

# **KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH**

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 7th April 2019 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent ~ Year C

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Our Mission 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'

Yr C:ls 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11; (10am SPA: Yr A: Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11: 1-45)



The Gospel offers lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to

the question about paying taxes found in <u>Mark 12:13-17</u>. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus. Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See <a href="Luke 18:9-14">Luke 18:9-14</a>). Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace. (Loyola Press)



#### 2nd Rite of Reconciliation here at KCCP this Lent

# 9 April 2019 from 7.30 to 8.30pm

# St Bernard's Church, Berowra Heights.

'At a minimum, Catholics must make a confession of sins when they are conscious of mortal sin before the reception of Holy Communion. The precept of the Church says that Catholics ought to confess their sins in the sacrament of Confession at least once a year during the Easter Season.' [Archdiocese of Adelaide].

Please take the opportunity to come along to this beautiful sacrament this coming Tuesday evening.

"... penance must be understood within its proper context. Penance is really an attempt to correct what is upset, to repair what is broken, to atone for the wrong done. Penance must spring from a contrite heart or acts of penance can be merely external feats of endurance. Nothing that we do can reconcile us with God. No penance, regardless of its severity, can repair a ruptured covenant bond. Only the mercy and graciousness of God can accomplish this. And God has accomplished it in the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was God's love for sinners that prompted such a magnanimous display of divine love. Through Jesus, the entire world has been reconciled to God. Now, each individual has the opportunity to be reconciled. Penance and acts of devotion are ways of benefiting from the treasury of divine mercy and love. They do not buy reconciliation; it has already been purchased. Dianne Bergant CSA

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## **WEEKEND MASSES**

 Saturday
 5pm bpm bpm
 St Bernard's st Patrick's

 Sunday
 8am bppm
 St Patrick's bppm

 9am bppm
 St Bernard's bppm
 St Patrick's bppm

 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

#### Lent 5th Week Monday 08/04

Weekday, Mass of the day Preface of the Passion of the Lord I Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11

#### Tuesday 09/04

Weekday, Mass of the day Preface of the Passion of the Lord I Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

#### Wednesday 10/04

Weekday, Mass of the day Preface of the Passion of the Lord I Dan 3:14-20, 24-25,28; Jn 8:31-42

#### Thursday 11/04

Weekday, Mass of the day Preface of the Passion of the Lord I Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

#### Friday 12/04

Weekday, Mass of the day Preface of the Passion of the Lord I Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

#### Saturday 13/04

Weekday, Mass of the day Preface of the Passion of the Lord I Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

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

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Eileen Leyden

ANNIVERSARIES:

Joseph Treacy, James Treacy
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Rodney Porter, Maureen Cullen, Irena Fellmann, Jwona Nowak, Jennifer Hindmarsh, Elaine Longmuir, Paula McGaulley, Michael Quinn, June Eileen, Patricia Smith (Carlton), Jude Maatouk, Ramona Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Rosalinda de Ramos, 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

## ·REQUIESCAT IN-PACE

Our prayers and condolences to the Leyden and Ryan families on the passing of Eileen Leyden, mother, grandmother and a long term parishioner of our parish.

#### Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 8 April at 11am at St Patrick's, Asquith.

Eileen was the sister of Patricia Longworth (also our parishioner) who passed away 2 weeks ago. May perpetual light shine upon them both always.

# **Holy Week Schedule**

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Passion/Palm SundayPassion of the Lord

Saturday 13 April 2019
5pm St Bernard's
6pm St Patrick's

6pm St Patrick's
Sunday 14 April 2019
8am St Patrick's

Time and Location

9am St Bernard's 10am St Patrick's 6pm St Patrick's

Thursday 18 April 2019

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm St Patrick's Vashing of the feet 7.30pm St Bernard's

(No morning Mass)

followed by Exposition/Adoration till 10.00pm followed by Exposition/Adoration till 10.00pm

# Please return **Project Compassion boxes** & gifts for the poor

Good Friday Friday 19 April 2019

Solemnities 10am St Bernard's Solemn Stations of the Cross 10am St Patrick's Solemn Stations of the Cross

3pm St Bernard's Passion of the Lord
3pm St Patrick's Passion of the Lord
Saturday 20 April 2019 (No morning Mass)

Easter Vigil Saturday 20 April 2019

7pm St Bernard's 7pm St Patrick's

Easter Sunday Sunday, 21 April 2019

8am St Patrick's 9am St Bernard's 10am St Patrick's Please Note: There is NO Evening Mass in the Parish on Easter Sunday

### **Reconciliation Times during Lent: At our regular times of:**

Saturday 9.30am, Asquith & each Friday after 9am Mass, Berowra (except First Friday)

Additional opportunities for Reconciliation:

\* Every Friday evening during 'The Light is On' \* 2nd Rite: Tuesday 9 April 7.30-8.30pm at Berowra



# Christian Initiation of Adults -- perhaps you've wondered? Presentation of the Lord's Prayer

This Sunday, the Elect take part in the Third Scrutiny at 10am Mass. We will again be using the Readings from Year A. The Gospel invites us to reflect on Christ as the resurrection and the life. On Thursday night the Elect will gather with those viewing the video series on the Mass; they will then be presented with the 'Lord's Prayer' as the model of Christian prayer. "From antiquity, the Lord's Prayer has been the prayer proper to those who in baptism receive the spirit of adoption"

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

8.30am Friday mornings followed by Holy Mass.



# Chrism Mass at OLOR Cathedral Come and join others from the DBB for the

blessing and consecration of the Holy Oils. Tues. 16 April, 7.30pm at OLOR Waitara.

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults # 136

Final session in the hall at St Patrick's this ThursDAY at 7.30pm. It's not too late, please join us.



The Light is On for You! at Asquith, last opportunity This Friday night, April 12 from 7 to 8pm.

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. Please join us at St Patrick's Church.

Friday 12 April

7-8pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation

7.30pm Stations of the Cross



# Well... 'his nibs' (aka Fr Shaju) is off on holiday again!!! Just a bit of advance warning to you all that our beloved PP is off home for a visit and he will be leaving Australia's sunny shores on Easter Monday. But this time he will be away until the 1st week of JULY!

Incorporating his annual leave with his long serve leave (yes, he has been a Priest in Australia for 10 years now), Fr Shaju will not only be visiting family (celebrating at least 2 weddings and a Baptism whilst there) but he will also visit the Holy Land on a private pilgrimage.

More details will follow closer to his departure.



**Lives change when we all give 100%.** This Lent please support Caritas Australia. In Bangladesh, Salma, just 18 was pregnant and fearful for her life and her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013. She sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program and 6 years on is a healthy mother of 2 strong, happy children.

Please return **Project Compassion boxes** & gifts for the poor on Holy Thursday (or thereabouts) thankyou.

### MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS - FOR LENT 2019

(Continued from last week)

"For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rm 8: 19)

Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

3. The healing power of repentance and forgiveness

Creation urgently needs the revelation of the children of God, who have been made "a new creation". For "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Cor 5:17). Indeed, by virtue of their being revealed, creation itself can celebrate a Pasch, opening itself to a new heaven and a new earth (cf. Rev 21:1). The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery. This "eager longing", this expectation of all creation, will be fulfilled in the revelation of the children of God, that is, when Christians and all people enter decisively into the "travail" that conversion entails. All creation is called, with us, to go forth "from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21). Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. *Prayer*, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy. Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness. Dear brothers and sisters, the "lenten" period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the *desert* of creation had the goal of making it once more that *garden* of communion with God that it was before original sin (cf. Mk 1:12-13; Is 51:3). May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to creation, so that it may be "set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21). Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation. From the Vatican, 4 October 2018, Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Francis

KCCP Youth Group Easter Egg Raffle

> **Enabling young people to** meet with their peers; socialise and become part of the community

Support our Youth Ministry

'A Church without Youth, is a Church without a future'

Tickets on sale TODAY after all Masses or from the Parish Office **KCCP Youth Group** It's on! TONIGHT!

Join us for the massive Easter Egg-stravaganza

And remember, we're skipping dinner & going straight to dessert!

Join us TONIGHT, Sunday April 7 for 6pm Youth Mass followed by Youth Group at 7pm in the hall.

Music -Ministry

Our new Cherubs Choir is expanding rapidly! This is a choir for children from Kindergarten to Year 2 at St Patrick's church, who love to sing and want to be part of the singing at Mass. Practices are on Tuesday mornings, from 8.15 to 8.45am in St Patrick's church. We hope they will sing with the regular Children's Choir at St Patrick's

once a month or so, after an initial training period. If you have a little one who would love to sing, come along this Tuesday. This will be our last practice for Term 1.

Children's Choir will also have its last practice this Friday, 12th April, and then both choirs will break for the school holidays. Parent volunteers for both choirs still needed (must have current WWCC). Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

Singers and instrumentalists for Holy Week ceremonies at St Patrick's still wanted! If you would like to participate in music for Holy Thursday, Good Friday or the Easter Vigil, or Easter Sunday 10am Mass, there will be a practice one hour before each liturgy starts.

Come along and help create the most glorious music!

NB: No practice this Wednesday 10th April.

6.30pm Holy Thursday 2pm Good Friday

6pm Easter Vigil

9am Easter Sunday

Pope's intention for APRIL

Workers in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.



## Safeguarding

A culture of Safeguarding values COMMITMENT....

"Speak out and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy." - see Proverbs 31:9

We congratulate the following children of our parish who received their First Reconciliation last week



Miabelle A Grace B Isabella B Isabelle B Isla B Sophie B Angus C Astrid C Emily C Marek C Matthew C Piper C Sarah C Andrew D Cara D Matteo D Lara E Noah E Abigail F Benjamin F Jake F Mia F Sienna F Stephanie F William F Noah G Cameron H Charlie H Christopher H Curtis H Eleanor H Eleonora H Hannah H Kynan H Lachlan H Sinead H Stella H Thomas H Verity H Alice J Annika J Kaelan J Taylor J Jordan K Max K Amy L Annika L David L Emily L Grace L Dylan Y

Antonio M Bethan M Bianca M Elizabeth M Emily M Jude M Santiago M-N Victoria M Hayley N Henry N Robyn O William O Colin P Danny P Emily P Ethan P Henry P Keith P Luke P Matilda P Alexa R Sophie R Anastasia S Benjamin S James S Karen S Lachlan S Maddie S Mitchell S Ben T Gemma T Harry T Lara T Luke T Madeleine T Max T Monique T Sienna T Tahlia T Toby T Adrian U Luke V Analeigh W Henry W Ivy W Karissa W Megan W Poppy W Aidan Y

We sincerely thank our Sacramental Team, Louise, Debra & Peta, and all group facilitators for their time in preparing the children so beautifully and to the children themselves for their reverence when receiving the Sacrament.

Sebastian L

# ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 13/14 April—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—Year C

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE Yr C:Entrance: Lk 19:28-40; —- Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

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	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904)				
KU-RING-GAI CHASE	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm	
CATHOLIC PARISH  Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia	Fr Joy Thomas	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Joy Thomas	Fr Joy Thomas	Fr Shaju John	
Acolyte/Snr Server	Justin Berry	Michael O'Neill	Malcolm Cross	Sue Lum	John Messina	Keith Fone	
Server	Josephine Harman Sophia Harman Suzie Thompson	Otylia (Tilly) Chylewska Zinta Hartman Max Jarominek		Sarah Croft Sam Park Leith Suyyah Abbey McAdam	Adrian Joson Sam Holm Gabriella Chahine	Anika Campos Olivia Ratcliffe John Larson	
Reader	Sub. Request AnneMaree Hurtchins	Peter Collins Paul Maher	Clarissa Baptista Les Fogden	Dan Leavy Rosemary Pendlebury	Elizabeth Fernandes Simone Noel	Fiona Fone Sue Newnham	
Children's Liturgy	April 7, 2019—Jackie T.		April 7, 2019— Karen P. & Kathleen Q.				
Communion to Sick	Chichi Datoc		Susie Gates, Sue Lum				
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Marcia Woods, Anne Bourke, Gwen Wood, Helen Johnson, Cecilia Waite (Palms) Chichi Datoc(s).		Pat Smith, Alison Henson, Teresa Schneider, Ellen Downey, Marion Pahalawatta, Fiona Rodrigues (No Flowers — Palms only).				
Maintenance	Both teams A & B		April: Patrick Dias, Grace & Milen				

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			
Rosary	After weekday Masses both Churches	$\Diamond$	9 April:	2nd Rite Reconciliation: 7.30-8.30pm at Berowra Heights		
Visit Housebound	Fr Shaju John & Fr Joy Thomas 9456 2450	$\Diamond$	21 April:	Easter Sunday		
Urgent sick calls	Fr Shaju John 9456 7012 (Presbytery) Fr Joy Thomas 9476 8843 (Presbytery)	ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:				
Nursing Home Visits	By request	$\Diamond$	University of Notre Dame , April 13, Broadway campus, Men's Lenten			
Clergy Days Off	Fr Shaju John — Monday		Retreat Day: "I am with you always"			
	Fr Joy Thomas — Tuesday	$\Diamond$	Palm Sunda	y Rally - April 14, 2-4pm Belmore Park Sydney (near Central		
Home Visits	For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral		Station)			
	Requests Please call the Office 9456 2450.	Silent guided Easter Retreat "Cross to Life" 14 April, 9am - 4.30pm (\$50).				
HOSPITAL ADMISSION:			Verbum Dei Missionaries, The Centre 14 Francis St Randwick. Phone 9341 5848 or			
If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as			email verbumdeisydney@gmail.com			
Catholic to receive Catholic Services.		$\Diamond$	Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28, St Agatha's Pennant Hills			
Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you		<b>♦</b>	[Weekly] Life Marriage & Family Notice from the DBB			
Would	d like our own priests to attend.					

The 250 Club!

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