

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~20th October 2019 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

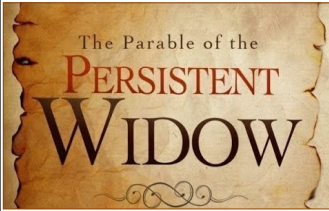
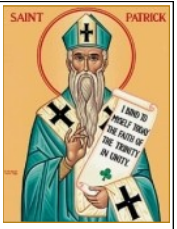
Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

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'



The Urgent Widow: What a scene portrayed by Our Lord! This desperate woman was a widow in a patriarchal society: with no male protector she was vulnerable, defenceless, and this judge was indifferent to her plight. He only gives in when, as it says in the original language of the Gospel, he is afraid she will come back and **'give him a black eye'**. Jesus' story uses the language of the boxing ring.

Yet, somehow, this little story is all about prayer! **Let's get one thing out of the way.**

Jesus says that God is *not* like the judge in the story; God does *not* need to be battered into submission: in fact, He is biased towards responding and giving justice to such as the widow of this story. But Jesus *does* want us to pray like the widow. What was her situation?

She was living in a country under military occupation by the Roman Army. There was constant threat of civil war, and she had no-one as close as a husband to protect her and her young family. **Think for a moment of a widow in any of the terrible civil wars that still bedevil many societies.** She would be in a similar sort of situation as the woman in Jesus' Palestine. What would she be praying for? We can guess that she would be praying for food for herself and her young family, basic shelter and warmth, that a sick infant not be wrenched away in death, that rapacious money lenders not reduce her to even more abject poverty, that the warfare raging around would cease. **In such a desperate plight, can you imagine the intensity, the urgency of her prayer? Doesn't it put our praying in perspective?** Apart from praying for a sick child/spouse/partner, do we, in Australia, normally pray like her?

I think Our Lord wants to embarrass us. I think Our Lord wants us to pray a lot less often. I think of what those widows would be praying for tonight, and then think of what I pray for – and I think of how utterly trivial, how self-promoting, it mostly is.

God is not the slightest bit interested in most of my prayers.

God *is* interested in my being such a woeful pray-er and wants to change me.

After all, prayer is not about changing God. God is constantly desiring the best for all of creation, including us. Prayer *is* about changing *us* – and there are two simple rules.

1. 'Come as you are' (title of a hymn) - Don't come to God praying for things simply because you think they are the proper things to pray for. God wants you to pray, not some role you are acting out. Come as you are. Your real concerns are your starting point.

2. But, if you find or suspect that you are praying for superficial things, or when you feel stale, **pray the Our Father** because this starts to put you on the wavelength of Our Lord. The disciples had seen Jesus praying and asked him to instruct them as to how they should go about it. (Luke 11:1,2) -

So, pray the Our Father, and, strangely, we may find the urgent widow lurking there!

What do we find smack in the middle? **'Give us this day our daily bread.'** 'Give us', i.e. the human family, especially those with empty stomachs in areas ravaged by famine or war or military occupation, like the widow of our story. To do nothing about it would be blasphemous. Better not to recite it at all. **'Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.'** That will not happen unless you and I dispense justice – a just distribution of this world's resources, with a bias toward the poor, the vulnerable, those like the widow.

Let us do it, voluntarily and naturally. Otherwise, could we be surprised if, like the widow, the poor of the world threaten us with a black eye?

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It's on TODAY Children's Liturgy @ KCCP

and we would like to invite the children of our parish to come to Children's Liturgy at both our churches.

Children's Liturgy is a great way for children to share in the Mass as the Liturgy of the Word is presented to the children at their level of understanding.

All children aged from 4 years old are invited to join us for Children's Liturgy.

(Children under 4 years are also welcome when accompanied by an adult).

9am Mass @ St Bernard's

Jackie Tod
is co-ordinator for SBB and takes the 1st Sunday of the month class

Marta Chylewska-Fulton
takes the 3rd Sunday of the month class

For more details contact Jackie on 0414 579 477 or the parish office.

10am Mass @ St Patrick's

Please sign your child in at the school/parish hall from 9.50am prior to the 10am Mass commencing.

Liz Trist, Lisa Payne, and Bec Daly
are co-ordinators for SPA
For more details please contact Liz or Lisa or Bec
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Assistant Priest Fr Joy Thomas, OSH
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KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

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
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

29th week Ordinary Time

Monday 21/10

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday 22/10

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday 23/10

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday 24/10

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

Friday 25/10

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
Rom 7:18-25; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday 26/10

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alistair Watts, Alan Fyfe, Orlando Salucci, Filomeno Pastolero, Maureen Liney, Josefa Filart Yenko, Michael Tunny, Mary Wouffe, Honoria Alde, Colin Wulf, Reg Cooper

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael Weir, Eric Geoffrey Warren, Elde Daria, Josefina Buie, Gesmundo & Concepcion Daria, Andrea Daria, Luz Turqueza, Patrick O'Halloran, Dionizy Maciejewski, Nancy Gomez, Mary Treacy, Victor Hinton

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Paul Sarkis, Eve Davis (baby), Penny Rigor, Rodney Porter, Sheryl Sanchez Reyes, 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 Josen, 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: Remembrance of Ismael Cruz
Thanksgiving—Ananoria Family

Next Sunday 27 November the 10am Mass @ St Patrick's is a Family Mass.

Year 2 students are taking parts in the Mass and a morning tea will follow courtesy of the Yr 2 parents. We hope to see you there.

Pope's intention for October: A Missionary "Spring" in the Church
That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.



A pictorial tribute to the many wonderful events which took place in our parish last weekend.

Friday Night's Silver Jubilee Dinner for Fr Shaju and Fr Joy (special thanks to all who attended this wonderful social evening)

Saturday Night's Rosary Procession completing our annual 10 days of the Rosary event (special thanks to Milen & Grace and Phil Diadone who decorated Mary's Statue so beautifully)

Sunday's wonderful celebration of **"White Sunday"** in honour of the children of the parish. (special thanks to the Griffiths Family, Michelle Chahine and the parish Youth Group)



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass of Installation of The Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
As the Fourth Bishop of Broken Bay
On Monday 4 November 2019 at 6.45pm
At The Light of Christ Centre, 28 Yardley Ave Waitara



You are invited to join in the celebration of the Installation to Candidacy of **Aldrin Valdehueza, our Seminarian** who will be admitted to **Candidacy for Orders at St Patrick's Church Asquith on Sunday 10 November at 6pm**

NO PARKING
St Patrick's School grounds on Saturday October 26—A Movie Night is being held in the grounds of St Patrick's. Please be aware that there will be no parking available in the school grounds that night.



Please Note Well: Whilst Fr Joy is away there will be NO MORNING MASS on MONDAYS.

Friday 1st November All Saints Day

Usual morning Masses only ~
9am @ Berowra Heights (*);
8am @ Asquith

Saturday 2nd November All Souls Day

Asquith ~ 9am and 6pm // Berowra Heights ~ 5pm

Sunday 10 November 2019

Annual Mass of Remembrance
the 10am Mass at St Patrick's Asquith will be offered for all who have lost someone from their life, especially those who have lost someone over the last year.

(* NB: The First Friday Anointing and Healing Mass in November has been cancelled as it falls on the Solemnity of All Saints when all Ritual Masses are prohibited)

Parish Volunteers Annual Thanksgiving BBQ
Date claimer: Friday **22 November 2019**
St Bernard's Berowra Heights in the Parish Hall and grounds from 6 - 9pm.



Safeguarding: How was Safeguarding Month celebrated in your Parish?



We would love to hear from you. Please copy this link into a search browser and complete the 3 questions of the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MP2JC8F>. It will take no longer than 2 minutes. A link to the survey is also available on the Safeguarding Education and Awareness page of the Diocesan webpage - <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/safeguarding/education-and-awareness> Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

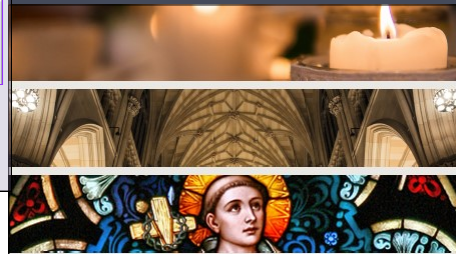
As in previous years a **Book of Remembrance** will be placed in each Church for the month of November.

Envelopes are now available in both churches. Please **print names clearly** and **place your offering** inside the envelope and place **on either collection plate** at Mass.

The names of your deceased family members and friends will then be printed out and placed into the books on a weekly basis, where they will be remembered in a special way during November Masses at St Patrick's and St Bernard's Churches in the Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish.



You!-th Matter-s



COME AND JOIN US!

**BERNIE'S KNIGHTS
OCTOBER 25 2019**

Calling all year 5 & 6

New time of 5 - 6:30pm

St Bernard's Parish Office

Berowra Heights

Every last Friday of the month

Structured lessons and activities

Refreshments and snacks

will be available.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE AT
MICHELLE.CHAHINE@BCCATHOLIC.ORG.AU
OR CALL 94562450



Children's Choir @St Patrick's has resumed its weekly practices from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church every Friday except during school holidays. This brilliant group of skilled singers is looking forward to a busy term ahead, preparing for Family Masses, parish events and Advent and Christmas! There's always new music to learn, and new stories and games. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and welcomes new members from Year 3 and up to join at any time. Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for further information.

Cherubs Choir will be singing next weekend 27th October with Children's Choir at the 10am School/ Parish Family Mass. This beautiful group of budding young singers practises from 8.15 to 8.45am every Tuesday morning before school in St Patrick's church, learning singing skills through fun and games, and learning new songs and actions. Any young person from Kinder to Year 2 is welcome to join us! Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935



Parish Playgroups at KCCP:

Our little ones and the big folk who look after them, are warmly invited to attend either (or both!)



of these playgroups during school terms at St Patrick's School Asquith and St Bernard's School Berowra Heights.

Paddy's Kids at Asquith ~ TUESDAYS from 9 -11 am

get together for Storytime at 9am in 'the cave' and unstructured play follows in the parish meeting room. **For more info contact:** Beatrix Gebhardt or Claire Rampling at paddys.playgroup@gmail.com

Bernie's Kids at Berowra ~ FRIDAYS from 9 - 11am

get together for fun and games for the little ones and a cuppa and chat for the big people
For more info contact: Lisa Miles on: 0413 231 389 / Email: lisa82miles@gmail.com



Altar Server Training:

Have you made your First Holy Communion?

Yes! Then you can become an Altar Server!

Altar Server Training will take place at St Bernard's Berowra Heights on Tues.

Oct. 29 & Thurs. Oct. 31st from 3.15- 4pm.

Parents/guardians will need to sign a consent form to take you to Mass when rostered to serve and you will be rostered for whichever weekend Mass you usually attend. I look forward to meeting you at training. *Vince Hughes.*

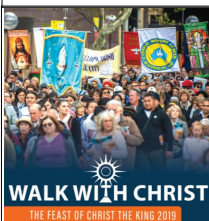


Mission Month - October 2019:

Pope Francis has designated October 2019 as an Extraordinary Missionary Month.

PRAYER FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY MISSION MONTH ~ OCTOBER 2019

Heavenly Father, when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations" and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church. Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world. Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.



Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession 2019

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the

Feast of Christ the King on Sunday 24 November at 2.30pm.

Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city.

Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on 24 November.



Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child

Boxes are now available at St Bernard's and St Patrick's from today. Please think about supporting this wonderful ministry. Further information is available from Louise Dryden on 9456 1191 or mobile 0405 556887.



October: Broken Bay News now available. This month read about:

- * Joy in celebrating our migrant communities.
- * Mass of Inclusion comes of age.
- * Celebrating Extraordinary Mission Month - Catholic Mission supports Sr Stan's amazing work in Ghana.
- * Victory to Good Shepherd Seminary & Broken Bay Seminarians.



Strengthen your Faith Family:

Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for Him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, He calls us to share our gifts.

"Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25: 40)

A gift in any amount given through your Will strengthens our household of faith. For more information about how you can leave a legacy to Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish, please call the Parish office on 9456 2450. Thank you for your consideration.



Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Asquith Conference have

available for purchase at the back of the Church:

- * 2020 Columban Art Calendars and
- * SVDP Christmas Cards.

The prices are unchanged from last year at \$9.00 per Calendar and \$7.00 per 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.

Contact Les Fogden
9476 4058.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 26/27 Oct—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C

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

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14



KU-RING-GAI CHASE
CATHOLIC PARISH
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St Bernard's Church

St Patrick's Church

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 9am

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8am

Sunday 10am

Sunday 6pm

Fr Shaju

Fr Duck

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Acolyte/Snr Server

Justin Berry

Michael O'Neill

Sandra Sparkes

Malcolm Cross

Cristina Gomez

Darrin Patterson

Server

Josephine Harman
Sophia Harman
Mollie Summerhayes

Levi McLoughlin
Alex Rogers
Freya Tonkin

Jessica Pennings

Max Pryor
Brandon Lukich-Young
Jimmy O'Connor

Lucy Triantafyllis
Madeleine Drake
Chloe Thomas
Jake D
Rionah Gonsalves

Ellen Rawsthorn

Reader

John Ryan
Sophia Smith

Peter Collins
Matthius McLoughlin

Helen Chui
Celia Cox

Rosemary Pendlebury
Michael Halliday

Anne Perez
Sandra Maloney

Sue Newnham
Chris Newnham

Children's Liturgy

October 20, 2019 – Marta C.

October 20, 2019 – Paula T., & Mary Anne F.

Communion to Sick

Jane Hunter

Millie Wong, Cynthia Gilbertson

Sacristy Care/Church
Cleaning/Flowers

Cecilia Waite (f), Ning Biyo, Reese Nguyen,
Peter Nguyen, Tina Manti (s)

Imm Lui, Jeanette Hester, Anthony Drake, Mia, Fiona Fone (f).

MORE PEOPLE NEEDED for ALTAR SOCIETY 5 weekly ROSTER, please volunteer

Maintenance

Both teams A & B

October: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Filso Sebastian **more VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Counters

Catherine & Tony McMahon, Rey Hilario

Henning Schneider, Coral Thaddeus, Mary Stokes, Artemio Bulan

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.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Do you want to enhance your friendship with Jesus Christ? This Couples for Christ program continues this Sunday and all parishioners are invited to attend each Sunday from 15/9/19 to 27/10/19, 2pm-5pm at St Patrick's Hall, Asquith.

If needed, a children's program will run simultaneously for under 13yo's. There is no cost to participate in this Christian Life Program. For more information contact Ronnie Clementir (0413 615 772).



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