

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 8th December 2019 ~ Second Sunday of Advent, Yr A

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

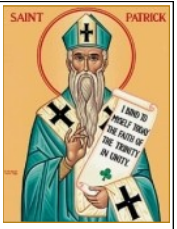
Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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'



Like John the Baptist, we await the coming of the kingdom in the person of the Messiah. John says that the Messiah will baptise 'with the Holy Spirit and fire'.

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Even in Church circles these days it is quite common to engage a management consultancy company to help find people for a particular diocesan job. This is a good idea and often these companies find excellent people for the task.

I recently saw a consultancy profile, however, for a diocese seeking a lay chancellor. We all know these people must be upright citizens, but I am convinced that Jesus himself may have been challenged to fill this job description! Apart from having degrees in civil and canon law, the

desired applicant had to have 'outstanding Catholic faith, an exemplary moral character and have nothing in his or her background that could cause the Church embarrassment or scandal in the future.'

A couple of days later I came across a tongue-in-cheek summary of a management consultant's report on those who had applied to lead the earliest Christian Church:

'**John:** Says he is a Baptist, but definitely doesn't dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and picks fights in public with religious leaders.

'**Peter:** Has a bad temper, even has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive. A loose cannon.

'**Paul:** Powerful, CEO type of leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, unforgiving with young ministers, harsh and has been known to preach all night.

'**Jesus:** Has been popular at times, but once when his following grew to 5000 he managed to offend them all and it dwindled down to some faithful women and his best friend. Seldom stays in one place very long.

'**Judas:** His references are solid. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. Great possibilities here.'

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Prayers for Lighting the Advent Candles 2nd Sunday of Advent

Celebrant:

As we continue our Advent Journey, travelling towards Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph, we light the second candle.

Sign of our faith in God's promise.

We pray that we will be blessed with the baptism of repentance.

Reader: Lord, giver of life, stir up our hearts to prepare for the coming of your Son.

Response: Come, Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word

Reader: As a dry and weary land thirsts, so we long for you.

Response: Come, Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word.

Reader: Open to us the wellsprings of salvation.

Response: Come, Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word.



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.

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Assistant Priest Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

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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

2nd week of Advent

Monday 09/12

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

Tuesday 10/12

Weekday, Mass of the day
Preface of Advent I
Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday 11/12

Weekday, Mass of the day
Preface of Advent I
Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday 12/12

Weekday, Mass of the day
Preface of Advent I
Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday 13/12

St Lucy, virgin, martyr
Mass of the Saint
Preface of Advent I or saint
Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday 14/12

St John of the Cross, priest, doctor
Mass of the Saint
Preface of Advent I or saint
Sirach 48:1-4,9-11;Mt 17:10-13

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Noal & Martin Corrigan, Fr Barry Nobbs, Ron Mahoney, James Kennelly

ANNIVERSARIES:

Assunta Fraietta, Maria Lombardo
Jack Van Pierce, 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 Sarkis, 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

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

Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Antonietta (Ann) Fusca will be celebrated on

Thursday 12 December 2019 at St Patrick's Asquith at 10am



REQUIESCAT IN PACE



This week-end the St Vincent de Paul Society is having a **Christmas Appeal in St. Bernard's and St. Patrick's.**

By donating helps in two ways: * At a local level, members and volunteers are 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. All donations are Tax Deductible and receipts will be given. **Please place all donations in ENVELOPES provided in the pews.** Thank you for your supporting our Christmas Appeal.

"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"**.

[Continuation from front page] In today's Gospel we hear what a fierce character John the Baptist was. He lets the Pharisees and Sadducees have it with both barrels. These groups were the publicly devout churchgoers of their day. They were often hypocrites, professing one thing and doing another. We know they regularly demanded observances of ordinary Jews that they did not live out themselves. No wonder John disliked them so much. Their religious observance was a charade, focused on their needs, their souls, their salvation. They were going to get to heaven, and everyone else be damned! They even come out to the wilderness to get baptised. This was like going to salvation mega-store. They buy a little of everything, just to be sure. John attacks them violently and in doing so condemns their privatised religion and lack of social responsibility. In Christianity there is an important distinction between personal and private faith. Personal faith knows that God is close and intimate, which is what we celebrate at Christmas. For Christians, however, there is no such thing as private faith. We should always be careful of hymns that only ever speak about 'me and Jesus against the world'. Inheriting the promises made to Israel and seeing them as intended for all God's children, we believe we are saved AS A PEOPLE. For us, it is 'we and Jesus for the world.' If we have no interest in justice, development and peace for our world. If we don't care to know our fellow parishioners. If all we want is to be left alone, to come to Mass, say our prayers and save our souls, then we need to hear the story of Christmas all over again. May this Advent, then, see John the Baptist do what he does best: 'comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.' © Richard Leonard SJ

Christmas Mass Schedule



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 front page for details)

CHRISTMAS-MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24 December

5pm St Bernard's Vigil Mass for Children, (Mass held outdoors if weather permits)
Carols & BBQ - bring a chair or rug
6pm St Patrick's Vigil Mass for Children
9pm St Patrick's Youth Vigil Mass
12mn 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*

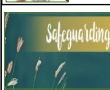


What is a Jesse Tree? A Jesse Tree represents the family tree of Jesus Christ. Each ornament represents a story from the Bible that tells about God's people before Jesus was born. Each Story shows God's salvation plan and tells how He guided humanity to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. The tradition of the Jesse Tree dates back to the middle ages. The name "Jesse Tree" comes from Isaiah 11:1, "Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." Jesse is the father of King David. The saviour was to come from David's family line. **What is the tradition?** During the Advent season, a Bible Story is read which relates to Jesus family or God's people. After the Bible story is read and discussed, an ornament is placed on a tree – the Jesse Tree. This was often done from the beginning of Advent to Christmas Day. ©Catholic Inspired.com

A focus on the Jesse tree during Advent can help us Christians to focus on the religious meaning of Christmas. Each week during Advent new symbols will be added to the Jesse trees in our churches. The symbols relate to the Bible readings of the Season of Advent.



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.



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.



Senior Parish Choir will be singing for residents at Regis Nursing Home on Wednesday 18th December at a Mass of Anointing at 3pm. Carols and afternoon tea will follow.

Cherubs Choir is singing at 10am Mass today for the final time this year, after a highly successful first year as a choir! These young people and their very supportive parents have done a great job learning lots of music and actions, and singing at parish liturgies. Practices will resume in the new school year.

Children's Choir @St Patrick's would like to thank parents/carers and parish for a great Christmas party last Friday to close their singing year. In their fifteenth year as a choir, this group of highly enthusiastic and committed young singers has brought joy and delight to all our hearts throughout the year. After this Sunday, the Choir will be officially in recess until 2020. Thank you to all our parent helpers who have assisted in so many ways throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Midnight Mass at St Patrick's rehearsals next Wednesday **11th December at 7.30pm** in the church. Bring a friend!

Festival of Carols! Come and sing your favourite carols, and listen to amazing young voices singing beautiful music that will lift your spirits! Friday evening, **13th December, 7.30pm** in St Patrick's church. This wonderful event for the whole family is presented by the Select Choir.

Taize-style evening of music, meditation and prayer Friday **20th December**, will be held in St Patrick's church at 7.30pm. A perfect way to prepare for Christmas - don't miss it! Enquiries on any of the above to: Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

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 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.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass 6pm ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are inviting children to take an active part in the celebration and are looking for children who like to sing, read and/or act (Shepherds, Wise-Men, Sheep, Angels) for the 6pm Christmas Eve Kid's Mass. Children can be in the choir, short Gospel play or both.

Rehearsals at St Patrick's Church

Singers/ choir only: Fri 20 December 8.45-9.45am & Mon 23 Dec. 9.45-11.45am

Gospel play actors only: Fri 20 December 9.45-10.45am & Mon 23 Dec 10.45-11.45am

Both choir and Gospel play: Fri 20 Dec 8.45-10.45am & Mon 23 Dec 9.45-11.45 am.

Those who wish to be angels please bring white outfit to Monday's rehearsal.

Those playing sheep please wear all white to Monday's rehearsal. **NB:** We have shepherds and wise men outfits. We are also looking for Musicians to play instruments (we have a keyboard player). Come and take part in the Celebration of Christmas!

To register your interest of if you have any questions please contact Mrs Lisa P. 0414 414 567

Come and take part in the Celebration of Christmas. The more the merrier!



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 on 9456 2450.



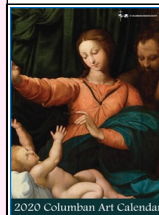
CWF UPDATE: The amount raised from the recent November CWF Appeal was \$10,231.70.

A small shortfall of \$990 is held against our quota. Again, thank you all for your generous donations towards this Diocesan Annual Appeal.



Thank you from Candela Peru

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Sisters of Mercy mission in Candela Peru. From the sale of the goods and from donations \$5,250 was raised. This money has been sent to Candela, so the women can continue to care for their families. **Thank you so much. Mary Rajca**



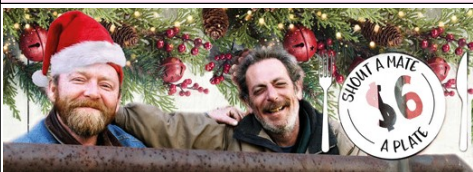
CHRISTMAS CARDS & COLUMBAN CALENDARS

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.



PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING MARY MAC'S PLACE AT CHRISTMAS TIME:

Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy is managed by CatholicCare, the social care agency of our Diocese. Supporting anyone who is homeless, lonely or needing a helping hand, it costs over \$150,000 per year to run. Mary Mac's provides over 24,000 meals a year at a cost of \$6 per meal.

They also provide a place to shower and to wash clothes, and access to outreach services such as Homeless Connector and Legal Aid. Most importantly they offer companionship and a friendly face to the vulnerable in our community. CatholicCare's Shout a Mate a Plate fundraiser went live in August and thanks to generous supporters they have been able to cover the cost of almost 2,200 meals to date. Their goal is to raise enough funds to provide 5,000 meals. Can you spare \$6 per month? Or a one-off donation to help the less fortunate at Christmas time? Every plate helps and all donations are tax deductible. Mary Mac's Place relies 100% on the efforts of volunteers and donors - they do not receive any government funding. Please help! www.shoutamateaplate.org.au

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 14th/15th Dec—Third Sunday of Advent, Yr A

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

Is 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



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 Joy

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Acolyte/Snr Server	Justin Berry	Denis Steiner	Sandra Sparkes	Sue Lum	David Massa	Vincente Sanchez
Server	Megan Chung (sub.) Preston Nguyen Harry Tod	Max Jarominek Levi McLoughlin Alex Rogers	Enzo Alarcon	Phillip Daidone Conor Collins Tara Collins More Altar Servers required, for many Masses — please contact Parish office	Rachel Massa Adam Payne Luke Payne	Reliable, committed Altar Servers required, for many Masses — please contact Parish office
Reader	John Ryan Natasha Steele	Clare McLoughlin Matthius McLoughlin	Miguel Do Rego Henning Schneider	Vivienne Schreiber Russel Schreiber	David De-Fina Anne Perez	Fiona Fone Mary Stokes
Children's Liturgy	December 15th, 2019 – Marta C.		December 15th, 2019 – Grace M. & Melissa M. ... This will be the last for 2019.			
Communion to Sick	Isabel Henson		Susie Gates, Sue Lum			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Marlene Moloney(f), Anne Bourke(s)		Pat Smith, Teresa Schneider, Ellen Downey, Marion Pahalawatta, Francis & Tess Lizardo 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	Catherine & Tony McMahon, Rey Hilario		Mary & Peter McAleer, Imm & Thomas Lui, Annie Wong			

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 2: 02/12/19 ~ Winning Number: 273 ~ Winner: Teresa Ashton ~ Amount: \$25.00

The 250 Club!



We the people of the

Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay and in the Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish,

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.

Faith Formation Team Leader

Parish of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills Fulltime

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.

Seeking 2 x Female Flatmates: Graduate Female Student seeking two friendly mature female flatmates to share an apartment in the Epping / Hornsby area close to the train line. I enjoy food, coffee, musicals, movies and socializing but at the same time, I'm keen for a night of Netflix and Uber Eats. I am a kind, caring and friendly person. I am looking for two females to share an apartment with who are tidy and open to socializing with me from time to time. Please contact me on 0432 982 535 for more information.

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