019 Adult Faith Formation Series
"The Mass"**

by Bishop Robert Barron

A series of talks on each part of the Mass. **To be held in the Parish Hall at St Patrick's every Thursday at 7.30pm from 7 March**, the format will be a short 25 minute video followed by discussion. *Please come along.*

**Lenten lectio divina Resource 2019—
Discerning the Way of Jesus.**

Reflections and an Audio CD of the Gospel is available now for those who wish to gather in smaller groups, or even work through this programme alone.

Available now at the parish office



Christian Initiation of Adults -- perhaps you've wondered?

Rite of Election

Catechumens are preparing to take part in the second liturgical step called the Rite of Election next Sunday. After enrolling their names at 10 am Mass at St Patrick's, the catechumens will be sent by our community to Our Lady of the Rosary cathedral for the Rite of Election celebrated by the Diocesan Administrator.

"This step is called election because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election of God, in whose name the Church acts." ~ ~ ~ ~ "....the rite of election... marks the beginning of the final, more intense, period of preparation for the sacraments of initiation, during which the catechumens will be encouraged to follow Christ with greater generosity" Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults# 105 & #106

The enrolment of names takes place at 10am Mass on March 10 Asquith.

After which our catechumens proceed to Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, for the Rite of Election 2019 at 2pm:

All parishioners are welcome to attend this joyful occasion.



KCCP Youth Group is on TONIGHT

As this Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, you are invited to join us for **Youth Mass at 6pm** in St Patrick's Church Asquith followed by **youth group in the parish hall at 7pm**. Supper and heaps of fun provided. If you would like to be involved in this Mass by doing a reading or the offertory, music etc. please contact Michelle michelle.chahine@bbcatholic.org.au

KCCP Youth Group & Youth Mass
Games Night!
Sunday March 3
Mass: St Patrick's Church Asquith 6pm
Youth Group: 7pm Parish Hall

Join us for a fun night of mass, games and food. Meet up with new friends and old plus other WYD Pilgrims.
 For more info contact Michelle on Michelle.chahine@bbcatholic.org.au

Our first Praisefest for 2019 and a CYBB World Youth Day Reunion!!

Don't miss your chance to engage in vibrant Praise & honest Worship, listen to amazing and inspiring stories from the pilgrimage and catch up with old friends! The night kicks off with PRAISEFEST Festival fun activities, free food, and great company! But be sure to stick around because the night will end with a kickin' Praise Party you will not wanna miss! So be there, invite your friends and prepare to have an unbelievable evening! **Note:** This event is open to high school students through to young adults up to the age of 30.
Friday 29 March 2019; 6-9pm,
Light of Christ Centre, Waitara

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY Asquith

SAVE THE DATE!
March 17 2019

St Patrick's Day Celebration
Sunday March 17
Mass at 10.00 followed by BBQ in the parish hall.

BBQ meat and drinks will be provided, but do bring a plate to share (COLD FOOD AND DESSERTS ONLY).

Vinnies good works St. Vincent de Paul Society - Election Statement for the NSW state election. There are 7 recommendations calling on the State Government to deliver more affordable and social housing, reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness, reform rental laws and make energy more affordable. For more information go to www.vinnies.org.au/ NSW 2019 Election Statement."

Children's Choir at St Patrick's is currently welcoming new members for 2019, young people from Year 3 and above. If you would like your child to have a real, responsible role in the liturgy and participate actively in a meaningful way, consider one of the parish children's choirs. It's fun, it's free and it's a great gift to the parish community. Children's Choir at St Patrick's **practises every Friday from 4 to 5pm** in St Patrick's church and **sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays** of every month. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

Exciting new possibilities available for anyone looking at deepening their faith and wanting to be part of a small group to grow with.

Several couples are forming an **Ignatian CLC group** that will meet fortnightly to pray and reflect.

Singles or couples any age welcome
 Contact Sarah for further details on 94570492/sarahfoleymassa@gmail.com

Children's Choir at St Bernard's!
 All children from Kindergarten to Year 10 are welcome to join the Children's Choir at St Bernard's. The choir sings at the **9am Mass on the 1st Sunday of every month.**
That's TODAY! Sunday 3rd March.

Come and help to lift the roof of the church with your beautiful voices. We practice before Mass at 8:15am! Enquiries to: *Madeleine Cottrell* on 0481257520.

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WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2019

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Discerning for a vocation is more than an intellectual weighing up of options, or applying a technique to find an answer.
It is a process of becoming aware of what is in our hearts and minds, listening to God, gaining clarity and making a choice.
It is not about choosing what you will do for life but about discovering who you are made to be.
The busyness of daily life takes away from our ability to listen to God and possibly discovering our deepest identity.

This Discernment Retreat allows you to immerse yourself in a quiet environment that can help you listen to God and receive the spiritual direction you may be looking for. For more information please contact the Vocations Office for the Diocese of Broken Bay at Vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au or call W: 02 9484 1427 M: 0418 522 449

Discernment RETREAT FOR MEN

A retreat for men at all stages of their discernment who are considering a vocation to the Priesthood. The weekend includes talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, Q&A with seminarians and discussions.

March 22-24, 2019

Have some questions or simply want to enquire?
 Call us on (02) 9307 8424 or Email vocations@sydneycatholic.org

Date: 5:00 pm 22 Mar 2019 to 2:00 pm 24 Mar 2019
 Where: Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush Cost: \$99

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL!

Pope's intention for MARCH Evangelization - Christian Communities That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Safeguarding:
 A culture of Safeguarding values **SERVANT LEADERSHIP...**
 "Like good stewards of the manifold of grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." - 1 Peter 4:10

St Leo's CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Wahroonga
OPEN DAY & EXPO
Tuesday, 12 March,
4pm-7pm

Enter via the Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Ave, Waitara
All welcome

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 9/10 March—9th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

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

Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4: 1-13



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

	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 Shaju John	Fr Joy Thomas	Fr Joy Thomas	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Joy Thomas
Acolyte/Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Barbara McMullen	Darrin Patterson	Sue Lum	John Messina	Keith Fone
Server	Karina Bednarz Alodie Wheeler Jake Williams	Zinta Hartmann Alena Hartmann Alex Rogers		Sarah Croft Sam Park Leith Suyyah Abbey McAdam	Adrian Joson Sam Holm Gabiella Chahine	Anika Campos Olivia Ratcliffe John Larson
Reader	Alysha Berry Natasha Steele	Kerrin Enright Cristina Hopwood	Sue Watts Helen Chui	Vivienne Schreiber Russel Schreiber	Mary Stokes Elizabeth Fernandes	Fiona Fone(sub req) Simone Noel
Children's Liturgy	March 3, 2019—Jackie T.		March 3, 2019— no Children's Liturgy due to Year 1 Parish Mass			
Communion to Sick	Michael O'Neill		Susie Gates, Sue Lum			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Marcia Woods, Anne Bourke, Gwen Wood, Helen Johnson, NO FLOWERS —Lent, Gwen Wood(s)		Pat Smith, Alison Henson, Teresa Schneider, Ellen Downey, Marion Pahalawatta, Fiona Rodrigues. N.B. NO FLOWERS in the churches during Lent.			
Maintenance	Both teams A & B		March: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Filso Sebastian			
Counters	Barbara McMullen, Fabiola Rew		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*.

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

Rosary	After weekday Masses both Churches
Visit Housebound	Fr Shaju John & Fr Joy Thomas 9456 2450
Urgent sick calls	Fr Shaju John 9456 7012 (Presbytery) Fr Joy Thomas 9476 8843 (Presbytery)
Nursing Home Visits	By request
Clergy Days Off	Fr Shaju John — Monday Fr Joy Thomas — Tuesday
Home Visits	For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests Please call the Office 9456 2450.
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>	

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

6 March:	Ash Wednesday Masses: SBB: 7.30 am and 9am (with school) SPA: 9am (with school) and 7.30 pm
7 March:	Adult Faith Formation / Lenten Programme: 'The Mass' - Bishop Robert Barron, St Pat's Hall each Thursday in Lent from 7.30pm
9 April:	2nd Rite Reconciliation: 7.30-8.30pm at Berowra Heights
21 April:	Easter Sunday
ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:	
* Lenten Retreat — 3 March from 9.30am-4pm Verbum Dei Missionaries	
* Lenten Reflection Day —Mt St Benedict 9 March from 10am to 3pm	
* Annual Fete, St Benedict's, Arcadia , 10 March 10am to 3pm	
* [Weekly] Life Marriage & Family Notice from the DBB	

The 250 Club!

RESULTS: *Week 1: 18/2/2019 ~ Winning Number: 325 ~ Winner: Frances Gleeson ~ Amount: \$25*

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