



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay

17th November ~ Year B

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Seek God,
Find God,
Embrace God in Jesus'

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'.

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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

While Fr Biju is on leave (6 Nov—22 Nov) there will be **ONE Morning Mass only on weekdays**

St Patrick's 9am:
Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat
St Bernard's 9.15am: Wed ~ Fri

RECONCILIATION

Saturday After 9am Mass St Patrick's
Friday After 9.15am Mass St Bernard's

(Out of office hours **URGENT** only)
Emergency sick calls
0468 341 841

HOSPITAL ADMISSION:

If admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services.
Please, call the office if you would like our own priests to visit you in hospital.

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Angelic Swords of Light © Fr Michael Tate;

The first reading and the gospel speak of angels. So, so will I. What springs to mind? Have you ever seen those pictures of angels – like babies with delicate gossamer wings and usually with lots of pink and eggshell blue colouring?

How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue.

Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God's purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social.

God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scaled battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle?

The angels. Who are they?

Consider God's tremendous creativity, erupting the material world into existence, apparently billions of years ago: the giraffe, the stars, the platypus, you – and me!

Fantastic, but why should we limit God's creative imagination to variants on material existents? What about im-material beings, non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power, and like us, free to love or resist God's plan for the whole of creation?

Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side. Some are princes amongst the angelic beings who serve God. We hear of one in the first reading:

'... Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people.' Others are our individual, personal Guardian Angels.

Others are our individual, personal Guardian Angels, so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: 'Fight for me', and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel's way of serving God.

That is on the personal level. But, the same battle is being waged on the larger social and political scale. For whole societies and nations it can be as though the sun is darkened. There seems to be no source of light and energy giving hope.

And yet the central fact of our faith assures us that the darkening of the sun is not the last word.

We read elsewhere in the Gospels that when Jesus was crucified, done to death on the Cross, 'the Sun was darkened'. But, three days later, out of the inky blackness of the tomb Our Lord emerged victorious and his empty tomb was flanked by angelic figures.

That is what gives us confidence that the worldwide battle being waged by the forces of evil will not have the ultimate success.

Our Lord Jesus Christ with his angel-warriors, his swords of light led by Michael the Archangel, 'the great Prince who stands guard over your people', will have the final decisive victory for all peoples.

At the *end* of history, the Gospel tells us that our Lord Jesus Christ will require the angels to gather us in to the Heavenly Jerusalem.

In the *meantime*, let us engage in the battle of our earthly existence with confident hope. The good angels are on our side.

God the Creator, Sustainer, and Transformer of the Cosmos wields his Light-swords – for *us*.

Attention Parish Volunteers: It's time for us to ... THANK YOU
Please save the Date: Friday 29th November
6pm to 9pm at St Bernard's Berowra Heights.



It's that time of year again when the PPC/PFC and the few in the office get to **THANK YOU** ~ the many parish volunteers for all your acts of stewardship and ministry during 2024, so **PLEASE** accept our invitation to the Parish Volunteers Thanksgiving BBQ.

RSVP needed by FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER

[\[apologies for last weeks typo showing October\] to emailing parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au)

Anyone, rostered for a parish ministry or those who regularly volunteer are invited to join me for a 'Thanksgiving Games Evening' including a lovely dinner, dessert, soft drink and tea/coffee. This will be a family friendly evening so **no alcohol** will be served. We look forward to hearing from you.

'Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic parish acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.'

LIMITED PARKING!

Sundays only
in SPA school grounds



- Entry/Exit by vehicle and foot is via Royston Pde **ONLY**.

THIS WEEKEND ~ Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) November Appeal



The Diocese of Broken Bay now holds the Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) appeal across just two occasions being November and May.

Our quota levy this year it is set at \$30,778 making our target per appeal \$15,389.00.

If there is a shortfall from the Appeal, then the balance must be taken from parish funds which would otherwise be used for the benefit of the parish itself. The Appeal takes place THIS weekend at all Masses. Envelopes are available in the pews and can be placed on either collection plate at Mass.



Pope's intention for November:

For anyone who has lost a child ~ We pray

that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Monday 18/11

Rev 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday 19/11

Rev 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday 20/11

Rev 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday 21/11 ~ Memorial

The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Rev 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

Friday 22/11 ~ Memorial

St Cecilia, virgin, martyr

Rev 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday 23/11

Rev 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Leonard Edward Neal, Timothy Drayton

ANNIVERSARY: Patrick Porter, and all those recorded in our **Book of Remembrance**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Sandra Sparkes, Lyn Beacom, Warren Beacom, Kyung Ja Ku, Gina Ku, Louise Tong, Nora Carrigan, Paul Lam, Ruth Carlos, Ann Leslie, Barry Cox, Millie Wong, Sosefo Ali, Cita Del Rio, Pat Bowden, Vince Hughes, Georgina Hughes, Bill Holmes, Mary Burns, Chris Enright, Isabel Henson, Mary Mathew, Chichi Datoc, Philomena D'Souza, Patrick Dorahy, Rey Hilario, Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr), Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger.

Readings

First Reading Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
3. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!



Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Mark 13:28

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.'

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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The 250 Club! Week 17 ~ 11/11/24
Winning #: 226



**Amt: \$25.00 -
Winner: Unsubscribed**



Remembering all those who have been born to Eternal Life

November '... 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 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.



Our **Book of Remembrance** remains in each of our Churches during November. Please **print** names **clearly** on the November Mass envelope and place **on either plate** at any Mass. The names of your deceased family members and friends will be placed into the books on a weekly basis where they will be remembered in a special way during November Masses at both St Patrick's and St Bernard's.



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helping the parish 'Go'**

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eg Hosts, electricity, water, etc.*



Catechists Plea: For the children's sake, please don't let our plea fall on deaf ears. Without Catechists to teach them, some children won't know that God exists. The precious gift of faith in God and the knowledge of God is given to every child in the Public School system, by Catechists in our Parish, but sadly we don't have enough Catechists. Many people sit back and wait for others to volunteer or say "I couldn't do that, it isn't for me".



But how do you know what you are capable of if you haven't even tried!

All lessons are prepared for you. They are simple and training is provided.

Can you help us to help them?? We need five more Catechists and at least five standby catechists. Standby catechists will be required when a catechist is ill or on holidays.

Please ring the Parish Office 9456 2450 for more details.

If Jesus called you today, which button would you press??



SAVE THE DATE ~ Bernie's Ladies final event for 2024

Our event for Term 4 will be a morning tea.

Please mark your diary to join us

On: **Sunday November 24 @ 11am** At: **Savvy Coffee (*)**

Location: **381 Pacific Highway, Asquith.**

Please **RSVP** your intention to come along by **Wednesday November 20** to Gen at david@barnettsroad.com or call her on **0418 866 250.**

As always, the ladies of St Bernard's warmly extend this invitation to ALL ladies from St Pat's to please join us.

The goal of Bernie's Ladies is to build community at our church, you'll be warmly welcomed, please come along.

(*) Savvy Coffee is a new and valued supporter of our parish bulletin (see back page).

SUNDAY November 24 after 10am Mass there will be a Cake Stall run by the Children's Choir.

Monies raised go to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. **Don't miss out!**

Could you help by baking or cooking something? Cake, Slice, Quiche, jam maybe?

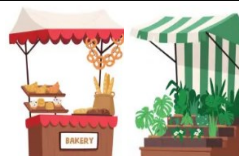
Please write ingredients on the box (to accommodate allergies) and wrap your offering.

But please ... NO NUTS!



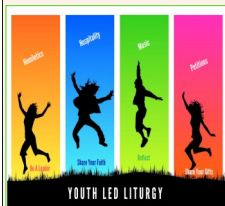
St Patrick's Primary School P&F Twilight Market Saturday 16th November ~ 6:30pm - 8:30pm ~ school grounds.

St Pat's P&F are inviting all parishioners and families of KCCP to this mini-event where we can come together as a community and have some fun before the year is out.



This will be a simple market offering craft stalls, entertainment, food options and activities for the children.

Please come along and support the markets, between 6:30pm - 8:30pm and making a purchase (or six lol!) ~ remember Christmas is just around the corner!!



YOUTH GROUP: THIS Sunday 17th November after 6pm Mass till 8.30pm @ St Pat's Asquith ~ Open to all youth Yr 9 to young adult (20yo).

We will share food, games, music, social time, a short Alpha video for discussion and finish up with a prayer. All youth are warmly invited – please bring a friend! Parents and grandparents might like to encourage their young ones to try it out. To get involved or for more info, please email Deacon Adrian at adrian.gomez.youthministry@gmail.com

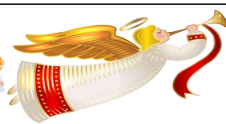
Pastoral Discernment North Shore ~ Have you participated yet?

All are invited to participate in the next gathering, the **CONVERSATION FORUM**, on **7 December**, commencing with light refreshments at 11:30am in St Agatha's Hall Pennant Hills.

This important gathering will provide an opportunity for everyone to hear a summary of the voices gathered during the local Consultation Forums and engage further in meaningful dialogue.

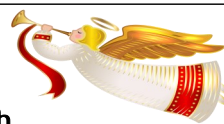
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CAROLS EVENING

Thursday 19th December, 7.30pm, St Patrick's Church, Asquith



Save the Date! Our whole parish Carols evening will be here in two shakes of a reindeers tail and it's not to be missed! We would like as many parishioners as possible to come **from both ends of the parish**, to be united in solidarity and love of Our Lord and our one true faith. More info will follow closer to the big day.

Red Wednesday Mass for Persecuted Christians



20 November 7pm Our Lady of Dolours, 94 Archer St, Chatswood Celebrant: Bishop Anthony

Across the world, many Christians face persecution for their faith, enduring hardship and risking their lives to follow Christ. This Mass with Bishop Anthony Randazzo is a time for us to come together in prayer, showing solidarity and support for our brothers and sisters who courageously live their faith despite the challenges they encounter. Join us as we lift them up in prayer and strengthen our global Christian family.



Thank you so very, very much!

Your generosity and consideration of those less fortunate at Christmas time, will this year see

1,382 children receive a Christmas shoebox!!

May The Lord of us all, bless you now and always, Louise Dryden.



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

Thinking about joining us? There's no better time to start than now, especially with exciting events leading up to Christmas! If you're in Year 3 or above, come practice with us on school term Fridays from 4—5pm at St. Pat's Church. We sing at the 10am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Need more info? Chat with Patricia Smith at 9482 7935 or email us at stpatcschoir@gmail.com



Carols under the Star 2024 is on

Thursday 5 December.

Pre-show activities 5.30pm, Carol show begins 7pm.

This annual open air combined Churches of Berowra event is wonderful and well supported by the community. It is held at Warringa St Oval, Berowra.

Save the date! 5 Dec 2024. You won't be disappointed.

Rosters & Readings for W/kend – 23rd/24th Nov. 2024 – Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE – Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Garth Graham	Barbara McMullen	Mani Subramany	John Messina	Malcolm Cross	Vicente Sanchez
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Martha Askew Piper Thompson	Sophia Cottrell Verity Hartmann	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Darius Ali Volunteer now	Oscar Braga Mia Nguyen	Anamaria De-Fina Volunteer now
Reader (1)	Donna Machado	Zinta Hartmann	Hayley Rodrigues	Vivienne Schreiber	SPA(1) School REC(1)	David De-Fina
Reader (2)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Alena Hartmann	Sue Watts	Russel Schreiber	SPA(2) School REC(2)	Les Fogden
Sacristy / Cleaning / Flowers	Cora Marques (f), Annette Shapter (s) (help urgently needed & appreciated)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith- (help always needed & appreciated)			
Maintenance	Team A & B - (help always needed & appreciated)		November: Luke Massa, David Mooney - (help always needed & appreciated)			

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*.

Parish Planner ~ November to December 2024

	Date	Time	Event	Location	
NOV	Sat 23 November	6pm	Mass	St Cecilia Celebration (all musicians of parish attending this Mass)	
	Sun 24 November	after 10am	Mass	Children's Choir Vinnies Cake Stall	
	Fri 29 November	6pm		Volunteers Thanksgiving Dinner	
DEC	Fri 6 December	3pm		Blessing of the boats followed by fish and chips on the shore	
	Wed, 18 December	7:30pm		Second Rite of Reconciliation (Christmas)	
	Thurs 19 December	7:30pm		Whole Parish Carol Evening	
	Tues 24 December	5pm		Christmas Eve Mass (outdoor, weather permitting)	St Bernard's Berowra Hts
		6pm & 9pm		Christmas Eve Mass	St Patrick's Asquith
		12am		Midnight Mass	St Patrick's Asquith
Wed 25 December	8am & 10am 9am		Christmas Day Mass Christmas Day Mass	St Patrick's Asquith St Bernard's Berowra Hts	



Our parish musicians will come together at the 6pm Vigil Mass on Sat. 23 November to honour St Cecilia ~ Patron saint of Music (actual Feast date 22 Nov.).

It promises to be a beautiful celebration so, please, consider joining us.



Over time all things begin to 'wear' and this includes the Chasubles our priests 'wear'.

I would like to start replacing the Green and White Chasubles soon and then consider replacing the remaining colours if funding permits. My thanks once again for your generous consideration of this request. **Fr Biju.**



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