

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 17th November 2019 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

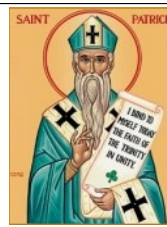
Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

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'



Sunday 17 November 2019 is World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis calls us to commemorate the third World day of the Poor. This year, the theme is **"the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever"** (PS 9:19), in which **"the Church in Australia is recognising volunteers who work to bring hope to those in need."** (ACBC Media Release Oct 2019)

Pope Francis calls us to commemorate the third World day of the Poor. In his 2019 World Day of the Poor message, Pope Francis reminds us that *"Before all else, the poor need God and his love, made visible by **"the saints next door"**, people who by the simplicity of their lives express clearly the power of Christian love. God uses any number of ways and countless means to reach people's hearts. Certainly, the poor come to us also because we give them food, but what they really need is more than our offer of a warm meal or a sandwich. The poor need our hands, to be lifted up; our hearts, to feel anew the warmth of affection; our presence, to overcome loneliness. In a word, they need love."*



Stephen Spielberg's film *A.I.* opens in the near future when couples are permitted only one child. Families also have robots, but the makers of these robots have not yet been able to get them to ape human feelings.

Professor Hobby develops David, a robotic boy who 'is able to love'. Hobby's question is, 'Will human beings love him back?'

Henry and Monica's only son is in danger of death. They are selected as David's first foster parents. They grow to love him until their son recovers and comes home. David is then abandoned, but he spends the rest of the film trying to regain the love he has known.

David is caught between being robotic and human because he develops a memory, at least he remembers what is like to be loved by Monica. Spielberg seems to argue strongly in this film that memory is ensoulment. It makes us who we are. It gives us our spirit, our human compass. The film's insight is important. It might be set in the future, but it is a commentary on the present debates about DNA recreation and cloning. Spielberg is right in as much as *A.I.* argues that we can never have a clone or copy of someone because each person is made up of his or her memories.

Memory is powerful. It is often one of the last faculties to go in the human brain. It can be so strong that decades after an event people can recall an experience as though it were yesterday. This recollection can bring back strong feelings, which makes us laugh at the pleasure or weep over an unhealed hurt.

As insightful as Spielberg's theology of the human person in *A.I.* may be, it is inadequate for Christians. We all know people who have limited or no memory and some, tragically, who since birth are unable to communicate whatever they can remember. For Stephen Spielberg these people could be less human than we are. But for Christians it doesn't matter if we remember or not, our soul or spirit is that which is alive to God's memory. We are privileged to know that God remembers us.

In today's Gospel the good thief simply asks Jesus to 'remember me'. And Jesus tells him that being remembered by God is paradise. It's a wonderful way to understand the Kingship of Christ. We know that Christ our King is not about earthly power, land, buildings, riches or might. We know Jesus' Kingship is not about lording it over us, or making us frightened of his compassionate judgment. The power of Christ the King is seen in his memory, holding every person in this world close; calling each one of us by name.

What a feast day! The final day of the church's year is when we remember the saving memory of God!

So in this Eucharist let's join our voice with all those who long for paradise and say, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.' © Richard Leonard SJ



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.

No Cash? No problem!

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.

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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)

This Week's Readings & Prayers

**33rd week Ordinary Time
Monday 18/11**

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57,
62-64; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday 19/11

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
2 Macc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday 20/11

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
2 Macc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday 21/11

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary ~ Mass of the Day
Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary I-II
1 Macc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

Friday 22/11

St Cecilia ~ Mass of the Saint
Preface of weekday or Saint
1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-59;
Lk: 19:45-48

Saturday 23/11

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
1 Macc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

James Kennelly Salvador Prado,
Marlene Brierley, Sheryl Sanchez
Reyes, Alistair Watts, Alan Fyfe,
Orlando Salucci

ANNIVERSARIES:

Patrick Porter, Paul Spooner, John &
Marie McNamara, Robert Martin,
Lesley White

**Please also pray for those recorded in
the Book of Remembrance**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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 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,
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: Francisco Family

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



**Pope's intention
for November:
Dialogue and
Reconciliation in the
Near East**

That a spirit of dialogue,
encounter and
reconciliation emerge in the
Near East, where diverse
religious communities
share their lives together.



Candela, Peru next weekend - November 23rd/24th at St Patrick's
and the following weekend - November 30th /Dec 1st at St Bernard's,
Mary Rajca will speak briefly about the work of the Sisters of Mercy
in the shanty town of Candela in Lima Peru.

Conditions in Candela are very difficult
but over the years your support has helped the families
live with dignity and feel positive about their futures.
The mothers are determined to provide a better life for their children.

After Masses at both churches there will be a sale of the goods that the women have made.
This is the women's only source of income. All money raised from the sale of the goods goes straight
back to the women so they can buy food, medicines, blankets and provide schooling for their children.

Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.



November is the Month of Remembering
Remembering all those who have been born to Eternal Life

The Month of November is traditionally the month in which
the Catholic Church remembers and prays for our departed loved ones
who have been called to Eternal Life.

It 'enables us to reconnect with all those whom we love, but who have died. As well, it invites us into
solidarity with the dead throughout history...' We also pray for those who have "gone before us marked
with the sign of faith".

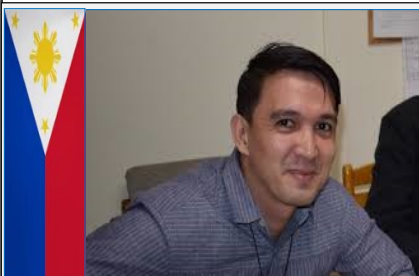
**During the Month of November you are requested to try to say
the following prayer daily:**

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

Parish VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING BBQ
Friday November 22, 2019

6 - 9pm, St Bernard's Berowra Heights Hall and grounds.

*We are looking forward to hosting this BBQ in
thanksgiving for all the wonderful volunteers at KCCP.
We don't know what we would do without
each and everyone of you.*



*We proudly present a
pictorial tribute to a
wonderful young man and
memorable parish event
held last Sunday evening,*



*when our Seminarian,
Aldrin Paulo Valdehueza,
was admitted to
Candidacy for Orders by
Bishop Anthony Randazzo.*



*Congratulations again
Aldrin
from your faith family
at
Ku-ring-gai Chase
Catholic Parish.*



Safeguarding: Month of November: Children and young people will be kept safe by
adults who treat them with care, respect and compassion.

**The Chalice for Asquith have been ordered
and we pray they will arrive in time for Christmas.**

Four slightly larger chalices have been ordered at a cost of \$280-300 per chalice AUD (depending on shipping).



Already, we have had the cost of one Chalice covered by a single generous benefactor



who wishes to remain anonymous but whom we thank all the same today. **Any** contributions (large or small)



toward offsetting the cost of the remaining three Chalices (plus shipping) would be truly appreciated.



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Anselam Lakra, Asst Priest, Holy Name Wahroonga will celebrate Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 21st November 2019. Commencing with Mass at 6.30pm a light meal and short meeting follows, after which a video by Fr Richard Leonard sj titled "Context is Everything" will be shown. Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see". *Please remember to pray every day for vocations to all forms of religious life and for the perseverance of existing vocations. More info. or to attend call: Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com*



Looking for a slightly more affordable way to support the good works of our parish?

Did you know our parish has a tradition of gifting

Year 6 students of our State Primary Schools with a Graduation Bible?

This is done with hearts full of hope that these students will always have a way to keep in touch with the Word of God as they enter High School, where sadly for many, their exposure to our faith (formed in their primary years by the generous work of our Catechists) will no longer be available to them.

This year we are gifting Bibles to 76 graduating students and just like last year, we are looking for parishioners to possibly contribute the \$14 cost of a single Bible.

If this is something which appeals to you, please give the office a call on 9456 2450.

NEW SERIES ABOUT TO START

Are you financial for the next series?

The New Series starts SOON with the first draw to take place on or about November 25. A reminder email / letter has been sent to those who need to pay for the upcoming series. To those who are not members in this long running and very successful parish fundraiser, it isn't too late to join!



Not sure if you are or aren't financial?

Give the office a call to check and ensure your chance of winning

THE BIG ONE!

NB: Payouts can only be made to financial members.

There are still blocks of numbers available and for a \$20 outlay (\$1 per week, payable in advance)

you have the chance of winning \$25 each week and one chance in every five weeks of winning \$500!

For questions or to get on board this simple, effective parish initiative please call the office on 9456 2450 and speak with Karen or Marg.



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 term 4 function and final event for 2019 will be

Dinner: Friday, December 6 from 7pm. Venue: Berowra RSL.

I thought it might be interesting to test their new menu, so I spoke to the new chef, who seems better able to cater for special dietary requirements than previous chefs. Please **RSVP by Monday, December 2** so a booking can be made and please let me know if you would like a lift. *Gen Funk.*

As always, please feel free to invite along your friends from our St Bernard's community.

Lost at 8am Mass 27 October: Sentimental one decade Rosary - Silver with Scapular Medal. If found please call Maria 0433 197 366



COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The 2020 calendar is now available at the back of

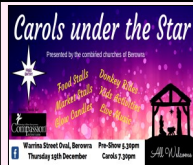
BOTH our churches, St Bernard's & St Patrick's for only **\$9.00**, which is cheap for a calendar of such quality and they make great gifts for family and friends! Please consider buying a calendar, or perhaps more than one, this year to help the mission effort.



Thank you to all parish musicians, singers and instrumentalists, who made our special Mass for our seminarian Aldrin's installation to candidacy so very special! Music is so important to every celebration, and last Sunday evening was spectacular!

Children's Choir @St Patrick's were a beautiful presence at our parish Mass of Remembrance last Sunday. The singing was very peaceful and uplifting. Thanks to our young directors, David, Luke and Helena, all high school students, who take turns to conduct the Children's Choir at Masses and practices, as well as leading by example by taking on cantor roles and singing alto and baritone parts. They do a wonderful job leading the singers and controlling the tone and the tempo to create a beautiful sound. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays each month, and practises every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. Singers from Year 3 and up welcome!

Cherubs Choir will be singing NEXT SUNDAY 24th November with the Children's Choir at 10am Mass, at the Kinder Family Mass. The Cherubs practise every Tuesday before school at 8.15 to 8.45am in St Patrick's church. This Choir is for children from Kinder to Year 2. Year 2 children will be able to join the regular Children's Choir in 2020! Enquiries on any of the above to: Patricia Smith 9482 7935.



This wonderful Ecumenical Christmas Event is not far away.

Please join others from our local Church Communities

on: Thursday 19 December at: Warrina St Oval, Berowra (opposite our church carpark); **at: 5.30pm for the Pre-Show** (featuring Fr Shaju as one of the Wise Kings); **and at: 7.30pm for Carols.**



Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child

Boxes can now be returned at St Bernard's and St Patrick's, but the final cut off date is December 1, 2019. Your support for this wonderful ministry will be greatly appreciated. Further information is available from Louise Dryden on 9456 1191 or mobile 0405 556887.

Parish Renewal and Revitalisation ... The Plenary Council 2020:

As you may already know, the Plenary Council 2020 will be held next year. The initial phase was Listening and Dialogue and from this six themes have been chosen for the Council to focus upon. The second phase is Listening and Discernment on these six themes and discuss ideas about what the future of our Church should look like. The six themes are: Open to conversion, renewal and reform;

A joyful, hope-filled and servant community; Humble, healing and merciful; Prayerful and Eucharistic; Inclusive, participatory and synodal; Missionary and evangelising.

Vinnies good works SVdP Society

In addition to the Columban Calendars described above, Asquith SVdP Conference once again have available **SVdP Christmas Cards.**

\$7.00 p/pack of 10 Christmas Cards.

Your purchase will go towards assisting those in need in our Parish and the Columban Missions. Please place money in the box provided. Many thanks for your support. *Les Fogden ~ 9476 4058.*

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 23rd/24th Nov—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Yr C

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

2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43



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 Jose

Fr Roni

Fr Shaju

Fr Shaju

Fr Shaju

Acolyte/Snr Server

Garth Graham

Michael O'Neill

Malcolm Cross

Bill Martin

Cristina Gomez

Darrin P

Server

Alex Rogers
Molly Summerhayes
Jake Williams

Max Jarominek
Preston Nguyen
Ella Noble

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Madeleine Drake
Chloe Thomas
Jake D
Rionah Gonsalves

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Reader

Jerome Gomez
Sophia Smith

Peter Collins
Cristina Hopwood

Celia Cox
Paul Worthington

Dan Leavy
Michael Halliday

Deborah de Voss
Mary Stokes

Ethleen Low
Don Low

Children's Liturgy

December 1st, 2019 – Jackie F-T.

December 1st, 2019 – Liz T & Tatiana F

Communion to Sick

Jane Hunter

Penny Loughland, Janette O'Brien

Sacristy Care/Church
Cleaning/Flowers

Cecilia Waite (f), Ning Biyo, Reese & Peter
Nguyen, Annette Shapter (s)

Scott Smith, Maria Hon (f), Winston Rodrigues, Paul Mathew, Antony Davis
MORE PEOPLE NEEDED for ALTAR SOCIETY 5 weekly ROSTER, please volunteer

Maintenance

Both teams A & B

November: Grace Millen, Milen Kurishingai, Patrick Dias **more VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Counters

Philip Turner, Mark Birrell, Peter Formby

Les Fogden, Alan Henson, Paul Worthington, Domingos Fernandes

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.

The 250 Club!

Week 19: 11/11/19 ~
Winning Number: 050 ~
Winner: Carl & Cecilia Waite ~ Amount: \$25.00

Hornsby Cathedral Parish invites you to their

Advent Reflection Evening
All are welcome to attend our this Advent Reflection Evening in preparation for Christmas which will be led by Fr John Frauenfelder.

OLOR Cathedral:

- ◆ Friday 29th November 7pm
 - ◆ Saturday 30th November 6.30pm
- RSVP to Cathedral Parish Office
phone: 8379 1700
by Wednesday 27th November.



Book of Remembrance

As in previous years a Book of Remembrance has been placed in each Church for the month of November. Envelopes are now available in both churches for your use. Please print names clearly and place your offering inside the envelope then place on either collection plate at Mass.

Faith Formation Team Leader Parish of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills Fulltime

The Catholic Parish of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills is seeking applications from interested and suitably qualified persons for the position of Faith Formation Team Leader.

To obtain more information about this role including how to apply, please email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications close 4pm Monday 9 December 2019.

The successful applicant will also be required to undergo pre-employment screening including WWCC verification.

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