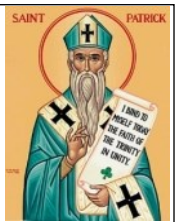


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Diocese of Broken Bay

18th February 2018

1st Sunday of Lent

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Gen 9: 8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1: 12-15



Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture.

Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. ... Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfilment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent **40 days in the desert** is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. ... we also set aside **40 days for the season of Lent**.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks the beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; ... In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

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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

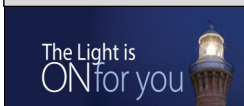
### WEEKDAY MASSES

St Bernard's 8am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
9am Wednesday,  
9.10 am Friday  
First Friday-  
St Bernard's 10.30am Adoration  
11.00am Reconciliation  
11.30am Healing Mass  
St Patrick's 8am Wednesday and Friday  
9am Monday, Tuesday, Thurs, Sat.

### RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 9.30 am at St Patrick's  
Every Friday After 9.10am Mass at St Bernard's,  
(except First Friday—see above)

### PROGRAMMES on offer @ KCCP during LENT 2018



### The Light is On for You

Lent offers us a privileged time to reflect on our faith and reorient ourselves more closely towards God. This year, our parish, along with other parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay, is taking part in The Light is On, where every Friday evening during Lent, churches will be open for quiet time and prayer, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available. Our Church at Asquith will be open from 7pm—8pm, and you are invited to make space to spend this time with God and to allow God's light to enter the circumstances of your life in a new way this Lent.

Our programme at St Patrick's Church follows and you are welcome to join us:

Friday	7-8pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
16 February	Stations of the Cross / Adoration / Silent Prayer
23 February	Water, Fire and Oil— reflective spaces for self-guided meditation, with exposition
2 March	Stations of the Cross / Adoration / Silent Prayer
9 March	24 Hours for the Lord - praise & worship, with music, intercessory prayer, Rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet
16 March	Taize Prayer evening— guided prayer and meditation with music from Taize
23 March	The Passion according to Mark— journey from the Last Supper to the Crucifixion in Scripture, with music presented by Select Choir

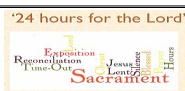


Lenten Reflection programme 'Lifted Up' will be held every Thursday evening during Lent. See inside page for full details.



### Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Bernard's Berowra Heights:

8.30am every Friday morning followed by Holy Mass, except the 1st Friday of the month when Stations will be at 10.30am followed by Adoration then Anointing and Healing Mass.



### '24 Hours for the Lord' at St Patrick's Asquith 9-10 March 2018

The Holy Father has called us to celebrate '24 Hours for the Lord' on 9-10 March. Commencing Fri March 9 with 8am Mass & concluding Sat March 10 with 9am Mass.



### February Safeguarding Message

Everyone is responsible for safeguarding. Ensuring safe environments, safe practices and adequate responses to any apparent or reported concerns from children or vulnerable adults is paramount.



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February ~ Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS  
and PRAYERS**

**1st Week of Lent Year B**

**Monday 19/02**

Weekday, 1st week of Lent  
Mass of the day, Preface of Lent I-IV  
Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday**

Weekday, 1st week of Lent  
Mass of the day, Preface of Lent I-IV  
Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday**

Weekday, 1st week of Lent  
Mass of the day, Preface of Lent I-IV  
Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32;

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

Weekday, 1st week of Lent  
Mass of the day, Preface of Lent I-IV  
Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday**

Weekday, 1st week of Lent  
Mass of the day, Preface of Lent I-IV  
Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

**Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish  
REMEMBERS and PRAYS for....**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Nini Hilario Bagawisan,  
Des Randall, Myrna Rodriguez,  
Nanay Gloria C Gaytano, Jake  
Concepcion, Josefina Filart  
Cabusora, Phillip Dryden,  
Miranda Parbury

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Neville Nicholson, Dr Michael  
Way, Dr Frances Mg,  
Patrick Gomez, Joseph Manuel  
Gomez, Saloma Mary Gomez,  
John McIver, Mary & Frank Jack,  
Kevin Harant, Agusta Long, Siew  
Kuan Wong, Yoke Thye Long,  
Shirley Gan, Siew Sang Gan, Soon  
Kong Tham, Wona Kip, James  
Lindsay Henrison,

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Edwina Subramany, Betty Borg,  
Aiko Concepcion, John Messina,  
Darcy Green, Brian Neary, Ellen  
Asistente, Alfredo De Ramos,  
Marcelina De Ramos,  
Patricia Pascuzzo, Sam Calacoci,  
Matthew Conlon, Vince Hughes,  
Ivy Daria, John Buckley, Kath  
Lock, Narelle Cartwright, Arlene  
Joson, Dn Jim Caulfield, Mary  
Fernandes, John Macy, Maciej  
Maciejewski, Matthew Sutton,  
Patricia Sanders, Monique  
Leyden, Barbara Jones, Robert  
Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, Alfredo  
De Ramos Sr, Barbara &  
Frederick Novak, Cadia Maestri,  
Tom & Moya.

Please Note: Names on our prayer lists  
are deleted at the end of each month,  
unless you notify the pastoral centre.

*Lifted Up*



**New Lenten Resource 2018**

This year the Diocese has provided parishes with a Lenten resource entitled **Lifted Up**, which includes reflections by Rev Dr David Ranson, Ashleigh Green, and Most Rev David Walker.

In our parish an opportunity is provided for you to join with other parishioners to use this resource as you prayerfully and meditatively reflect on the Sunday Lenten readings in preparation for the Easter mystery.

**Please consider joining us...**

**Where:** Fr Pat McMaugh Hall, in the grounds of St Patrick's School, Asquith

**When:** Thursday evenings of Lent, February 22, March 1, 8, 15 & 22

**Time:** 7.30pm

**It isn't too late to join !**

**Please join us whenever you can and prepare yourself to be *Lifted Up* at Easter.**

Or, if you prefer, you may use the booklet as a 'personal guidance' tool and undertake the programme privately. **Booklets are available from the back of each church today.**

One of the beautiful faith traditions is the **Stational Mass**, a special opportunity that offers a way to greater prayer with the universal Church during particular seasons throughout the year. All parishioners are invited to gather and pray as one body on this graced journey to Easter. Please join us at one or all of the following Masses celebrated at 7.30pm by Bishop Peter:

- 20 February ~ St Patrick's, Gosford
- 27 February ~ Mary Immaculate Church, Manly
- 6 March ~ St Agatha's Church, Pennant Hills
- 13 March ~ Our Lady of the Rosary Church, The Entrance
- 22 March ~ St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge



**Lent: The 3 practices of Lent are prayer, fasting and alms giving.**

Bishop Peter Comensoli reminds us of our obligations and the benefits derived from doing well chosen Lenten Penance as we prepare for the focal point of the Church's liturgical year, Easter. By choosing wisely, he states that Lent can become a time of many graces and growth in our relationship with God. Share God's mercy with others.

**Paschal Precept:** The faithful are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, between Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Trinity Sunday (27th May), unless for a good reason it is done at another time; and to confess grave sins at least once a year.



**Project Compassion:** This year Caritas Australia celebrates a Just Future for all in conjunction with the Year of Youth. *"Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation"* - Pope Francis

Please take home a Project Compassion box. Through your generosity this Lent you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. The focus for Week 1 is on Janaki, Nepal



**Catechist Sunday in KCCP - Sunday 25th February 2018**

Catechist Sunday is an annual event in the CCD Calendar originating in 1935 when the Vatican published a document, *On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education*.

As catechists begin another year of teaching Special Religious Education (SRE) to Catholic children who attend public schools in the parish, let us give thanks for their ministry and pray for their work that it will bear fruit in the hearts and minds of the children and their families.

The ministry of SRE in parishes is a tangible expression of Parish 'evangelisation'.

We invite all Catechists and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the Atrium at St Bernard's to attend **10 am Mass at St Patrick's, Asquith**, for our Special Blessing and renewal of our Promise, followed by Coffee Corner. Please bring a plate to share. *Cynthia Gilbertson*, Catechist Coordinator



**ALPHA 2018~ Beginning Sunday 4 March 2018**

Begin your Alpha journey at Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Catholic Parish.

You're invited to a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Catholic Faith. Come for a bite to eat, watch a video and have a chat and explore life's biggest questions with Alpha.

**Alpha 2018 will be held at St Bernard's Parish Hall in Berowra starting on Sunday 4 March after the 9am Mass.**

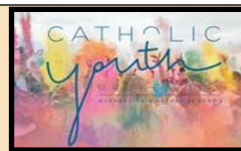
Join us for an informal morning tea and introduction to Alpha.

Then continuing every Monday night at 6.30pm on the following dates:

March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 9, 16, 21 (Day Retreat), 30; May 7, 14.



*All Youth in our parish  
(Year 6 ~ to ~ 30 years)  
are warmly invited to*



**Year of Youth Prayer**

**our first Youth Mass & Gathering**

**for 2018 is this Sunday February 18 at 6pm**

It will be an opportunity to meet other youth in our Parish and come together in friendship and fun. So come along to the **6pm Mass followed by a gathering in St Patrick's parish hall, Asquith for some dinner and intros!**

It's Year of Youth this year so join us in discussing our plans for The Year of Youth Cross Pilgrimage and World Youth Day in Panama! For more info contact me on [michelle.chahine@dbb.org.au](mailto:michelle.chahine@dbb.org.au). *Hope to see all of you soon!! Michelle.*



**Children's Choir** is welcoming new members at the start of the 2018 school year. Any young person from Year 3 and up from any school in the parish, including high schools, can join at any time. Children's Choir is a great way for young people in our parish to participate in an active, fun way that they know is truly appreciated.

*In this Year of Youth, think about what your child may be called to in the future, and what a great groundwork this activity, which gives so much back to the community, could be.*

Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month during school terms, and practises every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. To join, simply come to our next practice. **Cantor Training** for young singers will be held over the next five weeks on Fridays at 3.15pm to 4pm in St Patrick's church. Any young singer from Year 4 or above can become a cantor. First session: Friday 23rd February. Please RSVP to parish office or call Patricia Smith (see below).

**Senior Parish Choir** will be singing at the monthly Mass of Anointing on Friday 2nd March at 11.30am. Calendar Note: Next rehearsal of Senior Choir will be held on Monday 12th March at 9.30am in St Patrick's church. *For details on the above please contact Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.*

Come Holy Spirit of this Great Southland. Inspire our entire faith community, as we prayerfully discern new horizons for spreading joy in the lives and communities of the People of God.

Come Holy Spirit of Youth. Fill the hearts of young people with the hope and love of Jesus Christ. Enliven our community with the creativity, energy and joy of youth. Guide us together, as we strive to offer God's mercy to those who feel abandoned or outcast.

Come Holy Spirit of Faith. Empower our community to be courageous. Unite your people as witnesses of love. Walk with us, as we blaze new trails of discipleship, accompanying young people as we renew the Church together.

Come Holy Spirit of Vocation. Stir within young people an awareness of God's call. Reveal to us the graces of young people. Guide us all, in finding our place and raising our voices to build a civilisation of love.

Amen

**Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, friend of the young, pray for us.**

**Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish and St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Asquith**  
Invite all parishioners of Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish  
To the 60th Anniversary Celebrations of St Patrick's School on Saturday, 17 March 2018

Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli will preside at an outdoor Mass commencing at 5.00pm.



Following Mass, classrooms will be open with a display of memorabilia and a BBQ dinner.

Please RSVP by Friday 1 March 2018 to the School Office  
email: [spa@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spa@dbb.catholic.edu.au) Phone: 02 9477 3800

**WE NEED FOSTER CARERS**



There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to imagine and without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family. There are families too who struggle daily, and as a result face the prospect of short and even long-term separation from their children.

**CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay is looking for everyday families who might consider taking a child or young person into their home - to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term.**

If you have space in your home and room in your heart, please reach out now. Our next information evening is Wednesday 28 February 6.00pm Suite 1, 32 Central Coast Highway, West Gosford

**RSVP to CatholicCare Foster Care P: (02) 4320 7700**

E: [hayley.quist-cullen@catholiccaredbb.org.au](mailto:hayley.quist-cullen@catholiccaredbb.org.au) W: [catholiccaredbb.org.au](http://catholiccaredbb.org.au)



**'LinC Hornsby – serving the community**  
'LinC Hornsby' is part of a national network of volunteers from local Christian churches working together to show "Love In the Name of Christ" in our community.

LinC arranges transport to medical appointments, shopping during recuperation and/or regular contact by telephone for a chat. It also operates a free "Tea at the Courthouse" on Tues and Thurs mornings at Hornsby Courthouse.

**Can You help LinC?**

More volunteers are needed, especially transport drivers (using your own car) and help with serving 'tea' at Hornsby Court House. If you can offer a couple of hours 1-2 times a month please contact the LinC office on 9476 3134 10am to 12md, Mon-Fri or email [linchornsby@gmail.com](mailto:linchornsby@gmail.com)  
Enquiries: Kerry Wills  
0459759306

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT: (Paul Cramsie) Electoral Bill Will Silence Charities**

The St Vincent de Paul Society has warned that the Federal Government's Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform Bill poses a threat to social advocacy and democratic debate. In its briefing notes on the issue, the society says that because it comments on issues such as homelessness, low levels of allowances and pensions, low wages, refugees and asylum seekers, electricity costs and a host of other subjects, the costs associated with making these comments would be deemed political expenditure.

This means that the Society, and most other charities, will be subject to a host of reporting requirements. They say: "The ultimate effect for charities will be a set of complex, cumbersome and costly administrative requirements. This will force many charities to divert resources away from frontline services and advocacy. For some charities, it may also have a "chilling" effect, deterring them from speaking out about injustices in order to avoid the onerous administrative costs that such advocacy would incur." The society asks "you to speak to your local member of Parliament and let them know that you do not want the voices of charities to be muffled." More info: [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

# ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 24/25 Feb.—2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9: 2-10



KU-RING-GAI CHASE  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

	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 Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John
Acolyte/Snr Server	Garth Graham	Barbara McMullen	Sandra Sparkes	Sue Lum	John Messina	Malcolm Cross
Server	Blayde Arthur Preston Nguyen Alex Rogers	Megan Chung Josh Du Moulin Maddi Durnell	Jessica Pennings	Max Pryor Brandon Lukich-Young Jimmy O'Connor	Lucy Triantafilis Madeleine Drake Chloe Thomas Jake D	Ellen Rawsthorn
Reader	Alysha Berry Justin Bery	Paul Maher Clare McLoughlin	Helen Chui Edwina Subramany	Russel Schreiber Vicienne Schreiber	Jo Quinlan Kaitlin Quinlan	Sue Newnham Chris Newnham
Children's Liturgy	February 18th 2018—Marta C-F		February 18th 2018—Paula T & Mary-Anne F			
Communion to Sick	Kerrin Enright, Chris Enright		Susie Gates, Sue Lum			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Cecilia Waite(f), Ning Biyo, Reese & Peter Nguyen, Gwen Wood(s)		Sophie Kwok(f), Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Rosemary Pendlebury			
Maintenance	Teams A & B.		February: Peter Hourigan, Patrick Dias			
Counters	Barbara McMullen, Fabiola Rew		Chris Newnham, Jan Bennett, Angela Smith			

**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 Housebound** Fr Shaju John & Fr Shiju Simon 9456 2450  
**Urgent sick calls** Fr Shaju John 9456 7012 (Presbytery)  
 Fr Shiju Simon 9476 8843 (Presbytery)  
**Nursing Home Visits** By request  
**Emergency Priest** **0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only)**  
**Clergy Days Off** Fr Shaju John – Monday  
 Fr Shiju Simon – Tuesday  
**Home Visits** For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests  
 Please phone the Pastoral Centre 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.**



**250 Club: Wk 8: 12/02/18: \$25.00**  
 And the winners are: *Imm & Thomas Lui*

## LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

**Events to Easter 2018**  
**The Light is on for You -**  
**with Stations of the Cross & Reconciliation,**  
**SPA Friday evenings 7–8pm**  
 SBB 8.30am Fridays during Lent—Stations of the Cross  
 SPA Lenten Reflection 'Lifted Up' Thursdays 7.30pm in hall  
 4 March: Alpha informal MT & intro. after 9am Mass @ SBB  
 17 March: 60th Anniversary St Patrick's School Asquith.  
 1 April: Easter Sunday

### ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:

- \* Life Marriage & Family Weekly Noticeboard from the DBB
- \* The Grail: Lent Program 2018 'Lament' Tues evenings Nth Sydney plus Reflection Mornings 2018 'Women of Vision' Tues mornings – Nth Sydney
- \* Serra Vocations Mass and Dinner meeting Thursday 22nd February 2018 at Sacred Heart Church Pymble commencing with Mass at 6.30 pm
- \* World Meeting of Families in Ireland – August 2018
- \* Palms Australia are seeking volunteers (at Petersham Off.) - can you help?

The businesses below support our parish by advertising here. Please give them your support in turn.

### Bible Society 'Bibles for Bubs' promotion



As part of their Bicentenary celebrations, The Bible Society Australia is giving 1000 children born in Australia between 1st January 2017 and 7th March 2018 a free Read and Share Toddler Bible. This will be followed by yearly birthday cards, as well as a Big Rescue Bible when they turn 5. Parents, grandparents or carers can apply for the Bible at [www.biblesociety.org.au/bubs/](http://www.biblesociety.org.au/bubs/)  
 Pina Bernard & Cristina Gomez,  
 Catholic Life and Faith Formation

### King Tide Café/Restaurant

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