

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

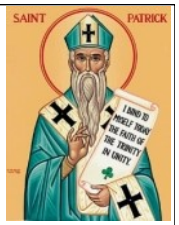
Diocese of Broken Bay

19th January 2020

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year A

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



The Perfume of Holiness © Fr Michael Tate

I visited my mother quite often in the last years of her life and sometimes when she kissed me and gave me a big hug, I came away with the scent of 'Tea Rose' perfume lingering all over me. Mum loved that perfume and sometimes doused herself quite extravagantly. And some of it would rub off on me.

That is how we become 'holy'.

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of ordinary people who aren't quite up to the mark in doing the right thing. It certainly doesn't mean an unattractive superiority: 'holier than thou'!

It means being so close to God, so much of an intimate with God, so much one of the close family of God, that God's holiness rubs off.

We are God's family in Hobart. Personally, each one of us has heard at our baptism 'you are my beloved son' or 'you are my beloved daughter'. We are family. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

That's what makes us holy ... a holy people. We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

In today's Gospel, John says of Jesus that He will baptise people with the Holy Spirit. At our baptisms, we were given an extravagant dousing of the Holy Spirit, we were plunged and immersed into Holy Spirit, we emerged smelling of Holy Spirit, we were made holy.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, he would use the same terms he used in writing to the Corinthians. This is how it would run:

'... to the church of God that is in Ku-ring-gai Parish, made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

Isn't that a beautiful understanding of who we are?

We are not a branch office of a multinational religious organisation with the Archbishop as the local manager. We have our own dignity. We are the church of God that is in this town made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy. But, we are not alone. There are many people gathering in a multitude of places around the world, people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. As St Paul would put it, we are who we are 'together with all who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every meeting place'.

St Paul recognises the bonds which link us. But, how is the 'togetherness' held together?

What quickly emerged in the early church was the need for strong bonds to develop between the leaders of those 'who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ' in Jerusalem and the leaders of those who did the same out on the missions in the pagan world. With the destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD, it was natural that the linchpin, the strongest link, should be the successor of St Peter martyred in Rome.

Yes, we are 'Catholic', i.e. worldwide, and 'Roman Catholic' because we are in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis.

So, at the base level, recall how St Paul describes us:

'Members of the Church of God that is in Ku-ring-gai Parish, made up of those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.' That is who we are. We are those to whom St Paul sends his greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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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)



It's time to pack away the beach chair ... the Pastoral Centre re-opens tomorrow, Monday 20 January 2020 at the usual hours of 9am to 3.30pm.

Thank you for your understanding during January which allowed the staff to have a well earned rest over the 'silly season'.

Now it is onward and upward towards Easter ... it's only 12 weeks away you know!

So you better get organised and *dare I say it? Yep Hop to it !!*



ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 25/26 January—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

If you are unable to attend for your rostered date please arrange a substitute

Is 8:23 - 9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13; 17; Mt 4:12-23



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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 Joy	Fr Shaju	Fr Shaju	Fr Joy	Fr Joy	Fr Shaju
Acolyte/Snr Server	Barbara McMullen	Denis Steiner	Sandra Sparkes	Malcolm Cross	Cristina Gomez	Darrin Patterson
Server	Josephine Harman Sophia Harman Ella Noble	Tilly Chylewska Annalise Cottrell Poppy Williams			Madeleine Drake Chloe Thomas Jake D Rionah Gonsalves	
Reader	Jerome Gomez John Ryan	Kerrin Enright Denise Harant	Edwina Subramany MS	Millie Wong Michael Halliday	Susie Gates Mary Stokes	Sue Newnham Chris Newnham
Children's Liturgy	In recess until February 2020		In recess until February 2020			
Communion to Sick	Jane Hunter		Malcolm Cross, Sue Host			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Cecilia Waite (f), Ning Biyo, Reese Nguyen, Peter Nguyen, Annette Shapter (s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Rosemary Pendlebury			
Maintenance	Both teams A & B		February: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk			
Counters	Lyn Beacom, Catherine & Tony McMahon		Mary & Peter McAleer, Imm & Thomas Lui, Annie Wong			

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

Rosary After weekday Masses both Churches
Visit Housebound Fr Shaju & Fr Joy - 9456 2450
Nursing Home Visits: By request
Emergency Priest 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only)
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 Please phone the office 9456 2450.
HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If you are admitted to hospital, please write down
 your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. **Please notify the
 Parish Office, if hospitalised if you would like our own priests to attend.**

What's happening in Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish



Keep Calm and Drink Tea on
Sunday the 26th of Jan-u-ary!

Australia Day in Australia & Republic Day in India

250 Club Results drawn between Dec 23 and Jan 31
will be published in the 2nd February 2020 bulletin.



Are you travelling this New Year?

You are important to us and so we ask you to take special care when travelling over the New Year period. Enjoy your break, may it be relaxing and enjoyable but most important of all, please return to us safely.



RECENTLY DECEASED: Geoffrey Ranson (Father of Fr David Ranson), Grace Walker, Elisabeth (May) Bailey, Gabrielle Anne King (nee Cox), Colin Randazzo, Helen McKeon, Antonietta (Ann), Fr Barry Nobbs, Noel & Martin Corrigan, James Kennelly
ANNIVERSARIES: Eulalie Hailstone, Neil Mickelson, Alison Hinton, Mary Treacy, Assunta Fraietta, Maria Lombardo, Deacon David Huntley, Ronald Bond, Jack Van Pierce
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Felicity Fone, Graeme Kachel, Michelle Chahine, Anna Nicholson, Antonio, Doug Hawkins, 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.



We the people of the **Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay and in Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish**, are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.



Pope's intention for January:
Promotion of World Peace:

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

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