## **KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH**

'Seek God. Find God. Embrace God in Jesus'

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 23rd February 2020 ~ 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5: 38-48

**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'

# TODAY is Catechist Sunday

At St Patrick's Church during the 10am Mass, our Catechists will renew their Commitment to their Ministry and will have a Special Blessing over them as they start the new school year.

This is a good time for Mums/Dads, Grandma/Grandpa and even Uni students to think about joining and helping our Ministry. Please consider joining us, we need your help now, but more importantly the Catholic students in State Primary Schools need you even more

If you are time poor and can't help, please pray that others may open their hearts and hear the call of Our Lord to ensure the success of our Ministry:

Dear Lord, this is Your calling, Your work, Your ministry. We entrust it all to Your capable hands. Please lay the foundation in the people's hearts so they can respond to Your call with generosity and openness. We do all this for the sake of Your Son. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Planning ahead for LENT at KCCP 2020							
Ash Wednesday (a day of Fast & Abstinence) Mass Times 26 February 2020 Berowra: 9am and 12midday (school mass)	Each Friday at St Patrick's Asquith	7.30-8.30pm (Sacrament of Reconciliation follows Stations of the Cross)					
Asquith: 8am & 9.15am (school mass) and at 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Bernard's Ber. Hts: 8.30am Friday mornings followed by Holy Mass, except the 1st Friday of the month (6 March and 3 April)	28 February	7.30pm Stations of the Cross					
	06 March	7.30pm Stations of the Cross and Night Vigil					
when Stations will be at 10am followed by Adoration then Anointing and Healing Mass.	13 March	7.30pm Either Taize Evening OR Stations of the Cross (TBA)					
Reconciliation Times during Lent: At our regular times of:	20 March	7.30pm Either Taize Evening OR Stations of the Cross (TBA)					
Every Saturday 9.30 am at Asquith and Every Friday after 9am Mass at Berowra (except First Friday) Additional opportunities for Reconciliation:	27 March	7.30pm Select Choir – Reflection evening					
* Wednesday, Thursday, Friday after morning Mass on request. * 2nd Rite: Monday 30th March 7.30-8.30pm at Asquith.	03 April	7.30pm Stations of the Cross and Night Vigil					

Lenten Reflection Programme 2020 - THIS Thursday February 27 – Thursday April 2

est, Prophet, King UDY PROGRAM A classic characterization of Jesus is that He is priest, prophet, and king. As priest, he sanctifies, that is to say, he re-establishes the lost link between divinity and humanity; as prophet, he speaks and embodies the divine truth; and as king, He leads us on the right path, giving guidance to the human project. You might say that, as priest, He is the life; as prophet, He is the truth; and as king He is the way. Not only is this triple office a rich way to characterize the Lord; it is also a very good way to designate who the baptised are supposed to be. According to Catholic theology, baptism is much more than merely a symbolic sign of belonging to the church. It is the means by which a person is incorporated into Christ, becoming a member of his mystical body. Baptism, accordingly, makes the baptised an alter Christus, another Christ. During the six weeks of Lent this year our parish will conduct a presentation of six 25-minute videos by the renown teacher and theologian Bishop Robert Barron. These presentations will be followed by a 30-minute group discussion session on aspects of our baptismal incorporation into Christ, as presented by Bishop Barron. So, for each Thursday beginning February 27 through to and including Thursday April 2 you are invited to gather in St Patrick's Hall from: 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Hope to see you there, Michael Halliday, PPC Chair.

### **PASTORAL CENTRE** 1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082 P.O. Box 335, Berowra Heights 2082 Phone: (02) 9456 2450 Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp Centre Hours: 9am - 3.30pm.

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#### WEEKEND MASSES St Bernard's

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5pm 6pm 8am 9am 10am 6pm

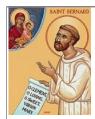
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	WEEKD	DAY MASSES	
St Bernard's	8am	Mon, Tues and Thurs.	
	9am	Wednesday and Friday	
St Patrick's	8am	Wednesday and Friday	
	9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat.	
First Friday –	St Bernard's		
	10.30am Adoration 11.00am Reconciliation		
11.30am Healing Mass			
First Friday –	St Patrick's		
	Night Vigil 7.30pm		
	RECO	NCILIATION	
Every Saturday	9.30 a	m at St Patrick's	
Every Friday	After 9	am Mass at St Bernard's,	

(except First Friday-see above)





### THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

**Ordinary Time Week 7 Year A** Monday 24/02 Weekday, Mass ad libitum James 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29 Tuesday-25/02 Weekday, Mass ad libitum James 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37 LENT-Wednesday-26/02 **ASH WEDNESDAY** Mass of the day

Intro: Greeting, Collect only. Homily, Blessing and giving of ashes. Preface of Lent III of IV Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Thursday-27/02

Thursday after Ash Wednesday Mass of the day Preface of Lent I-IV Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday-28/02 Friday after Ash Wednesday Mass of the day Preface of Lent I-IV Is 58:1-9: Mt 9:14-15

Saturday-29/02 Saturday after Ash Wednesday Mass of the day Preface of Lent I-IV ls 58:9-14: Lk 5:27-32

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Hanson, Peter O'Connell, Jillian Arthur, Win Coleman (100 yrs young), Jan Seage, Jimmy Fitzgerald, Anzelma Muzolf ANNIVERSARIES: Rose Hayden, Neville Nicholson, Clem Salmon, Francis, Hilda & Terence Conlon, Dr Michael Way, Dr Frances Maung, Karen Fitzgerald, Bill Colman, Rita McEncroe, Wladek Pieprzyic, John Louie Mondido, Mary & Frank Jack, Norma Waite, Kevin Harant, Regina Coelho, Bronistawa Pieprzyk, Catalino Ubalse, Elena Ubalde, Eduardo Ubalde PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Marie Mickelson, Doug Hawkins, Felicity Fone, Graeme Kachel, Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Eve Davis (baby), Penny Rigor, Rodney Porter, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann, 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.



Gospel Reflection © Greg Sunter The first part of today's gospel passage is perhaps one of the most misunderstood of Jesus' teachings. The notion of turning the other cheek usually brings up

notions of non-violence, submission, or even sometimes a victim mentality. It seems an odd teaching to tell someone who is being hit to simply stand there and present the other cheek to also be hit. It's odd because we generally fail to understand the cultural context that is the setting for this teaching. In the first century, a master would discipline a slave or servant by striking them with the back of his hand. Assuming the master is right handed, a back-handed strike would be delivered to the right cheek of the person he faced. If the servant were to then present his left cheek to the master, it becomes impossible for the master to strike with the back of his hand and forces him into using an open-hand slap or a closed-fist punch to the left cheek. Not much of an improvement, you might think. However, servants were disciplined with the back of the hand and only equals fought in such a way that would deliver blows to the left side.

What Jesus is saying to those who are oppressed is to offer no resistance but at the same time stand up for yourself and make your oppressor recognise you and treat you as an equal, not an inferior. It is extremely dangerous advice! Its aim is to shame the oppressor.

The other two examples, surrendering your cloak when sued for your tunic and walking two miles when required to walk one are also examples of seeking to shame the one who would use their power and strength against you. That's not being a submissive wimp; that's staring the bully in the eye! **Historical Context – Walk two miles** 

Roman soldiers were allowed by their own military laws to require any person to carry the soldier's pack along the road from one milestone marker to another. That is, they could order a man to walk one mile with their pack. If they made someone carry their pack for more than one mile, the soldier himself was subject to discipline and punishment. Jesus says, 'If anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him.' Like turning the other cheek, it is turning the tables on the one who would oppress you and bringing shame upon them.

### Historical Context - Let him have your cloak as well

This one is a little stranger to our modern cultural norms. In Jesus' time, it was not shameful or embarrassing for a person to be naked but it was shameful for the person who caused them to be naked. By law, if you were unable to repay a debt, the person to whom you owed money could literally take your clothes as payment of the debt. What Jesus says is, if someone demands your tunic as payment of a debt, give them everything you're wearing to shame them for making you naked to collect their debt. Living the Gospel – Love your enemy

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.



## Those pesky fallen trees @ St Bernard's

Were they angels, fairies, leprechauns or (woodchip)munks? Whoever you were, we sincerely thank you and are very grateful that you came to the rescue last weekend and chopped up our fallen trees. We are even more grateful that you did so

### with great care and attention to SAFETY FIRST.

We hope you think of us fondly as you toast your toes against your wood fire this winter! Now, the Good Lord must have thought this was a bit of a lark so he sent another storm last Tuesday and felled even more trees! which have fallen in the 'wooded' area near the parish office and broken branches from trees directly out the front of the church. C'est la vie.

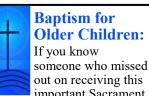
> **Baptisms at KCCP** are celebrated each Sunday of the month at 11.30am (exception being: no Baptisms on a 5th Sunday of the month)

St Patrick, Asquith: 1st & 3rd Sunday // St Bernard, Berowra: 2nd & 4th Sunday Bookings essential: Contact the Pastoral Centre on 9456 2450



• Code of Conduct • Promoting a Safeguarding Culture • Safeguarding Policies

Safeguarding 2020 Learning Hub for Parish employees and volunteers - This week's topic -Leadership and Culture - the importance of taking matters seriously. The following TV episode may interest you in learning more about this topic. Four Corners : 'Boys Club' - https://www.abc.net.au/4corners/boys-club/11973360.



someone who missed out on receiving this important Sacrament,

our parish is about to commence a programme leading up to reception into God's family & church.

Please contact Ellen on 9477 7180 for more information.



The Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2020 Listen to the Migrants' Cries. We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE:** directive from Bishop Anthony regarding Novel Coronavirus. The following guidelines are to be followed in the Diocese of Broken Bay until further notice: The Chalice is not to be shared at any Masses but is to be reserved to the Celebrant/s only.

All Ministers of Communion are to be diligent in the use of hand sanitizer prior to the distribution of Communion. Such precautions remain in force until the end of February, upon which time Bishop Anthony will review the situation in light of any further developments. A copy of the Communicable Diseases FactSheet (NSW Govt) can be provided by the parish office.

### **Position Vacant** One has answered the call, will you complete the pair? SACRAMENTAL **COORDINATORS** wanted for the Asquith end of

our parish URGENTLY

Deborah Wing and Louise Cosgrove, are very excited that they are halfway to retirement and hope this week another person will step up to co-coordinate. Retirement is now tantalisingly close, however, these lovely ladies promise to give the new coordinators their full support during a transition period. Peta Tonkin is our

Berowra end coordinator and will also be a great backstop for you and will work closely with you going forward. Keep in mind you can always call the office and speak to Father. Contact the ladies via kccpsacraments@gmail.com



Essentially, this position requires the organisational skills of one, two, or more parents to roster and ensure other volunteers are available in teams of two on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month during school terms to facilitate Children's Liturgy at SPA. All who partake in this ministry need to have a Working With Children Check Clearance. Caretaker incumbent, Liz Trist

is looking for someone to take over this role. Contact the parish office on 9456 2450 to be put in touch with Liz.



Join us for Youth Group Sunday March 1, 2020 Mass @ 6pm Youth Group @ 7pm- 8:30pm St Patrick's Church Asquith, Parish Hall

# This Friday Night CALLING ALL YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENTS. JOIN OUR GREAT GROUP EVERY LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. STRUCTURED LESSONS AND ACTIVITIES / REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE. AN EXPLORATION OF FAITH AND THE BIBLE WITH CASUAL LEARNING AND ENGAGING DISCUSSION VENUE: ST BERNARD'S PARISH OFFICE

1-19 WOODCOURT RD BEROWRA HEIGHTS TIME: 5-6:30PM

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Many thanks to Senior Choir members who sang at the Anointing Mass at Regis nursing home last week. This Choir is made up of adults who are available during the day, to sing at parish funerals, regular monthly Anointing Masses and other special events. If you have time to spare and even a small interest in singing, please consider becoming part of this group, who bring so much joy and comfort to bereaved families and people in need. Whether you are a great singer or you would love to sing with great singers, we would love to have you in this wonderful ministry! Children's Choir @ St Patrick's sings at 10am Mass at St Patrick's on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. This group of young people from Year 3 up to the end of high school comes together to practise every Friday afternoon during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. Schedule for this term is available on the parish website. New members always welcome! Come to our next practice or come and chat after Mass. Cherubs Choir welcomes very young singers, from Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2, to learn the basics of singing in a choir, watching and listening, singing and moving, to prepare them to sing at Mass with the regular Children's Choir at St Patrick's. Parent helpers must be present to help supervise, so if you and your child would like to become part of this absolutely beautiful group, come along to our next practice, on Tuesday mornings before school from 8.15 to 8.45am in St Patrick's church. Enquiries on any of above please call Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING: Father Vincent Nguyen, Asst Priest at the Cathedral Parish will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble Thursday 27th February 2020 at 6.30 pm. A light meal and a short meeting follows with a Lenten video presentation by Bishop Robert Barron titled "Mercy at the Cathedral". Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see". Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the

priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations. To attend and for more information please contact: Terry Scanlan T: 0438 887 295 or E:terry scanlan@bigpond.com

Relics of St Therese of Lisieux tour:		3	<b>3 Positions Vacant</b>	
For the first time in 18 years, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the most		in parishes of our Diocese		
	popular saints of modern times, will visit Australia in 2020 on a four-month	There are three positions		
pilgrimage with her parents, Saints Louis and Zelie Martin.		available in parishes at the		
The relics will visit the following parishes		mome	moment.	
	in the Diocese of Broken Bay:	1)	St Agatha's, Pennant	
5 March St Ives Parish; 6 March The Lakes Parish; 7 March Hornsby Cathedral; 8 March			Hills – Faith Formation	
	Gosford Parish; 9 March The Entrance Parish		Team Leader (Full Time)	
Find out more about this significant event by visiting <u>https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/st-</u>		2)	Frenchs Forest	
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The second second second			(Full Time)	
( <b>D</b> .	World Day of Prayer 2020: Friday 6 March - This year's theme is	3)	The Lakes Parish –	
ZIMBABWE	<i>te! Take your Mat and Walk'</i> and has been prepared by the faithful Christians in		Administrative	
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020 Friday, 6th March 2020 Risel Take Your Mat and Walk	Zimbabwe. Celebrated annually on the first Friday in March,		Assistant and	
this global ecumenical movement is led by Christian women who come together in			Sacramental	
prayer and action, for justice and peace. The movement aims to bring together people of all races,			Programmes	
cultures and traditions in a common day of prayer. Berowra's churches take it in turns to host a local			Coordinator (Part Time)	
		For more information see:		
		www.bbcatholic.org.au/		
<b>Date:</b> Friday 6 March Time: 7.00pm Place: Berowra Uniting Church, Alan Road, Berowra Hts.		people/positions-vacant		

#### ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 29th February / 1st March– 1st Sunday of Lent - Year A IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; 1 Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4: 1-11 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 Shaju Fr Joy Fr Joy Fr Shaju Fr Shaju Fr Joy Acolyte/Snr Server Garth Graham **Denis Steiner** Mani Subramany Malcolm Cross Robert Pesavento John Messina Annalise Cottrell Server Blayde Arthur Conor Collins Joshua Tay Adam Waite Bronte Tonkin Sophia Gomez Jake Williams Isaac Tonkin Rebecca Clarke Mary Dorahy Paul Maher Brian Walsh Vivienne Schreiber Youth 1 Reader Simone Noel Anne Maree Hutchins Peta Tonkin Penny Loughland Russell Schreiber Sandra Maloney Youth 2 Children's Liturgy 1st Sunday 1st March: 1st Sunday 1st March: Jackie Tod Communion to Sick Malcolm Cross, Sue Host Chichi Datoc Sacristy Care/Church Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Tina Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Rosemary Pendlebury Cleaning/Flowers Manti(s) Maintenance Teams A & B February: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk Counters Philip Turner, Mark Birrell, Peter Formby Henning Schneider, Coral Thaddeus, Mary Stokes 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. Lenten Reflection Programme 2020 each Thursday evening from February 27 to What's coming up in KCCP... Thursday April 2 from 7.30-8.30pm in St Patrick's Hall, Asquith. Keep reading this bulletin for details of upcoming events Plenary Council Discernment Phase—would you like to be involved? in our parish community Please contact the office on 9456 2450 or Sue Newnham on 0400 300 598 LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE What's happening out and about... King Tide Café/Restaurant See noticeboard for more details Owned and operated by Rosarv After weekday Masses both Churches Growing old gracefully is the answer to our very own Visit to Housebound Fr Shaju John & Fr Joy Thomas 9456 2450 the inevitability of becoming old. **Emergency sick calls** 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only) **KCCP** Parishioners Assistive Technology Specialist and **Nursing Home Visits** By request, call the parish office to arrange. John & Moauli Griffiths mobility equipment provider Comfort **Clergy Days Off** Fr Shaju John – Monday Open 7 days Discovered is launching a series of Fr Joy Thomas – Tuesday seminars to spread awareness about the from 8am to 4pm **Home Visits** For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral various solutions available today to Come by Car face the obstacles as we grow older. Requests Please call the Office 9456 2450 "Live Life Better" seminars for by Boat or by Train **HOSPITAL ADMISSION:** seniors will be held on Tuesdays from **Delicious food, fabulous service** If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as 10:30am for 90 minutes from 18.2.20. & exceptional views await YOU! Catholic to receive Catholic Services. at Comfort Discovered, 73 Jersey Street North, Hornsby NSW 2077. Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised Hawkesbury River Marina These seminars are free, but booking is and you would like our own priests to attend. 9 Dangar Rd Brooklyn essential. For more information: NSW Week 13 ~ 17/02/2020 ~ Number: 353 Call 1300 662 880, or Email: The 250 Club! events@comfortdiscovered.com.au ~ Winner: Michael Halliday ~ \$25.0(02) 9985 7102 The businesses below and above support our parish by advertising here. Please give them your support in turn. Francesca Parrino Now in Hornsby Alex Jarominek Solutions for Mobility, Independence and Dignity Your local chiropractor Registered NDIS, My Aged Care, DVA and Insurance Provider Book an appointment at: Easy Under Cover Parking at the Rear on Ground Floor The Madison Medical Practice, Berowra Easy access to the showroom from the Car Park Berowra (9456 4889) / Berowra Healthy Innovations, Thornleigh Enter Parking from Jersey Street NORTH, north bound Heights (9481 8140) Corner of Jersey Street North and Bridge Road Specialist 9987 4500 - Back pain - Neck pain 73 Jersey St North, Hornsby NSW 2077 - Ergonomics P. (02) 9456 9999 - Posture Comfort - Muscle pain M. 0415 651 740 - Joint pain E. francescaparrino@mcgrath.com.au scovered - Headaches **McGrath**

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