

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 15th December 2019 ~ Third Sunday of Advent, Yr A

Lord, come and save us.

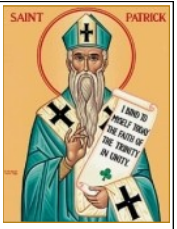
Is 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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'



Gaudete Sunday

The third candle is **pink** and symbolises joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is **pink** because rose is a liturgical colour for joy



Prayers for Lighting the Advent Candles 3rd Sunday of Advent

The Right Question © Fr Michael Tate

John was languishing in prison, held captive by the local agent of the Roman Empire. Perhaps he was looking for evidence that Jesus was the One who would throw off Roman despotism. In answer to his questing, Jesus replied that John should rather look at what was happening on the ground in His healing ministry and orientation to the poor. Those are the signs that the reign of God has begun.

I admire John the Baptist because he was prepared to seek and accept the answer to the question which was crucial to him, even though the answer might upset his preconceptions. He was a true seeker after Truth.

All our activities as a parish in building community, forming faith, serving the poor, participating in the liturgy, should be undertaken so that a seeker after Truth might see and hear the evidence of the presence and mission of the risen Lord Jesus Christ amongst us.

We could pause for a moment to simply pray in the spirit of Advent: 'Come, Lord Jesus' to satisfy the restlessness of the questing heart.

Celebrant: As the Shepherds did, we hasten with joy towards the birth of the Christ-child. We light the third candle, coloured **rose for joy**, and we pray for the spirit of repentance, to purify us in readiness for His coming.

Reader: Let the wilderness and the dry lands rejoice; let the wasteland exult and bloom.

Response: Come, Lord, fill us with the fire of your love.

Reader: Courage, be not afraid. Look your God is coming to save you.

Response: Come, Lord, fill us with the fire of your love.

Reader: He will exult over you with joy.

Response: Come, Lord, fill us with the fire of your love.

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.

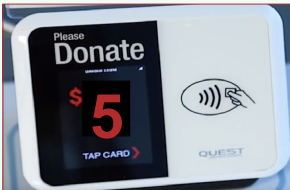
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Each of our machines are set to \$5 per tap.

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.



PASTORAL CENTRE

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Assistant Priest Fr Joy Thomas, 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	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)

**It's beginning to
look a lot like
Christmas ...**



This Week's: Readings
& Prayers

3rd week of Advent

Monday 16/12

Weekday, Mass of the day
Preface of Advent I
Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday 17/12

Weekday, Mass of the day
Preface of Advent II
Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday 18/12

Weekday, Mass of the day
Preface of Advent II
Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24

Thursday 19/12

Weekday, Mass of the day
Preface of Advent II
Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25

Friday 20/12

Weekday, Mass of the day
Preface of Advent II
Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday 21/12

Weekday, Mass of the day
Preface of Advent II
Song 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18;
Lk 1:39-45

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Colin Randazzo
(Father of Bishop Anthony),
Helen McKeon (Mother of Fr Jim),
Antonietta (Ann), Fr Barry Nobbs,
Noel & Martin Corrigan,
Ron Mahoney, James Kennelly

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eulalie Hailstone, Neil Mickelson,
Alison Hinton, Mary Treacy,
Assunta Fraietta, Maria Lombardo,
Deacon David Huntley, Ronald Bond,
Jack Van Pierce,

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 Sarks, Eve Davis (baby),
Penny Rigor, Rodney Porter,
Irena Fellmann, Jwona Nowak,
Elaine Longmuir, Paula McGauley,
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.

**Preparing our Churches for the arrival of a Very Special Baby
CHRISTMAS CLEANING BEE—Monday 23 December**

From 9.30am (general cleaners & maintenance) at both St Bernard's and St Patrick's.

Extra help is always needed and appreciated at this time and this year an extra clean needs to be done on the Monday to ensure all is tidy after the regular weekend Masses.



**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 your own cleaning paraphernalia.

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*



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MASS & CAROLS

at Regis Aged Care, Hornsby on Wednesday 18th December at 3pm.

If you find yourself free, please join our Regis parishioners for this special Christmas celebration of the Eucharist which will be followed by Carols and afternoon tea put on by the staff of Regis.



**This wonderful Ecumenical Christmas Event
IS THIS THURSDAY 19 December at: Warrina St Oval, Berowra**
(opposite our church carpark);
at: 5.30pm for the Pre-Show and at: 7.30pm for Carols.

Please join others from our local Church Communities If you can help on the night or for more information, please contact Kirsten on 0403 611 746. **O Come Let Us Adore Him**

**Pint-sized actors
needed for the
(Outdoor)
Christmas Eve
[Children's] Vigil
Mass 5pm**



**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.

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
**Friday 20/12, 10am-11am
Monday 23/12, 3pm-4pm**

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

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!**



Senior Choir will sing at Regis nursing home on Wednesday 18th December for a special Christmas Mass at 3pm. All welcome to come and sing carols after Mass.



Taizé-style prayer and music this Friday, 20th December, St Patrick's church, 7.30pm.

Rehearsal for Midnight Mass will follow the celebration of Reconciliation at St Patrick's on Wednesday evening, 18th December. Final rehearsal for this Mass @ 11pm before midnight Mass on 24th December.

Cherubs Choir and Children's Choir @ St Patrick's are both in recess now until the beginning of the 2020 school year. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

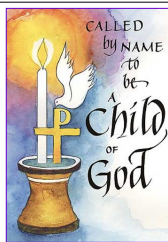


IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please note:
THURSDAY December 19
morning Mass at St Bernard's
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 Bernard's Primary School.
All are welcome to attend.



Gospel Reflection: John the Baptist is portrayed as fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah and others as the one who comes before the Lord preparing the way. He is a messenger, sent by God to 'do the groundwork' preparing the people for the coming of the Christ. ©Greg Sunter

Celebrating all Baptisms at KCCP from Advent 2018 ~ end of Year C 2019

In keeping with the work started by St John the Baptist, we celebrate with and pray for all who have been Baptised into our Catholic Faith Family across the last Liturgical Year.



Children's Liturgy @ KCCP - it's on - TODAY! Final chance for 2019!

Children's Liturgy is a great way for children to share in the Mass as the Liturgy of the Word is presented to the children at their level of understanding.

All children aged from 4 years old are invited to join us for Children's Liturgy at 9am Mass at St Bernard's and at 10am Mass at St Patrick's.
Children under 4 years are also welcome when accompanied by an adult.

Chad Abrahams	Isabella Donovan	Sophia	Matthew Neyari
Dallas Ali	Ellicia D'Souza	Howard-Browne	Christopher Nguyen
Hudson Andres	Noah Edwards	Jade Jeffers	Sebastian Patriarca
Michael Baica	Jack Edwards	Hamish Johnson	Arlo Reeves
Charlie Belshaw	Keisha Escuro	Maria Le	Alexander Rogers
Joseph Bonner	Grace Evans	Leonardo Lemalu	Fiona Schokman
Tala Bright	Tess Finlay	Abigail Madeira	Akeyla Sikanyika
Jakara Brougham	Adriana Finn	Blaise Mathew	Hailey Skinner
Zachary Bulan	Isabelle Firkins	Sophia Maynard	Oliver Sullivan
Sophia Byrne	Ava Gehani	Harper McKinnon	Agnes Tieu
Toby Chiha	James Goodrich	Oliver McKinnon	Rhys Timmouth
Min Yee Chin	Benji Graham	Indiana Monaco	Maisie Tozeland
Isabelle Condon	Austin Groves	Isaiah Mondon	Edward Way
Annika Cullen	Spencer Guest	Zara Morris	Nathan Way
Samuel Curry	Tiarna Guthrie	Parker Muirhead	Luca Whitton
Frederick Dixon	Stephen Hook	Ashleigh Muldoon	



The 2019 School Year is just about done and dusted. Where did the year disappear to?!

It's been a hot, stormy and smoke-filled final term of 2019 and we know all our students, parents, and teachers alike are in need of a well deserved rest. We take this opportunity to wish all students, parents and staff of our Parish Schools and State Schools visited by our Catechists, a Holy and Blessed Christmas and ask that the Good Lord blesses you abundantly in the New Year with health, happiness and increased faith. *For those travelling, please go carefully and return to us safely in 2020.*



Special Thanks and farewell to three of our Children's Choir members, Luke Massa, Helena Cullis and David Mooney who are leaving the Choir at the end of this year. These three extraordinary young people have been central to the Choir for many years, directing the Choir at Masses and at practices, and at this year's diocesan Choir Games, and mentoring and leading the younger singers. They are founding members of the parish Select Choir, forming the core of the bass and alto sections. All exceptional singers and outstanding leaders, we wish them every success in their musical careers and their future work, and thank them for the gift of time and talents they have generously shared with all of us in the parish.



Thank you so so much to the St Bernard's Berowra Hts and St Patrick's Asquith churches for your incredible generosity and support of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child this year. Some really special children will receive their gifts, but more importantly, will learn how much Jesus loves them. This year's shoeboxes will be going to The Philippines. Thank you everybody once again for your support. *Louise Dryden*



THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY BEROWRA CONFERENCE

St Vincent de Paul - Berowra conference, we would like to thank the St Bernard's Parish community for their very generous donations for the 2019 Christmas Appeal. Donations will be distributed to the families we are helping in the area from Berowra to Mooney Mooney. For those Parishioners who donated and requested receipts, they will be delivered to your post box. Thank you again for your generosity. *John Ryan, President, SVdP Berowra Conference.*



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



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CHRISTMAS CARDS & COLUMBAN CALENDARS are now available at **BOTH our churches,**

Calendars: only \$9.00, a great gift for family and friends! Assorted Religious themed **Christmas Cards: for sale at assorted prices.** Many thanks for your support.

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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.

You are invited.
McQuoin Park is a wonderful new retirement community in Wairoa. Join us for our morning tea every Wednesday at 10.30am. Come to view the floor plans and our village model and decide whether retirement living is for you.
35, Pacific Highway, Wairoa - entry via McAuley Place.
catholic healthcare

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND

21st/22nd Dec—**Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A**

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

Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



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 Shaju	Fr Joy	Fr Joy	Fr Shaju	Fr Shaju	Fr Joy
Acolyte/Snr Server	Garth Graham	Barbara McMullen	Mani Subramany	Malcolm Cross	Cristina Gomez	Darrin Patterson
Server	Suzie Thompson Tahlia Thompson Jake Williams	Bronte Tonkin Freya Tonkin Isaac Tonkin		More Altar Servers required, for many Masses — please contact Parish office	Madeleine Drake Chloe Thomas Jake D. Rionah Gonsalves	Reliable, committed Altar Servers required, for many Masses — please contact Parish office
Reader	Justin Berry Francesca Parrino	Peter Collins Peta Tonkin	Nuria Gonsalves Rionah Gonsalves	Dan Leavy Michael Halliday	Hayley Rodrigues Deborah de Voss	Sue Newnham Chris Newnham
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	Michael O'Neill		Malcolm Cross, Sue Host			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Cecilia Waite(f), Ning Biyo, Reese Nguyen, Peter Nguyen, Chichi Datoc(s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Rosemary Pendlebury 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	Genevieve Funk, Lyn Beacom, Luisa Gomez		Margot & Patrick O'Donoghue, Fiona Henrison, Col Gilbertson			

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.



We the people of the *Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay and in 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.

Position Vacant: Director of the Sacramental Ministry and Catechist Co-Coordinator (Community of Avalon) Catholic Parish of Pittwater. This role is a part-time position working 18 hours per week and is based in Mona Vale and Avalon. Applications should include a Cover Letter (including how your skills and experience align with the selection criteria—contact Pittwater Parish for details), current CV and Parish Priest Reference and be sent to: Fr Broniek Pietruszewicz SDS, Parish Priest, The Catholic Parish of Pittwater, 1 Keenan Street, MONA VALE NSW 2103, or email: office@pittwaterparish.org - Applications close on Friday 10 January 2020. The successful applicant will also be required to undergo pre-employment screening including WWCC verification

CCR NSW 2020 Retreat 18-19 January 2020
St Agatha's, Pennant Hills International Speaker: Michelle Moran. See noticeboard for more details

Seeking 2 x Female Flatmates: Graduate Female Student seeking 2 friendly mature female flatmates to share apartment in the Epping/Hornsby area close to train line. - Please contact me on 0432 982 535 for more info.

Week 3: /12/19 ~ Winning Number: TBA ~

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