

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

9th December 2018 ~ The 2nd Sunday of Advent. ~ Year C

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

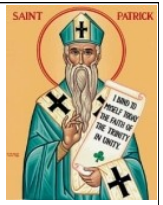
Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:3-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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'



This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and

reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

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The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit.

In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, **John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.**

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that **salvation is for all people** and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives.

We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did. (Loyola Press)



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.

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KU-RING-GAI CHASE 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 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 2nd Week
Monday 10/12**

Monday, 2nd week of Advent
Mass of the day
Preface of Advent 1
Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday 11/12

Tuesday, 2nd week of Advent
Mass of the day
Preface of Advent 1
Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday 12/12

Wednesday, 2nd week of Advent
Mass of the day
Preface of Advent 1
Is 40:26-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday 13/12

St Lucy, virgin, martyr
Mass of the Saint
Preface of Advent 1 or saint
Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday 14/12

St John of the Cross, priest, doctor
Mass of the Saint
Preface of Advent 1 or saint
Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday 15/12

Saturday, 2nd week of Advent
Mass of the day
Preface of Advent 1

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Esther Griffiths, Fr Carthage, Angelo Conte, Pedring Alvarado, Marcelino Cantuba

ANNIVERSARIES

Sylvia Holmes, Assunta Fraietta, Maria Lombardo, Eulalie Hailstone, Neil Mickelson, Deacon David Huntley, Bill McDonagh, Jack & Marie McNamara

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

William Fullilove, Jwona Nowak, 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 Josen, 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

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please note:
WEDNESDAY December 12 morning Mass at St Patricks will be at 9am (instead of the usual 8am). This mass will be the special End of Year Mass for our students and staff of St Patrick's Primary School. *All are welcome to attend.*



You're invited: Next Sunday 16 December to join with our **Children's Liturgy Kid's at St Bernard's Berowra Heights for a Christmas Morning Tea immediately following the 9am Mass.** Please come to this 'no fuss' morning tea where you are even asked to bring along a plate to share. We would love to see you there and *share the Christmas Spirit with our youngest parish family members.*

Preparing our Churches for the arrival of a Very Special Baby

Many expectant parents begin "nesting" or make everything clean and organised just before a little one arrives and; as a faith family excitedly awaiting the birth of the Infant Jesus; we are no different. We therefore ask you to join together and give our two churches a good once over at our

CHRISTMAS CLEANING BEE—Saturday 22 December

From 8am (maint.) and 8.30-9am (general cleaners) at St Bernard's and from 9.30am at St Patrick's (straight after morning mass).

A light morning tea will be provided at both churches.



Extra help is always needed and appreciated at this time. Ideally the regular cleaning will be done by our rostered groups at SPA & SBB **but we need people to come along with cleaning equipment for a SUPER CLEAN and to ensure the windows are at their sparkling best.**

Please bring cleaning paraphernalia.

Buckets will be left outside St Patrick's church for donations of fresh flowers on **Sunday night Dec 23** so arrangements can be made up on Mon Dec 24. This beautiful tradition of our parish, sees our Christmas Altars adorned with floral beauty from our gardens to welcome the Christ child.

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

You may have noticed our catechumen, Mehdi leaving the Church after the homily at 10am Mass! **So what is the dismissal?** Dismissal is an essential part of the catechumenate stage of Christian initiation. The catechumens leave to meet with a small number of catechists to share the meaning of what they have experienced in the Liturgy of the Word. Later in the session (after Mass) we are joined by others as we look at some Catholic belief or practice eg: last week we talked about Advent and the Liturgical seasons. *"the group of catechumens goes out but does not disperse. With the help of some of the faithful, the catechumens remain together to share their joy and spiritual experiences."*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults #67

RCIC 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.

Please phone Ellen on 9477 7180.

Catechist's Connect Children with the Catholic Faith.

The Catechists of our Parish would like to wish all students and their families, in our Public Schools, a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2019.

As we come to the close of this year, we are still urging, Mums, Dads, grandparents and university students who can give an hour of your time once a week. We'd love to hear from you. Remember **you** do not have to be a qualified teacher; you just need love for children and your Faith, **oh**, and a Working with Children clearance, but this is a simple exercise we can help you with.

These are the vacancies in our Public School Scripture classes, for **2019**.

Berowra	Wednesday 09.20 - 09.45am - Kindy - Teacher and helper required
Wideview	Wednesday 10.45 - 11.15am - Kindy - Teacher required
Hornsby North	Thursday 09.15 - 09.45am - Year 1 - Teacher required
	Thursday 09.45 - 10.15am - Year 3 - Teacher required

Just remember that – **"God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called"**

To find out more about this opportunity, please contact:

Cynthia Gilbertson, Catechist Coordinator on: 9476 6215 or the Parish Office.

NB: We are again appealing to Parishioner's from the Berowra area, to come forward to help out.

Have you had your say yet?
Yes: get 2 or 3 friends together using the process to submit on another topic
No: Get online this week and put in a submission - or mail one in.
There are some leaflets at the back of the church today to help you.



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

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 10am** Costumes provided. Parent helpers welcome. To register your interest/ask questions please contact Elaine on: 0422 093 594 or emd1979@hotmail.com

Actors Needed

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 21 December 8.45-9.45am & Mon 24 Dec. 9.45-11.45am

Gospel play actors only: Fri 21 December 9.45-10.45am & Mon 24 Dec 10.45-11.45am

Both choir and Gospel play: Fri 21 Dec 8.45-10.45am & Mon 24 Dec 9.45-11.45 am.

Those who want to be angels please bring white outfit to Friday's rehearsal.

Those playing sheep please wear all white to Friday's rehearsal. **NB:** We have shepherds and wise men outfits. To register your interest/ask questions please contact:

Lisa P. 0414 414 567, Bec D. , Julia M. 0419 141 028, or Pat Smith (Choir)

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



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 Taize.



Children's Choir at Asquith

Many thanks to all the wonderful young singers and their families who made the Advent Festival of Carols at St Patrick's last Sunday such a beautiful, moving occasion. Thanks to clergy and to parents who helped to set up, provide pizza and supper, and to tidy up afterwards, and to all our wonderful soloists and musicians. Special thanks to Michelle Chahine, parish Youth Coordinator, for encouraging the participation of all the parish youth and providing a brilliant meal afterwards.

Children's Choir is singing this weekend for the last time this year and is now in recess until the 2019 school year opens. All young singers from Year 3 and up are eligible to join the Choir, so start planning to set your Friday afternoons next year from 4 to 5pm aside now! Thanks to all our parents who helped with the Choir Christmas party on Friday, and our thanks and appreciation to the parish for providing food and gifts for all the children!

Midnight Mass practices for singers/instrumentalists will be held on Tuesday evenings, 11th and 18th December, at 7.30pm at St Patrick's. If you think you might be interested, even if you have never sung before, come along and try us out! Enquiries on any of the above to Patricia Smith on 9482 7935



Carols Under THE Star Thursday 20 Dec. 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.

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 final 3 days—we hope you're having fun colouring in the pictures.



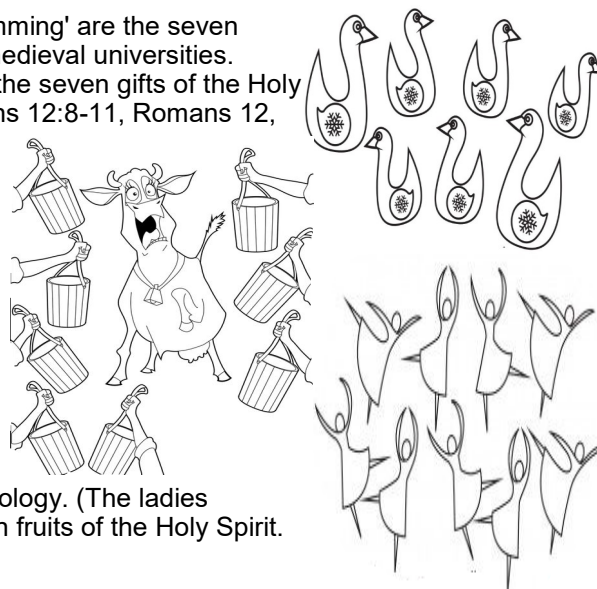
The 'seven swan a swimming' are the seven 'liberal arts' studied in medieval universities. (They could also mean the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. [See 1 Corinthians 12:8-11, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, 1 Peter 4:10-11])



The 'eight maids a milking' are the eight beatitudes, Jesus' teachings on happiness. (See Matthew 5:3-10)



The 'nine ladies dancing' are the nine muses from Greek Mythology. (The ladies dancing could also mean fruits of the Holy Spirit. [See Galatians 5:22])



Rosters & Readings for weekend 15th / 16th December — 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



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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 Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon
Acolyte/Snr Server	Justin Berry	Denis Steiner	Malcolm Cross	Bill Martin	John Messina	Vince Sanchez
Server	Blayde Arthur Megan Chung Adam Waite	Otyllia Chylewska Alena Hartmann Georgia Walderback	Enzo Alarcon	Phillip Daidone Conor Collins	Isabella VanderSluys Sam Molloy Rachel Massa Adam Payne	
Reader	Alysha Berry Francesca Parrino	Peter Collins Cristina Hopwood	Les Fogden Sue Watts	Christine Berman Nick Berman	Kaitlin Quinlan Jo Quinlan	Kerrie O'Neill Paul O'Neill
Children's Liturgy	<i>Children's Liturgy 16th Dec. Marta C.</i>		<i>Children's Liturgy 16th Dec. -Dan M. & Marcela F.</i>			
Communion to Sick	Kerrin Enright, Isabel Henson		Millie Wong, Cynthia Gilbertson			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Marlene Moloney (f) Tina Manti(s)		Marie Bright, Imm Lui, Jeanette Hester, Anthony Drake			
Maintenance	Team A: Peter, Paul, Mark, Tony		December: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk, More Volunteers Needed for Roster!			
Counters	Lyn Beacom, Catherine & Tony McMahon		Chris Newnham, Jan Bennett, Susan Clarke			

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. 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"> * 13 Dec. 8pm Handel's Messiah, OLR Cathedral, Waitara * 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 * 21 Dec 7.30pm Taize evening, St Patrick's <p>ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * (Social Justice) Movie: The Merger, 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 10 ~ 04/12/2018 ~ THE BIG \$500 ~ Ticket # 742 ~ Winner: Nicholette Steptoe ~ Congratulations!!!

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 <p>Thursday December 13 at 8pm Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara</p>	<p>King Tide Café/Restaurant <i>Owned and operated by our very own</i> KCCP Parishioners John & Moauli Griffiths Open 7 days from 8am to 4pm <i>Come by Car by Boat or by Train</i> Delicious food, fabulous service & exceptional views await YOU! Hawkesbury River Marina 9 Dangar Rd Brooklyn NSW (02) 9985 7102</p>	<p>Nick Berman</p>  <p>Your Mount Colah Specialist P. (02) 8914 8804 M. 0411 216 332 E. nickberman@mcgrath.com.au</p> <p>McGrath</p>	<p>Francesca Parrino</p>  <p>Your Berowra / Berowra Heights Specialist P. (02) 9456 9999 M. 0415 651 740 E. francescaparrino@mcgrath.com.au</p> <p>McGrath</p>
<p>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</p>			