

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

'Seek God. Find God. Embrace God in Jesus'

Diocese of Broken Bay ~15th March 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Lent - Year A

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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'



GOSPEL REFLECTION © Dianne Bergant CSA All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'? The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirstquenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

Dear Parishioners, For the last two weeks we have had a gentle message prominently placed on the front page of the bulletin about the use of the Chapel at St Patrick's and yet, sadly, the message does not seem to be getting through.

The Chapel at Saint Patrick's is NOT to be used during Holy Mass.

We have noticed that children (5-7yo!) are being allowed to climb over and swing off the Altar while parents talk during the Mass. Children are also throwing the kneeler cushions around the Chapel and chairs are moved from their positions and not put back. These actions and the resulting noise is very distracting to the priest who is facing the Chapel and can see all that is taking place! Most importantly they are blocking access to and creating trip hazards for the Communion Ministers to get the Eucharist from The Tabernacle.

The Chapel at Saint Patrick's is where the Tabernacle is situated; in other words where 'Christ is present in the Holy Eucharist'.

it should therefore be a place of reverence at all times and is reserved for quiet prayer and reflection before and after Mass only.

The 'crying' room on the school side of the church is available if absolutely needed, however, all parishioners should join together as part of the congregation in the main body of the church during Mass. Fr Shaju and Fr Joy.

Parish Pastoral Council Voting will take place this weekend. See inside for full details.

PASTORAL CENTRE

1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082 P.O. Box 335, Berowra Heights 2082 Phone: (02) 9456 2450 Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp 9am - 3.30pm. **Centre Hours:** Parish Priest Fr Shaju John, OSH Assistant Priest Fr Joy Thomas, OSH Margaret Cooper Parish Secretary Karen Price Bookkeeper Youth Ministry Co-ord. **Michelle Chahine**

School/Parish Liturgy L. Patricia Smith

Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



WEEKEND MASSES 5pm

6pm

8am

9am

6pm

10am

Saturday

Sunday

St Bernard's St Patrick's St Patrick's St Bernard's St Patrick's St Patrick's



25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftain of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill



him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland over 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, travelling and enduring much suffering, he died March 17, 461.

Mass of the Solemnity of St Patrick will be celebrated at 8am at St Bernard's and 9am at St Patrick's. The celebration at St Patrick's will be a whole school mass and all are very welcome to attend. **NB:** Mass of the Solemnity of St Joseph will be celebrated on Thursday 19 March, at the usual times at our churches.

Someone is having a Birthday TODAY !! Happy Birthday Fr Shaju May God's love and peace be with you always and his abundant blessings be upon your priestly ministry.



	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 Berr	nard's				
	10.30	am Adoration				
	11.00am Reconciliation					
	11.30	am Healing Mass				
First Friday –	St Patr	ick's				
	Night \	/igil 7.30pm				
	RECO	NCILIATION				
Every Saturday	9.30 a	m at St Patrick's				
Every Friday	After 9	am Mass at St Bernard's,				
	(except	First Friday—see above)				



THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Lent 3rd Week

Monday 16/03 Weekday, Mass of the day Preface of Lent I-IV 2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday-17/03 Mass of the Solemnity, Gloria, Creed, Preface of Holy Pastors Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13: 46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Wednesday18/03 Weekday, Mass of the day Preface of Lent I-IV Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday-19/03

Mass of the Solemnity, Gloria, Creed, Preface of St Joseph 2 Sam 7:4-5.12-14.16: Rom 4:13.16 -18,22;Mt 1:16,18-21,24 or Lk2:41-51

Friday-20/03

Weekday, Mass of the day Preface of Lent I-IV Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34 Saturday21/03

Weekday, Mass of the day Preface of Lent I-IV Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14

Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish Remembers & prayers for...

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Hanson, Peter O'Connell, Jillian Arthur, Win Colman (100 yrs young), Jimmy Fitzgerald. ANNIVERSARIES: Denis Mulligan, Araceli B. Padlan, Rosalinda de Ramos, Concepcion & Gesmundo Daria, Elde & Andrea Daria, Geoff Warren, Luz Turqueza, Eufemia TugadiRose Hayden, Neville Nicholson, Clem Salmon, Francis, Hilda & Terence Conlon, Dr Michael Way, Dr Frances Maung, Karen Fitzgerald, Bill Colman, Rita McEncroe, Wladek Pieprzyic, PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Patricia O'Malley, Alfredo R De Ramos, Marie Mickelson, Doug Hawkins,

Felicity Fone, Graeme Kachel, Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Eve Davis (baby), Penny Rigor, Rodney Porter, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann, 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, Kath Lock, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, John Macy, Tom Dawson, Narelle Cartwright, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr.



The Pope's Prayer Intention for March 2020: Catholics in China. We pray that the Church in China may

persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



Children's Liturgy TODAY at KCCP

We welcome all our little ones to Children's Liturgy today, Sunday 15th March at 9am & 10am Mass. All children aged from 4 years old are invited. (Children aged under 4 years are also welcome when accompanied by an adult).

We want to encourage more young families to join us, so please spread the word while our leaders spread the Word of God in a way our little ones can easily understand. Remaining Term 1 Dates: March 15; April 5.

9am Mass @ St Bernard's

Jackie Favaloro-Tod is co-ordinator for SBB and takes the 1st Sunday class Marta Chylewska-Fulton takes the 3rd Sunday class For more details contact Jackie on 0414 579 477 or the parish office.

10am Mass @ St Patrick's

Please sign your child in at the school/parish hall from 9.50am prior to the 10am Mass commencing. Liz Trist, Acting co-ordinator for SPA For more details please contact Liz via: lizzee27@hotmail.com

(Please see opposite page for appeal to find replacement coordinator/s for this vital ministry at Asquith)

Parish Pastoral Council Voting takes place this weekend.

Voting for the two remaining positions on the Parish Pastoral Council takes place this weekend. Each candidate was asked to provide a photograph of themselves and the title of their profession. Those who provided the requested details are below to help you recognise by sight (if not by name) those who are standing for election.

Photo's and names are on the ballot papers for voting purposes. Just reminding you, the ballot takes place this weekend ONLY and... in the interests of 'fair play and the Aussie way' it is requested that only adults (over 18's) cast a vote.

One Ballot ONLY per ADULT please

Michael Halliday (Chair of the PPC), Phil Daidone (Secretary of the PPC) and Fr Shaju will count the votes and the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be appointed and announced the weekend following the vote from the pulpit and in the bulletin.



Resea		rcher D&T & Sacristan at Mt St Benedict College				Engineer MIE Aust.	
	in	Berowra:		Friday's @ Asquith	7.30-8.30pm (Reconciliation follows Stations of the Cross)		
	KUUP	8.30am Friday mornings followed by Holy Mass, except the	20 March	7.30pm Stations of the Cross			
	2020	1st Friday of the month (6 March and 3 April) when		27 March	7.30pm Select Choir – Reflection 'The Way of the Cross'		
	Stations will be at 10am followed by Adoration then Anointing and Healing Mass		03 April	7.30pm Ta	.30pm Taize Evening and Night Vigil		

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Technical Support

Reconciliation Times during Lent: At our regular times of: Every Saturday 9.30 am at Asquith and Every Friday after 9am Mass at Berowra (except First Friday) Additional opportunities for Reconciliation: * 2nd Rite: Monday 30th March 7.30-8.30pm at Asquith. * Wednesday, Thursday, Friday after morning Mass on request.



Clinical

Lenten Reflection Programme 2020 Continues Thursday March 19 – Thursday April 2 inclusive These presentations of 25-minute videos by the renown teacher and theologian Bishop Robert Barron have again proven very popular.

Professional

The presentations are followed by a 30-minute group discussion on aspects of our baptismal incorporation into Christ. Please join us for all sessions or just when you can make a session.

Held Thursday evenings up to and including Thursday April 2 in St Patrick's Hall from: 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Tea, coffee, biscuits provided. Hope to see you there. Michael Halliday, PPC Chair.

Safeguarding 2020 Learning Hub for Parish employees and volunteers This week's topic -Understanding and supporting children and young people's participation. Read the article to learn more https://www.cpsltd.org.au/media/1216/211-nsw-acypunderstanding-supporting-children-young-peoplesparticipation.pdf

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Leadership, monitoring & improvement Standard 9 – The Parish regularly reviews and improves systems for keeping children safe Key Elements of Standard 9: *Regularly reviews and improves practices. *Analyses concerns and complaints to identify causes and potential system failures. *Reports of the findings of relevant reviews

PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE: The Latest Update (@ 5 March 2020)

Now, with confirmed cases of (COVID19) human to human transmission in the Greater Sydney area, Bishop Anthony has reviewed the instructions that he provided at both the end of January and the end of February. He now provides us with the following additional instruction proportionate to the current understanding of the coronavirus and the risks outlined by health authorities:

- Individuals should consider their own health, including any potential to infect others with a contagious disease, before attending a public liturgical celebration, and the manner by which they engage their participation in the celebration.
- **Holy Water** should be temporarily removed from stoups at the doors of churches to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus. Holy Water should continue to be available for people to take home.
- Parishes and other settings where liturgies are celebrated should make alcohol-based gels or rubs (or like products) available near entrances. Similar provisions should be considered for settings used for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Celebrants may exercise the option allowed in the Roman Rite for the inclusion of the Sign of the Peace in the Rite of Communion. If they choose the option for the Sign of Peace, individuals should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.
- **Parishes continue not to distribute Holy Communion from the Chalice** until further notice. *The Faithful should be reminded that Christ is fully present under either species.*
- All Ministers of Holy Communion should take particular care to wash their hands before and after distributing. Appropriate means should be made available.
- The Faithful shall still have the option of receiving Communion on the tongue until the situation is further reviewed, but Ministers of Communion should disinfect their hands afterwards and avoid contact with the palm of people's hands.
- The faithful who are too unwell to attend Sunday Mass whether due to coronavirus or some other condition or are at particular risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus can honour their Sunday obligation by participating in a time of prayer within the home, reading the Scriptures or watching Mass on television or online (http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand).

Bishop Anthony requests that our clergy communicate this relevant advice with the Faithful clearly and appropriately. When conducting services in hospitals and aged care facilities, as well as those who conduct pastoral visits to other settings, including people's homes, individuals should follow the advice of local health authorities. Should the situation change, Bishop Anthony will further review these instructions. With his deep appreciation for your ministry during this time, *Fr David Ranson VG*



Bernie's Ladies

is a social group for women of any age who attend St Bernard's Church. The goal of Bernie's Ladies is to build community at our church. Our function for term 1 and our first event for 2020 will be dinner on Saturday, April 4 from 7pm at Asquith Golf Club, Lord St Mt Colah.

As always please feel free to invite along your friends from our St Bernard's community. Please RSVP by Monday, March 30 to Genevieve Funk email: david@barnettsroad.com asap and *please* let me know if you would like a lift. *Gen*.

PROJECT Boxes are at the back of our churches and you are encouraged to take one home and with the spirit of "Almsgiving" to sacrifice the cost of something, such as a coffee a day or a pizza each week for those who may not even have clean drinking water.

Our Baptism for Older Children programme is about to start. Please contact Ellen on 9477 7180.

Plenary Council - Second Phase - Discernment: Plenary Council theme booklets are available at each church. Read about, explore & pray about the themes which emerged from the Listening Phase as we try to discern what the Holy Spirit is calling us to be. If you would like to form a group to contribute PlenaryCouncil2020

to discernment of these themes? Booklet with a discernment process is available to lead a group of 6-10 people.

Contact Sue Newnham - 0400300598; Jerome Gomez 0406 477 349; Jeanette Neary – 0413 003 064; Simone Noel – simone.noel7@gmail.com; or the Parish Office on 9454 2450. *Have you checked out the Plenary Council 2020 website lately?*

Updates: Listening and Dialogue report specific for Broken Bay. https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports/ Submitted communal discernment responses can now be viewed on the "Discernment" section of site - https:// plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/listening-and-discernment/discernment-submissions/. There is a limited timeframe, so now is time to get organised!



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING Father Michael McShane sj from Peter Canisius House

will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on **Thursday 19th March 2020—Mass at 6.30pm** followed by a light meal and short meeting afterwhich Fr Michael will speak to us on the topic "A Jesuit Vocation: Some Reflections". Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see". *Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices and the perseverance of existing vocations.* Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com to attend.

Children's Liturgy Coordinator for Asquith

Being the facilitator for the Children's Liturgy at SPA isn't a lifetime commitment! All we ask is you try it, and if it isn't for

you, we advertise again. You'll never, never know,

if you never have a go! Naturally, all who partake in a ministry involving children need to have a Working With Children Clearance, but don't worry, it isn't hard and it's free and the parish office can help!

Caretaker incumbent, Liz Trist can tell you all about the role. Please call the parish office on 9456 2450 to be put in touch with Liz as soon as possible.

Practice for Holy Week and Easter Vigil music at St Patrick's

this week, Tuesday 17th March, 7.30pm. Come and join fellow musicians to make this year's Triduum celebrations more outstanding than ever!

The Way of the Cross: a different approach to the Stations of the Cross led by the Select Choir and Children's Choir, Friday March 27th, 7.30pm at St Pat's church. Supper follows. Cherubs Choir: Practice is on Tuesdays in school terms from 8.15 to 8.45am in St Pat's church and sing at 10am Mass with the Children's Choir about once per month. Children's Choir practices every Friday during school terms from 4-5pm in St Patrick's church, and sings on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. New members welcome:

Children's Choir @ St Pat's:

Sing next on Sunday, 22nd March at 10am Mass, which is a Year One Family Mass. They will be joined by the Cherubs Choir for the first time this year. Our Cherubs Choir is for Kinder to Year 2 children who love to sing and want to live out their baptismal calling in service to their community. Children's Choir, for young people from Year 3 and older, offers roles of real responsibility to young people ready to exercise leadership in their parish community.

Enquiries on any of above please call Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

PRAISE Catholic Youth Broken Bay are kicking off their first diocesan event for the year,

Praisefest at MacKillop Catholic College. Come and join us for an evening of fun, a free BBQ, fellowship and an experience of energetic worship with a life-giving message. Date: Friday 20 March 2020

Date: Friday 20 March 2020 **Time:** 6pm to 9pm **Venue:** MacKillop Catholic College, 91 Sparks Rd, Warnervale.

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Reader	Mary Dorahy Francesca Parrino	School SRE arrange School SRE arrange	Miguel Do Rego Penny Loughland	Dan Leavy Sue Lum	Hayley Rodrigues Anne Perez	Ethleen Low Don Low		
Children's Liturgy 1st Sunday 5th April: Jackie Tod		1st Sunday 5th April: Phill Clarke, Pia Scott.						
Communion to Sick	Garth Graham		Ellen Downey, Vicente Sanchez					
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers Nguyen, Gwen Wood(s)			Lyn Vila, Leila Fowler, Cynthia Gilbertson, Editha Palmer, Yovana Castro Guerrero					
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