

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~16th February 2020 ~6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

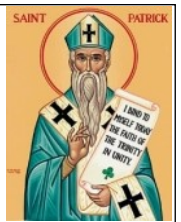
Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5: 17-37

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'



Truth-Telling © Fr Michael Tate

We have just heard the least observed command of Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. Referring to oaths he taught, 'Do not swear at all ... instead let your "yes" mean yes and your "no" mean no. Whatever goes beyond these simple words is from the Evil One.'

This is strong language.

Why does Our Lord say this?

In the same Sermon on the Mount, he teaches us the proper use of God's name: 'Our Father'. It is our privilege as adopted children of God to use God's name in that way.

The use of God's name for oath-swearing is an abuse.

Our Lord was trying to establish a new sort of society (The Kingdom) within which truth-telling was of paramount importance, where there is no two-tiered way of speaking the truth.

Truth telling should issue simply from the character of the person – the truthful person truthes.

We know this at the very private level of intimate relationships.

As a Church, we need to heed this passage and listen to the epistle of St James recalling this passage almost verbatim. (James 5:12-13)

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church herself heeds the Great Commission: 'Teach them to keep all that I have commanded you.' (Matthew 28:20)



Reflection © Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law. The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take.

Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life.

If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings.

We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

Lenten Reflection Programme 2020 - Thursday February 27 - Thursday April 2.

A classic characterization of Jesus is that He is priest, prophet, and king. As **priest**, he sanctifies, that is to say, he re-establishes the lost link between divinity and humanity; as **prophet**, he speaks and embodies the divine truth; and as **king**, He leads us on the right path, giving guidance to the human project. You might say that, as priest, He is the life; as prophet, He is the truth; and as king He is the way.

Not only is this triple office a rich way to way to designate who the baptised are theology, baptism is much more than merely a

It is the means by which a person is member of his mystical body.



characterize the Lord; it is also a very good supposed to be. According to Catholic symbolic sign of belonging to the church. incorporated into Christ, becoming a Baptism, accordingly,

makes the baptised an alter Christus, another Christ.

During the six weeks of Lent this year our parish will conduct a presentation of six 25-minute videos by the renown teacher and theologian Bishop Robert Barron. These presentations will be followed by a 30-minute group discussion session on aspects of our baptismal incorporation into Christ, as presented by Bishop Barron.

So, for each **Thursday** beginning **February 27** through to and including **Thursday April 2** you are invited to gather in St Patrick's Hall from: 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Looking forward to seeing you there. *Michael Halliday, PPC Chair.*

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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)

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS**

Ordinary Time Week 6 Year A

Monday 17/02

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

Tuesday-18/02

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

Wednesday-19/02

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
James 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday-20/02

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
James 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33

Friday-21/02

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
James 2:14-24,26; Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday-22/02

The Chair of St Peter, apostle
Mass of the Feast, Gloria
Preface of Apostles I
1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Denis (Jimmy) Fitzgerald, Anzelma Muzolf,
Jan Seage

ANNIVERSARIES:

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Marie Mickelson, Doug Hawkins,
Felicity Fone, Graeme Kachel,
Anna Nicholson, Antonio, Pat Bowden,
Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez,
Charles Abela, Elaine Estrellado,
Maureen Sharpe, 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 Josen, 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 &

*Please advise the office if names can be
deleted from the sick list*



**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.

Bi-monthly Mass at Regis this Wednesday

19 February at 10.15am



If you find yourself free, **please consider joining with our
'parishioners in care'** at Regis for the first
Anointing & Healing Mass at Regis Aged Care, Hornsby for 2020

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

Children's Liturgy TODAY at KCCP

We welcome all our little ones to Children's Liturgy today, Sunday 16th February 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.

**Term 1 Dates: Sundays at either church: SBB: 9am; SPA: 10am
March 1 & 15; April 5.**

**9am Mass
@ St Bernard's**

Jackie Favalaro-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)**



**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 has started 2020 with an influx of new members. It's fantastic to have new young people who want to contribute to their parish community and give something back, even from a very young age. It's not too late to join - the Choir welcomes new members from Year 3 up to the end of high school all year round. So if you have seasonal sport, or swimming lessons for the first half of the year, you can still come along when the season finishes and be part of the Choir.

Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays each month, and practises every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. All welcome!!

Cherubs Choir is for our youngest angels who would like to sing at Mass! Children in Kinder to Year 2 are invited to come and join this choir which sings at 10am Mass with the regular Children's Choir about once a month, after an initial training period. Cherubs practise on Tuesday mornings before school from 8.15 to 8.45am in St Patrick's church, and learn good singing skills and choir skills through games and exercises and singing and movement. If you're not sure, come and watch one of our practices 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 - Safer Internet Day – was on 11 February 2020. Standard 8 of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards addresses 'Safe physical and online environments'. To learn more about Safer Internet Day and online safety generally visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/safer-internet-day>

Position/s Vacant — Re-Advertised position

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR/s

wanted for the Asquith end of our parish and it needs to be filled **URGENTLY**

This position requires the organisational skills of one (or two parents). Current incumbents, **Deborah Wing and Louise Cosgrove**, have coordinated this ministry for 10 years which equates to 30 sacramental 'groups' !!

They sincerely wish to retire from this ministry, however, these lovely ladies promise to give the new coordinator/s their full support during a transition period.

Peta Tonkin is our **Berowra end coordinator** and will also be a great backstop for you and will work closely with you going forward. Keep in mind you can always call the office and speak to Father.

Contact the ladies via kccpsacraments@gmail.com OR Contact the parish office on 9456 2450.

Children's Liturgy Coordinator/s

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Essentially, this position requires the organisational skills of one, two, or more parents to rostering and to ensure other volunteers are available in teams of two on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month during school terms to facilitate Children's Liturgy at SPA. All who partake in this ministry need to have a Working With Children Check Clearance.

Caretaker incumbent, Liz Trist is looking for someone to take over this role.

Until recently this position was shared by Liz, Bec Daly and Lisa Lynch and we thank them for the time and commitment.

Again these ladies have held this role for some years and are looking to step back from the coordinator role. Contact the parish office on 9456 2450 to be put in touch with Liz.

FALLEN TREES IN CHURCH CARPARK @ ST BERNARD'S

Do you have a chainsaw? Would you like free firewood this winter?

If you answered 'yes' to these questions, there are a number of trees fallen in the carpark at St Bernard's that need removal. You would be saving the parish money (as well as yourself) if you are willing to put in the effort to chop them up. Available on a **first-in-best-dressed basis**, but we do ask that you

proceed with great care and attention to SAFETY FIRST.



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.**

BERNIE'S KNIGHTS

CALLING ALL YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENTS. JOIN OUR GREAT GROUP EVERY LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. STRUCTURED LESSONS AND ACTIVITIES / REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

AN EXPLORATION OF FAITH AND THE BIBLE WITH CASUAL LEARNING AND ENGAGING DISCUSSION

VENUE: ST BERNARD'S PARISH OFFICE
1-19 WOODCOURT RD BEROWRA HEIGHTS
TIME: 5-6:30PM
CONTACT: MICHELLE.CHAHINE@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

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.



Here it is, our very first Praisefest of the year! We are going to **MacKillop Catholic College** for this

one, over in **Warnervale**. It's going to be an awesome night of fun and worship so make sure you don't miss out! Word on the street has it there may also be a few special guests appearing there too...

(*cough* Bishop *cough, cough* Randazzo) **Date:** Friday 20th March, 6pm - 9pm **Location:** MacKillop Catholic College, Warnervale
RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2506522992999252/>

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 Hts.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 22nd/23rd February - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5: 38-48

	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 Joy	Fr Shaju	Fr Shaju	Fr Joy	Fr Joy	Fr Shaju
Acolyte/Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Alex Jarominek	Sandra Sparkes	Sue Lum	Cristina Gomez	Darrin Patterson
Server	Alex Rogers Molly Summerhayes	Max Jarominek Levi McLoughlin Matthius McLoughlin			Madeleine Drake Chloe Thomas Jake D Rionah Gonsalves	
Reader	John Ryan Sophia Smith	Peter Collins Clare McLoughlin	Celia Cox Paul Worthington	Dan Leavy Rosemary Pendlebury	Jo Quinlan Kaitlin Quinlan	Sue Newnham Chris Newnham
Children's Liturgy	3rd Sunday 16th Feb: Marta Chylewska-Fulton		3rd Sunday 16th Feb: Loretta R., Nicola D.			
Communion to Sick	Jane Hunter		Susie Gates, Sue Lum			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Cecilia Waite (f), Ning Biyo, Reese and Peter Nguyen, Chichi Datoc(s)		Pat Smith, Teresa Schneider, Ellen Downey, Marion Pahalawatta, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		February: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk			
Counters	Pat Connor, Lyn Beacom, Ruth Maher		Malcolm Cross, Jessie Long, Graham Palmer			

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 Reflection Programme 2020

each Thursday evening from February 27 to Thursday April 2 from 7.30-8.30pm in St Patrick's Hall, Asquith.

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

Social Justice "You are invited to join other parishioners in our Diocese at 2pm, Saturday 22nd February 2020 under the **SJ Around the Bay** banner at the rally for action on Climate Change, outside Sydney Town Hall."
Relics of St Therese of Lisieux tour: The Relics of St Therese and her parents Ss Louis and Zelig Martin, will be visiting Hornsby Cathedral Parish, Broken Bay on Saturday 7 March at 9.15am – Sunday 8 March at 7.15am. Please join Hornsby parishioners on **7th March for: 9.30am** Mass at Cathedral - **5pm** Vigil Mass at Cathedral followed by overnight Vigil.

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