

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 9th February 2020 ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

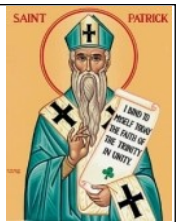
Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5: 13-16

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'



Salty and Radiant

© Fr Michael Tate

Here are two extraordinary descriptions of you as a community: 'You' is in the plural. 'You *are* the salt of the earth.' 'You *are* the light of the cosmos.' Our Lord describes who we *are*, who we are by virtue of our being graced to be his disciples, trying to live out the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount.

'Salt of the Earth' - Salt in the ancient world was used not just for flavouring but, most importantly, as a preservative for food, preventing deterioration or decay, keeping it life-giving. So, when Jesus says: 'You are the salt of the earth', he is saying: 'You are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration or decay, to keep it life-giving, to ensure it provides a place of habitation, hospitable to billions of living beings, including human beings.'

This is the basis for a Christian charter for ecological sensitivity of the highest order. Gross pollution is a crime against the earth and a sin against the Creator of the earth. That is fairly obvious. But we can reflect a little more.

In a hundred different ways, not just ecological, every time we do something which makes the earth more habitable, more life-giving, we retain our tang – we are the salt of the earth. But Our Lord warns us that we can lose our saltiness, we can lose our tang, we can become useless. **How do we do what salt should do?**

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion, we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot. We retain our saltiness by becoming the greatest humanitarians the world has ever seen.

'Light of the Cosmos' - The *cosmos* is the whole of the created reality ranging from the smallest fraction of your body to the swirling gases of the farthest constellation of stars. You, we, as a Christian community trying to live according to the Gospel are 'the light' of this cosmos. The only question is the degree of the brilliance of our light. **What radiance do we bring to the cosmos?**

How do we do this?

Our Lord says, 'Your light must shine in the sight of human beings so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your father in Heaven.' 'Good works.' That sounds narrowly moralistic. Isn't there a slightly pejorative tone to the expression 'he is a do gooder'? You won't be surprised to learn it is not what Our Lord meant.

The words Jesus uses for good works are **'kala erga'**. In Greek, the language of the Gospels, these words mean **'beautiful works'**. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works. Acting in a grotesque, ugly way dims our light, darkens our humanity. When we act in a truly light-hearted way, we are more fully human and our humanity has a radiant effect on others. On others – certainly other human beings, but Our Lord remarkably says: on the whole *cosmos*.

St Paul says in Romans that the whole cosmos is yearning to be transfigured into the same divine glory which we share, participating in the life of the Risen Lord, the cosmic Christ. When we do beautifully good works there is a transforming impact on the whole of creation! There is a moral ecology to the universe! Of course, the real cause of the transformation of the cosmos into divine glory is the rising of the Son on the third day. But, we can refract some of that resurrection light through the prism of our own personalities. In fact, the cosmos is yearning for that.

So, stay salty and tangy. Do good beautifully and elegantly.

The earth will become more habitable. The cosmos will become more translucent with Divine Glory.

'You are the Salt of the Earth. You are the Light of the Cosmos.'

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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	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
and PRAYERS**

**Ordinary Time Week 5 Year A
Monday 10/02**

St Scholastica, virgin
Mass of the Saint
Preface of weekday or saint
1 Kg 8: 1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday-11/02

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
1 Kg 8:22-23,27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday-12/02

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
1 Kg 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday-13/02

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
1 Kg 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday-14/02

Sts Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop
Mass of the Saints

Preface of weekday or saints
1 Kg 11: 29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday-15/02

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
1 Kg 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anzelma Muzolf, Jan Seage

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Louie Mondido, Mary & Frank Jack,
Norma Waite, Kevin Harant, Regina
Coelho, Bronistawa Pieprzyk,
Catalino Ubalde, Elena Ubalde,
Eduardo Ubalde

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Doug Hawkins, 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.*



Bi-monthly Mass at Regis ~ Please consider joining with our
'parishioners in care' for the first Anointing & Healing Mass at Regis Aged
Care, Hornsby for 2020 If you find yourself free, please join our Regis parishioners for
the first Mass for 2020 which will be celebrated on: **Wed. 19 Feb 2020 at 10.15am**

**SEEKING
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
NOMINATIONS**

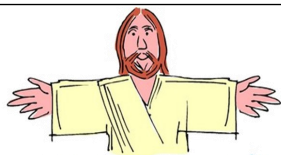
Three members of our current Parish Pastoral Council are coming to the end of their two year term and so nominations are now invited from the Parish community to join the PPC. Nomination forms can be found at the back of each church and require the agreement of the nominee and the names and signatures 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.

QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CALL MICHAEL HALLIDAY (PPC CHAIR) ON 0414 095 373



WELCOME

**You're invited to our
Opening School Mass
for 2020**

**With the start of the new School Year, you are invited to attend
Our Opening School Masses 2020.**

Please join our parish students and staff,
at either or both of these special Masses this week

**9am Mass on Thursday 13 February, 2020
at St Patrick's Asquith**

**9am Mass on Friday 14 February, 2020
at St Bernard's Berowra Heights**

*We are looking forward to seeing all the children's smiling faces
and hearing their loud responses and singing voices. Fr Shaju & Fr Joy*



**Catechist Sunday 23 February will be celebrated this year at
St Patrick's Church at 10am Mass. Catechists will renew
their Commitment to their Ministry and will have a Special
Blessing over them as they start the new school year.**

This is a good time for Mums/Dads, Grandma/Grandpa and even Uni students to think about joining and helping our Ministry. Please consider joining us, we need your help now, but more importantly the Catholic students in State Primary Schools need you even more.

**If you are time poor and can't help, please pray that others may
open their hearts and hear the call of Our Lord to ensure the success of our Ministry:**

*Dear Lord, this is Your calling, Your work, Your ministry. We entrust it all to Your capable hands.
Please lay the foundation in the people's hearts so they can respond to Your call with generosity
and openness. We do all this for the sake of Your Son. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Children's Choir @St Patrick's is singing this Sunday at 10am Mass. This brilliant Choir sings regularly at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month except January. They practise every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. Any young person from Year 3 to Year 12 may join at any time, by simply coming along to any practice and registering. There is no charge, and no skills are required, just a general desire to help others and be a guiding light in our parish community.

Cherubs Choir is our junior branch of the regular Children's Choir, for younger singers from Kinder to Year 2. This Choir practises every week on Tuesday mornings before school from 8.15 to 8.45am in St Patrick's church. Our first practice for this year is this Tuesday, 11th February! Any young person who would like to learn the skills to sing in church and learn lots of songs is welcome to join. The Cherubs sing at 10am Mass with the Children's Choir about once a month, after an initial training period. If you think your child may be interested, please come and have a chat after 10am Mass, or call 9482 7935, or come to our next practice and see what happens!

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 – **Children's Rights in Australia.** Read the article to learn more - <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/about/news/speeches/childrens-rights-australia-looking-back-and-moving-forward>



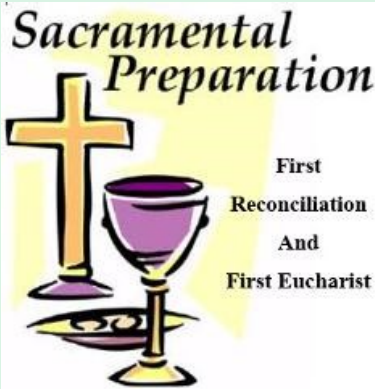
**The Pope's Prayer
Intention for
February 2020**

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.

RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST ENROLMENTS

THIS 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 parents 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:
 kcpcsacraments@gmail.com*



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 drop you 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!*

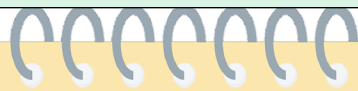


February Broken Bay News - a brand new look!

After a major makeover BBN has a new modern look and feel thanks to DBB Graphic Designer Edward Baricevic, and the Diocese would love your feedback if you have any.

E: melissa.loughlin@bbcatholic.org.au

- * Featured in this issue is ACYF in Perth,
- * Bishop Anthony Randazzo's message regarding the Plenary Council,
- * A tribute to the late Fr Barry Nobbs,
- * News about the Catholic Church's response to the bushfire crisis and
- * The Relics Tour of St Therese and her parents.



SPA ALTAR SOCIETY Roster & Help Needed

The latest SPA cleaning roster, 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.



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*).

ALSO...

An increasing number of forgotten half consumed water bottles and USED tissues are being left behind for others to pick up, so we therefore ask that you Please check your space to ensure all items are taken with you as you leave the church.

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.



World Day of Prayer 2020: Friday 6 March SAVE THE DATE

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

On **Friday 6 March** you are invited to join with people in over 150 countries around the world, in 88 different languages, **praying this year for Zimbabwe** using prayers and thoughts they have sent. **Find out more at www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org**

In Australia about 960 services will be held. Berowra's churches take it in turns to host a local service, and this year it is the turn of Berowra Uniting Church.

Please come along to show support for this local ecumenical initiative and join in praying for Zimbabwe!

**Date: Friday 6 March Time: 7.00pm
 Place: Berowra Uniting Church, Alan Road, Berowra Heights**



Thinking about the Priesthood or know someone who is! A Seminary Open Day will be held at on **Sunday 23 February 2020 at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush** starting with morning Prayer at 9am and a public Mass at 10am. The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks about the formation required of men training for the priesthood and a guided tour around the Seminary. Brunch will be provided. For registration or more information visit vocationcentre.org.au or contact the Vocation Centre on 02 9307 8424 or Email: vocations@sydneycatholic.org Please RSVP by Wednesday 19 February 2020. There is no cost, but RSVP is essential for catering.



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ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 15/16th February - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5: 17-37

	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	Fr Joy	Fr Joy	Fr Shaju	Fr Shaju	Fr Joy
Acolyte/Snr Server	Justin Berry	Michael O'Neill	Mani Subramany	Bill Martin	David Massa	Malcolm Cross
Server	Preston Nguyen Ella Noble Alodie Wheeler	Otylia (Tilly) Chylewska Josephine Harman Sophia Harman	Enzo Alarcon	Phillip Daidone Conor Collins Tara Collins	Rachel Massa Adam Payne Luke Payne	
Reader	Jerome Gomez Natasha Steele	Denise Harant Cristina Hopwood	Sue Watts Les Fogden	Sue Lum Michael Halliday	Deborah de Voss Mary Stokes	Ethleen Low Don Low
Children's Liturgy	3rd Sunday 16th Feb: Marta Chylewska-Fulton		3rd Sunday 16th Feb: Loretta R., Nicola D.			
Communion to Sick	Gus Davis		Ellen Downey, Vicente Sanchez			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Marlene Moloney (f) Anne Bourke (s)		Lyn Vila, Angie Pulanco, Leila Fowler, Cynthia Gilbertson, Editha Palmer, Yovana Castro Guerrero			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		February: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk			
Counters	Barbara McMullen, Ann Hard, David Funk		Les Fogden, Alan Henson, Paul Worthington, Domingos Fernandes			

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*.

What's coming up in KCCP...

Keep reading this bulletin for details of upcoming events in our parish community

Lenten Programme—'Priest, Prophet and King' - By Bishop Robert Barron. From Thursday 27 February to Thursday 2 April inclusive. SPA Hall, 7.30-8.30pm. All welcome.

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 (Out of office hours only)**
Nursing Home Visits By request, call the parish office to arrange.
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.
Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.

What's happening out and about... See noticeboard for more details

* Course for adults nourishment of their spiritual life. Tuesday mornings every 2nd month, starts 18 Feb. 10am–12 noon, **The Grail Centre**, 22 McHatton Street, North Sydney.
Vocation Discernment Weekend run by the Capuchin Friars. 15-16th FEBRUARY 2020. 9am Sat. - 4pm Sun. at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. Cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 6th February.

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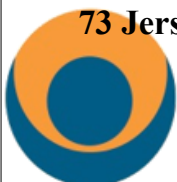
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