

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

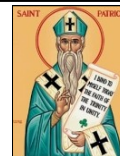
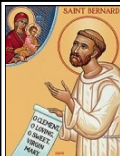
KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 19th January 2025 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!



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Church architecture often tells in stone the story of theology. By the ninth century as Christian Churches in Europe became longer and higher, a shift was occurring in theology as well. Coinciding with the engineering abilities of the builders, theologians reinstated a more severe and distant theology about God.

God was **'immortal, invisible, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes'**.

Jesus had ascended his regal home in the tabernacle which over the centuries got further and further away from where the people stood or sat.

One of the extraordinary things that occurs in the layout of Churches of this time is that as the tabernacle goes back, the Marian altar comes forward, often half way down the church where people could have easy access to it.

Today's Gospel was used as the justification for this theological and architectural movement. Mary is seen to intercede on behalf of the bride and groom and ask Jesus to do what he can. This is the first sign in the Gospel of John and Jesus is reluctant to perform it, but because his mother asks, he does it.

The changing of the water into wine is not just a sign that Mary and Jesus like a good party! It is a sign of the Kingdom of God where joy and life are in abundance, where shame ends and all tears are wiped away. It is no accident that in John's gospel the mother of Jesus is present at this first sign and remains faithful until the end, right up to the culmination of all the signs: his being lifted up on the cross. Mary not only asks for a sign, she understands that it will cost something for Jesus to give it and for her to witness it.

So for us, the wedding feast at Cana is a taste of the fullness of life we celebrate here every Sunday. The Eucharist is always and everywhere a first course in the eternal banquet of heaven. But it is also an invitation to see beyond the signs, to the faithful relationships that require sacrificial love and years of fidelity.

All parents who sacrifice so much for their children, all spouses who remain faithful and good to their wife or husband, all friends who attend to their companions with devotion and care, share in the Kingdom of God and are the signs of Christ's presence in our world. Every time we are kind, Cana occurs again.

Sometimes these actions can be very lonely and the cost can be high.

Today's Gospel, and the traditions of the Church that flow from it, tell us we are not alone, especially when the going gets tough.

What I like best about our belief in intercessory prayer, in the healthiest devotions in honour of the Mother of Jesus and in our belief in the martyrs and the saints is that they take seriously the companionship of God's family that transcends time and space.

Through our common Christian faith we are connected to millions of believers who have battled with similar, and sometimes greater, struggles than we endure and yet remained faithful to the end. Led by Mary, who never wants us to feel ashamed or embarrassed, they are our cheer squad in the stands of heaven willing us on in the race of life, giving us a few pointers on the best preparation, the pitfalls on the way and how to maximise our performance as we strive to do our best and be our best.

Welcome to Cana where one course is richer than the last.

And the wine only gets better with age.



The Parish Office will re-open **tomorrow**.

Please be patient while staff 'catch-up' on (non-urgent) emails and phone messages.

REMEMBER:

If in **URGENT NEED** of a priest, call: **0468 341 841**.



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

We the people of the **Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay & 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.



WEEKEND COLLECTIONS ~ Please consider carefully how the funds you place on the plate are administered ...
1st Collection: LEAVES the parish and goes to a common fund **outside the Parish** to support priests.
2nd Collection: STAYS in the parish to pay for all our costs, including insurance, maintenance, telecommunications, wages, pastoral programmes, church and office expenses, the Priests' cars & petrol etc, etc and is **ESSENTIAL** for our **PARISH** to **FUNCTION FINANCIALLY**

PARISH OFFICE:
Hours: 9am – 4pm.

Parish Priest ~
Parish Secretary
Bookkeeper

RECONCILIATION:
WEEKEND MASSES:

WEEKDAY MASSES:

1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082; P.O. Box 335, Berowra Heights
P: (02) 9456 2450; E: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au; W: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH
Catherine Hutchison
Karen Price

Assistant Priest
Parish Secretary
Sacramental Team

Fr Joy Thomas, OSH
Margaret Cooper
Peta T & Phill C - kccpsacraments@gmail.com

Vol. Office Assistant

Jan Favaloro

Fridays: 9.45am at St Bernard's Berowra ; Saturdays: 9.30 am at St Patrick's, Asquith

St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: Saturday Vigil 5pm and Sunday 9am

St Patrick's, Asquith: Saturday Vigil 6pm and Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: 9.15am Wednesday & Friday; 8am Thursday

St Patrick's, Asquith: 9am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday; 8am Wednesday & Friday



Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 25th Jan / 26th Jan. 2025 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time –Year C– Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Matthew Waite	Paul Dryden	Sandra Sparkes	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
Altar Servers	Martha Askew <i>Volunteer now</i>	Sophia Cottrell Miranda Tablizo	Darius Ali <i>Volunteer now</i>	Thomas Clarke <i>Volunteer now</i>	Anamaria De-Fina Vincent Huynh	<i>Volunteer now</i> <i>Volunteer now</i>
Reader (1)	Alodie Wheeler	<i>Volunteer now</i>	Penny Loughland	Maria (Cris) Tolentino	Cora Cuasay	<i>Volunteer now</i>
Reader (2)	Justin Berry	<i>Volunteer now</i>	Miguel Do Rego	Clare Bell	Susie Gates	<i>Volunteer now</i>
Sacristy / Cleaning / Flowers	Cecilia Waite (f), Annette Shapter (s) <i>(help URGENTLY needed & appreciated)</i>		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Leticia Wee, Ben Edwards, Michelle Hwang (f) <i>(help always needed & appreciated)</i>			
Maintenance	Team A & B - <i>(help always needed & appreciated)</i>		January: - Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow, John and Sue O'Malley			

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners, As per announcements at last weekend's masses, (see or take a copy of the announcement from back of church) we are seeking to fill **two** positions on the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

We urge you to consider nominating for one of the two positions.

Nominations close January 31st 2025.

Nomination forms are available at the back of the church, and you can place your nomination form in the box provided. All nominees will be contacted to confirm nomination. Please contact the Parish Office on 9456 2450 or Michael Halliday on 0414 095 373 if you have any questions about this process. Thank you : Michael Halliday (PPC Chair)

Our New Year Wish List ~ Recently, the Holy Father proclaimed the upcoming Jubilee Year 2025 and all members of the Catholic Church will celebrate this milestone. Therefore, I would like parishioners to consider supporting the purchase of the following items:

† 6 x Altar Candlesticks at a cost of \$1,150

(+GST) per candlestick

† 1 x Altar Crucifix at a cost of \$1,600 (+GST)

I thank you for considering this appeal to purchase items for our parish and ask that you contact the parish office to assist. *Fr Biju, Parish Priest.*



RECENTLY DECEASED: Barry Cox, Patrick (Pat) O'Donoghue, Fr Michael O'Toole, Kevin White

ANNIVERSARY: Michael Capozzi, Patricia O'Malley, David Huntley, Dario B Rossi

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

Please NOTE WELL: *It is our practise during January, to delete names from the Sick list whose situation hasn't been updated. Please send an email to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au to have a name reinstated.*

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

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