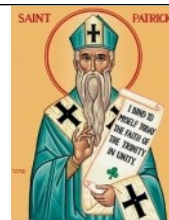


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Diocese of Broken Bay

11th February 2018

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I turn to you Lord in times of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Lev 13: 1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1: 40-45



In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the **miraculous healings** that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. ... In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of

Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses. Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honour. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honours the Law of Moses. Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing. Loyola Press

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 Parish Administrator Fr Shaju John, OSH
 Assistant Priest Fr Shiju Simon, OSH
 Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper
 Bookkeeper Karen Price
 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 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
	9am Wednesday, 9.10 am 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 9.10am Mass at St Bernard's,
 (except First Friday—see above)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February:

Say "No" to Corruption That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.



TODAY IS WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The theme for this year's World Day of the Sick is provided by the words that Jesus spoke from the Cross to Mary, his Mother, and to John: *"Woman, behold your son ... Behold your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home"* (Jn 19:26-27). Pope Francis says, *"The Lord's words brilliantly illuminate the mystery of the Cross, which does not represent a hopeless tragedy, but rather the place where Jesus manifests his glory and shows his love to the end. That love in turn was to become the basis and rule for the Christian community and the life of each disciple. Before all else, Jesus' words are the source of Mary's maternal vocation for all humanity. Mary was to be, in particular, the Mother of her Son's disciples, caring for them and their journey through life."* (Message for World Day of the Sick 2018) Pope Francis highlights the Church's long history of service to the sick which continues today like a "field hospital" that welcomes all those wounded by life; and calls for a renewed enthusiasm in this work. The full message can be found at w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html in the 'Messages' section.

KCCP offers YOU 5 PROGRAMMES during LENT 2018



FEBRUARY 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY - MASS TIMES:

St Bernard's Berowra Heights: School/Parish Mass - 9am
 St Patrick's Asquith: 8am Mass // School Mass: 9am // Evening Mass: 7.30pm



The Light is On for You

Lent offers us a privileged time to reflect on our faith and reorient ourselves more closely towards God. This year, our parish, along with other parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay, is taking part in The Light is On, where every Friday evening during Lent, churches will be open for quiet time and prayer, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available. Our Church at Asquith will be open from 7pm—8pm, and you are invited to make space 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. You are very welcome! Please take the invitation cards from the back of the church and invite others also.

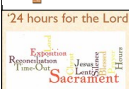


Lenten Reflection programme 'Lifted Up' will be held every Thursday evening during Lent. See inside page for full details.

Stations of the Cross at both our churches during Lent:



St Bernard's Berowra Heights: 8.30am every Friday morning (except 1st Friday of month)
 St Patrick's Asquith: from 7.30pm (alongside *The Light is On for You*—see above)



Advance Notice:

'24 Hours for the Lord' at St Patrick's Asquith 9-10 March 2018

The Holy Father has called us to celebrate '24 Hours for the Lord' on 9-10 March. Commencing on Friday March 9 with 8am Mass and concluding on Saturday March 10 at 8am.

More details of our Lenten programmes are inside.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS**

6th Week of Ordinary Year B

Monday 12/02

Weekday, Ordinary Time 6
Mass ad libitum
James 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

Weekday, Ordinary Time 6
Mass ad libitum
James 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Ash Wednesday (fast & abstinence)

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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 and PRAYS for....**

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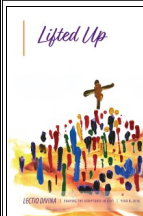
Des Randall, Myrna Rodriguez,
Nanay Gloria C Gaytano, Jake
Concepcion, Josefina Filart
Cabusora, Phillip Dryden (Paul's
father), Miranda Parbury

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Gomez,
Joseph Manuel Gomez, Saloma
Mary Gomez, John McIver, Mary &
Frank Jack, Kevin Harant, Augusta
Long, Siew Kuan Wong, Yoke Thy
Long, Shirley Gan, Siew Sang
Gan, Soon Kong Tham, Wona Kip,
James Lindsay Henrison,

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Edwina Subramany, Betty Borg,
Aiko Concepcion, John Messina,
Darcy Green, Brian Neary, Ellen
Asistente, Alfredo De Ramos,
Marcelina De Ramos,
Patricia Pascuzzo, Sam Calacoci,
Matthew Conlon, Vince Hughes,
Ivy Daria, John Buckley, Kath
Lock, Narelle Cartwright, Arlene
Joson, Dn Jim Caulfield, Mary
Fernandes, John Macy, Maciej
Maciejewski, Matthew Sutton,
Patricia Sanders, Monique
Leyden, Barbara Jones, Robert
Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, Alfredo
De Ramos Sr, Barbara &
Frederick Novak, Cadia Maestri,
Tom & Moya.

Please Note: Names on our prayer lists
are deleted at the end of each month,
unless you notify the pastoral centre.



New Lenten Resource 2018

This year the Diocese has provided parishes with a Lenten resource entitled **Lifted Up**, which includes reflections by Rev Dr David Ranson, Ashleigh Green, and Most Rev David Walker. Available to accompany the booklet is an **audio CD** with prayerful Taizé music, recordings of the texts and reflections, and a Guided Meditation track which concludes the *lectio divina* prayer, but stocks are limited.

In our parish an opportunity is provided for you to join with other parishioners to use this resource as you prayerfully and meditatively reflect on the Sunday Lenten readings in preparation for the Easter mystery.

Please consider joining us...

Where: Fr Pat McMaugh Hall, in the grounds of St Patrick's School, Asquith

When: Thursday evenings of Lent, April 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15 & 22

Time: 7.30pm

A 'sign-up' sheet is at the back of each church today if you are interested in joining the group programme. Or, if you prefer, you may use the booklet as a 'personal guidance' tool and undertake the programme privately.

Booklets are available from the back of each church today.

Lenten Days of Fasting and Reparation 14-17 February 2018

The concluding report from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse was handed down last December. As a Church and as a society, we are now tasked to fully understand its recommendations and build a culture that rigorously ensures the care and safety of all vulnerable people.

As a spiritual response to the report, and to the great wounds it brought into the light, the Australian bishops have proclaimed the days

from Ash Wednesday until the following Saturday (February 14-17) Days of Fasting and Reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and the healing of victims. In addition to the work that has been undertaken in the area of the protection of children and vulnerable adults, the Days of Fasting and Reparation are an authentically Catholic response to supplement those efforts.

Some Ways to Fast as a Family

1. Do without a specific food treat

- As an individual or as a family, do without a treat that you would normally eat, for example, potato chips or biscuits.
- Pray as an individual or as a family after each evening meal.

2. Do without eating between meals

- For each Friday do without eating between meals.

3. Make the evening meal a smaller meal

- Once a week, eat less at the evening meal, for example, soup and bread.
- At the start of the meal, offer a prayer.

4. Do without the television

- Once a week, do without the television for an evening.
- Use this quiet time to pray for the wellbeing of all people.



Lent: The 3 practices of Lent are prayer, fasting and alms giving.

Bishop Peter Comensoli reminds us of our obligations and the benefits derived from doing well chosen Lenten Penance as we prepare for the focal point of the Church's liturgical year, Easter. By choosing wisely, he states that Lent can become a time of many graces and growth in our relationship with God. Share God's mercy with others.

Days of Abstinence & Penance: Ash Wednesday & Good Friday—Fast (18–60 year olds) & Abstinence from meat for all over 14 (CCL 97, 1251-52).

Paschal Precept: The faithful are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, between Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Trinity Sunday (27th May), unless for a good reason it is done at another time; and to confess grave sins at least once a year.

At the back of the church today you will find two letters which you are invited to take home with you...

- ◆ *A letter from Bishop Peter entitled 'Lenten Penance' and the 2018 Lenten Message of His Holiness Pope Francis (incorrectly titled as the 2017 message)*

One of the beautiful faith traditions is the

Stational Mass

a special opportunity that offers a way to greater prayer with the universal Church during particular seasons throughout the year.

All parishioners are invited to gather and pray as one body on this graced journey to Easter. Please join us at one or all of the following Masses celebrated at 7.30pm by Bishop Peter:

20 February	St Patrick's, Gosford
27 February	Mary Immaculate Church, Manly
6 March	St Agatha's Church, Pennant Hills
13 March	Our Lady of the Rosary Church, The Entrance
22 March	St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge



Project Compassion: This year Caritas Australia celebrates a Just Future for all in conjunction with the Year of Youth. *"Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation"* - Pope Francis
Please take home a Project Compassion box. Through your generosity this Lent you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. The focus for Week 1 is on Janaki, Nepal



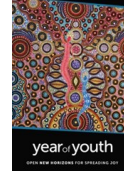
All Youth in our parish are warmly invited to

our first Youth Mass & Gathering on February 18 (Year 6 to 30 years).

It will be an opportunity to meet other youth in our Parish and come together in friendship and fun. So come along to the 6pm Mass followed by a gathering in the St Patrick's parish hall, Asquith for some dinner and intros!

It's Year of Youth this year so join us in discussing our plans for The Year of Youth Cross Pilgrimage and World Youth Day in Panama!

You can also come along to the World Youth Day Launch this Friday night at 6pm @ at the Light of Christ Hall Waitara. For more info you can contact me on michelle.chahine@dbb.org.au. Hope to see all of you soon!! Michelle.



Year of Youth 2018

Year of Youth Prayer

Come Holy Spirit of this Great Southland Inspire our entire faith community, As we prayerfully discern new horizons for spreading joy in the lives and communities of the People of God.

Come Holy Spirit of Youth Fill the hearts of young people with the hope and love of Jesus Christ. Enliven our community with the creativity, energy and joy of youth.

Guide us together, as we strive to offer God's mercy to those who feel abandoned or outcast.

Come Holy Spirit of Faith Empower our community to be courageous.

Unite your people as witnesses of love. Walk with us, as we blaze new trails of discipleship, Accompanying young people as we renew the Church together.

Come Holy Spirit of Vocation Stir within young people an awareness of God's call. Reveal to us the graces of young people. Guide us all, in finding our place and raising our voices to build a civilisation of love.

Amen

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, friend of the young, pray for us.



Children's Choir has begun its 2018 year with 10am Mass this weekend at St Patrick's.

This wonderful group of talented and committed young people sings twice a month during school terms, on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10am Mass. The Choir is made up of young people from Year 3 and older, from primary schools and high schools all over the parish. We practise every Friday during school terms at 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. The Choir always welcomes new members at any time of the year, but the beginning of the year is always a great time to join. Simply come to our next practice, or contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 if you need more information. Choir schedule is now available on the parish website, with more information and history.

Rehearsal for Senior Parish Choir will be held on Monday 12th February after 9am Mass at St Patrick's church. The Senior Parish Choir sings at the monthly Mass of Anointing each first Friday, and is privileged to provide musical and pastoral support for parish funerals. New members will be welcomed with open arms: all ages, but you do need to be available during the day. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

Musicians needed! If you love to sing, or if you can play a few chords on guitar or play keyboard a bit, we would love to hear from you. Did you make a New Year's resolution to try a new interest, or to learn a new skill, or to do something for your community? This is the opportunity you have been waiting for! Contact the parish office or talk to the musicians at any Mass about joining one of the groups in our parish music ministry. Contact the Parish Office for more details, or call Patricia Smith 9482 7935



ALPHA 2018~ Beginning Sunday 4 March

Begin your Alpha journey at Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Catholic Parish.

You're invited to a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Catholic Faith.

Come for a bite to eat, watch a video and have a chat and explore life's biggest questions with Alpha.

Alpha 2018 will be held at St Bernard's Parish Hall in Berowra starting on Sunday 4 March after the 9am Mass.

Join us for an informal morning tea and introduction to Alpha.

Then continuing every Monday night at 6.30pm on the following dates:

March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 9, 16, 21 (Day Retreat), 30; May 7, 14.

Alpha Team Training

Do you want to be part of the Ku-ring-gai Chase Alpha Team?

Alpha team training aims to develop teams with the skills to successfully run Alpha in local parishes. Come along and be part of the team, a great way to get involved in your community. See old friends and make new ones!

Alpha Team Training Days will be held on:

Saturday 17 February at Hornsby Cathedral Parish, 10.00am – 4.45pm

Alpha "Come and See" sessions will be held on: Saturday 17 February at Hornsby Cathedral Parish, 6.15pm – 8.30pm

These sessions give participants a taste of Alpha, and include a meal, video and discussion. They are ideal for anyone who would like to understand what Alpha is and to evaluate its possible effectiveness for your parish.

The above training will be presented by Lorraine McCarthy, the Alpha in a Catholic Context Coordinator in Australia.

Please register at faith.formation@dbb.org.au or call 9847 0474.

Catechist Connection

Welcome to the new School Term. We are calling on 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. You do have to get a Working with Children clearance, before you can enter the School, which is a simple exercise.

We are in urgent need of volunteers to cover vacancies in our Public School Scripture classes:

Hornsby Heights - Tuesday 1130 – 1210 & 1210 – 1250 (2 sessions) Kindy –

Teacher/Helper required

Berowra - Wednesday 0920 – 0945 Yrs 1/2 - Helper required

Wednesday 0920 – 0945 Yrs 3/4 - Helper required

Mt Colah - Wednesday 1130 – 1200 - Kindy - Teacher required

- Wednesday 1200 – 1230 - Year 2 - Teacher required

Hornsby North - Thursday 0915 – 0945 – Kindy - Teacher required

0915 – 0945 - Year 1 - Teacher required

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

To find out more about this opportunity, contact - Cynthia Gilbertson, Catechist Coordinator:

Tel: 9476 6215, OR call the Parish Office Tel: 9456 2450.



Date Claimer – Mark your diary today to come along and celebrate the

60th Anniversary of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Asquith on St Patrick's Day of course! 17 March 2018

Bishop Peter A Comensoli will preside at an open air Saturday Vigil Mass in the School grounds at 5pm



ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 17/18 Feb.—1st Sunday of Lent

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

Gen 9: 8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1: 12-15



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 Shiju Simon	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon
Acolyte/Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Vince Hughes	Malcolm Cross	Trevor McAdam	David Massa	Vince Sanchez
Server	Karina Bednarz Molly Summerhayes Adam Waite	Zinta Hartmann Alena Hartmann Jessica Wilson		Phillip Daidone Conor Collins	Isabella VanderSluys Sam Molloy Rachel Massa Adam Payne	Enzo Alarcon
Reader	Mark Dunkley Sophia Smith	Peter Collins Denise Harant	Les Fogden Penny Loughland	Christine Berman Nick Berman	Cherry De Guia Don De Guia	Ethleen Low Don Low
Children's Liturgy	February 18th 2018—Marta C-F		February 18th 2018—Paula T & Mary-Anne F			
Communion to Sick	Chichi Datoc, Michael O'Neill		Ellen Downey, Vincente Sanchez			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn & Annette Shapter, Marlene Maloney(f), Brenda Brooks(s)		Pat Smith, Alison Henson, Teresa Schneider, Ellen Downey, Marion Pahalawatta			
Maintenance	Teams A & B.		February: Peter Hourigan, Patrick Dias, Steven Fitzpatrick			
Counters	Genevieve Funk, Lyn Beacon, Luisa Gomez		Patrick O'Donoghue, Paula & Jim Hand, Fiona Henrisson			

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 Shiju Simon 9456 2450
Urgent sick calls Fr Shaju John 9456 7012 (Presbytery)
 Fr Shiju Simon 9476 8843 (Presbytery)
Nursing Home Visits By request
Emergency Priest 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only)
Clergy Days Off Fr Shaju John – Monday
 Fr Shiju Simon – Tuesday
Home Visits For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests
 Please phone the Pastoral Centre 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.

250 Club: Wk 7: 05/02/18: \$25.00: # 790

And the winner is: 'Unsubscribed'



LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

Events to Easter 2018

14 Feb.: Ash Wednesday

February/March: *The Light is on for You* - with Stations of the Cross & Reconciliation, SPA Friday evenings 7–8pm
 SBB 8.30am Fridays during Lent—Stations of the Cross
 SPA Lenten Reflection 'Lifted Up' Thursdays 7.30pm in hall
4 March: Alpha informal MT & intro. after 9am Mass @ SBB
 17 March: 60th Anniversary St Patrick's School Asquith.

1 April: Easter Sunday

ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:

Lenten Reflection Day, Mt St Benedict Pennant Hills 17 Feb 10-3.30pm.
 The Grail: Lent Program 2018 'Lament' Tues evenings Nth Sydney plus
 Reflection Mornings 2018 'Women of Vision' Tues mornings – Nth Sydney
 World Meeting of Families in Ireland – August 2018
 Pilgrimage to Greece with Fr Peter De Souza—Info Night 17.2.18 7pm @
 Hornsby Cathedral. Enq: 03 8562 2246
 Palms Australia are seeking volunteers (at Petersham Off.) - can you help?

We need to say Thank you to:

Francis Wong
 for his kind donation of a most beautiful *Thurible* for use at St Patrick's Asquith.
 And to
 Pat Smith & Malcolm Cross
 for training up 4 new Ministers of Holy Communion last Sunday.



February Safeguarding Message

Everyone is responsible for safeguarding. Ensuring safe environments, safe practices and adequate responses to any apparent or reported concerns from children or vulnerable adults is paramount.

The businesses below support our parish by advertising here. Please give them your support in turn.

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