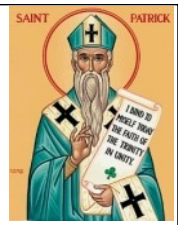


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Diocese of Broken Bay

13th January 2019

The Baptism of the Lord

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Jesus' Baptism is Ours © Fr Michael Tate

The heraldic symbol of the USA is an eagle, a magnificent aerial creature which soars high. The heraldic symbol of Jesus of Nazareth is not the soaring eagle, but the descending dove, hovering gently over humanity personified in Jesus in the waters of the Jordan River. **What did it mean for Jesus to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit in this way: hovering fluttering gently overhead in dove-like fashion?**

Jesus was a Jew and the Jewish people, in the very first lines of their scriptures (Genesis) imaged the Creative Spirit, the Divine Wind, hovering over the void in the prelude to creation. The experience of Jesus at his baptism would have reminded any Jew of that story. Something wonderfully creative was happening.

Humanity, the world, is being created afresh in the person of this Jesus of Nazareth. Jews would also remember the story of Noah's Ark, and how the end of the great flood of destructive waters was signalled by the return to the Ark of a dove bearing a twig of olive. It has become a symbol of restoration and peace ever since. The experience of Jesus is repeated in every baptism. At every Christian baptism, the Holy Spirit hovers over the baby, the teenager, the adult graciously descending into the soul, into the innermost depths of the person as a totally creative Divine Power. Improbably as it seems, you and I emerged as a new creation!

A new creation with a mission. At our baptisms we were given spiritual power to effect change in the world. It is the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit, but it is dove-power. When a person we know, or a situation we can influence, is threatened with drowning in destructive currents, we are to bring the twig of olive to that person, to that situation. That is the mission of the Christian, of the Church.

What was the second experience of Jesus at his baptism? The Heavenly Father's affirmation of who He was, and of the Father's delight in Him, sounded, reverberated, echoed through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul. **'You are my Beloved Son, my favour rests on you.'** Once again, it is the same in every baptism. Every baby, every teenager, every adult adopted in baptism hears:

'You are my beloved son, or you are my beloved daughter. My favour rests on you.'

The Divine affirmation and delight sounds, reverberates, echoes through every fibre of the body, every reach of the soul. Is it any wonder that, after such a powerful experience, Jesus commanded the same water ritual to incorporate his followers as his adopted brothers and sisters? It was from the Risen Lord that the Church received its mandate to: **'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'** (Notice that we are baptised into the One Name, not names. There is only one God. We are baptised into the One Triune God.) For almost two millennia, the Church has been carrying out the command of our Risen Lord. This Feast Day gives us a particular opportunity to remember this grace. But every time we enter a church, we get the opportunity to recall our baptism. We should dip our right hand in the font of Holy Water, sprinkling ourselves liberally (not just a dab) as we cover the whole of the top of our body with the sign of the Cross, repeating the words heard at our baptism: **'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'**

FAITH FAMILY FRIENDS

You're Invited

You're invited to join Fr Shiju for a 'cuppa and cake' after his final Mass at each of our Churches.

Please join us on

Saturday Vigil Mass, 5pm on 19 January 2019

at St Bernard's Berowra Heights and afterwards in the portico area

and / or Sunday Mass, 10am on 20 January 2019

at St Patrick's Asquith and afterwards in the courtyard.



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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)

January Office Hours



USUAL OFFICE HOURS will resume TOMORROW Monday 14 Jan. 2019 (9am to 3.30pm).

If you have left a message over the period the office was closed or operating on reduced hours, please be patient and the parish secretary will respond to your queries as quickly as possible.

REMEMBER: If in urgent need of a priest, the emergency number is: 0468 341 841.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 19/20 January—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

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

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



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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 Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John
Acolyte/Snr Server	Garth Graham	Denis Steiner	Mani Subramany	Malcolm Cross	David Massa	Vince Sanchez
Server	Karina Bednarz Liam Gallagher Adam Waite	Megan Chung Maddi Durnell Max Jarominek	Enzo Alarcon	Phillip Daidone Conor Collins	Chloe Starling Joshua Mitchell William Trist	
Reader	Mark Dunkley Francesca Parrino	Denise Harant Cristina Hopwood	Les Fogden Henning Schneider	Russell Schreiber Vivienne Schreiber	Mary Stokes Hayley Rodrigues	Sue Newnham Chris Newnham
Children's Liturgy	<i>In recess until February 2018</i>		<i>In recess until February 2018</i>			
Communion to Sick	Isabel Henson, Jane Hunter		Millie Wong, Cynthia Gilbertson			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Marlene Moloney(f), Chichi Datoc(s)		Marie Bright, Imm Lui, Jeanette Hester, Anthony Drake			
Maintenance	Both teams A & B		January: Brian Gleeson, Paul McLoughlin			
Counters	Pat Connor, Lyn Beacom		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

What's happening in Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish

Rosary After weekday Masses both Churches
Visit Housebound Fr Shaju & Fr Shiju - 9456 2450 **Nursing Home Visits:** By request
Emergency Priest 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only)
Clergy Days Off Fr Shaju – Monday Fr Shiju – Tuesday
Home Visits For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests—Please phone 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.

26 January: Australia Day // Republic Day India
250 Club Results drawn between Dec 20 and Jan 31 will be published in the 3rd February 2019 bulletin.

Are you travelling this New Year?
You are important to us and so we ask you to take special care when travelling over the New Year period. Enjoy your break, may it be relaxing and enjoyable but most of all please return to us safely.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Patricia Barton (Sr Paul); Berry Patterson, Esther Griffiths, Angelo Conte, Pedring Alvarado, Marcelino Cantuba. **ANNIVERSARIES:** Siew Kuan Wong, Wilson Long, Sylvia Holmes, Assunta Fraietta, Maria Lombardo, Eulalie Hailstone, Neil Mickelson, Deacon David Huntley, Bill McDonagh, Jack & Marie McNamara
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Paula McGaulley, Michael Quinn, June Eileen, Patricia Smith (Carlton), 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 Joson, 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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January: Evangelization –
 That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Safeguarding:
 Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is a practical living out of the baptismal vocation of every member of the Church to ensure the safety and well-being or those whom the Lord sets before us as those to whom the 'Kingdom of God belongs' (Mt 19:14)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

The 2nd Collection is ESSENTIAL for our PARISH to FUNCTION FINANCIALLY
 and goes to pay for all our costs, including insurance, maintenance, telecommunications, wages, pastoral programmes, church and office expenses, the Priests' cars & petrol etc etc.
The 1st Collection: goes to a common fund outside the Parish to support priests.

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

King Tide Café/Restaurant
 Owned and operated by our very own KCCP Parishioners
John & Moauli Griffiths
 Open 7 days from 8am to 4pm
 Come by Car by Boat or by Train
 Delicious food, fabulous service & exceptional views await YOU!
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