

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 24th February 2019 ~ 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

The Lord is kind and merciful.

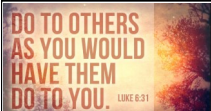
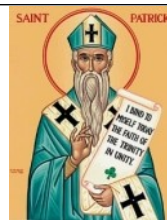
1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6: 27-38

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'



Jesus teaches his disciples to be merciful as God is merciful. These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love

your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged. Jesus contrasts the behaviour of his followers with the behaviour of "sinners." Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

(Extracts from Loyola Press)

Please return your Blessed Palms from last year

Did you know, the palms blessed on Palm Sunday in previous years become the ashes used on Ash Wednesday in subsequent years? Please bring in your Blessed Palms for burning.

Palms can be left in the boxes provided at the back of our churches where they will be burnt in a special Burning Ceremony on 28th February after 8am Mass at Asquith and 9am Mass Berowra.

Homily .© Richard Leonard SJ Some years ago, I was at an annual parents' dinner for a Catholic school for profoundly disabled children.

A well-known local politician, whose child was in the school, was asked to speak. This is what he said:

'I would like to pay tribute to the staff at this school. Only parents and teachers know what a joy and a heartbreak it is to have a profoundly disabled child. I always wanted the perfect child, but where is the perfection in my son David? We are told that God looked at the world and it was perfect, but my son cannot understand things as other children do. David cannot remember facts and figures as other children do. David walks with difficulty and cannot speak. How can God be filled with joy at David?' **The audience was shocked by this pained question from an anguished father.**

'I believe', the father continued, 'that when God allows a world in which David can now live for 50 years, perfection is found in the way people react to children like him.'

'Just recently David and I were walking in our local park. Some boys had been there most of the day playing cricket. They were serious about this competition. David was very excited and I knew he wanted to join in. David has terrible physical co-ordination, but I approached one of the boys on the pitch and asked if David could play. The boy looked around for guidance from his mates. Getting none, he took matters into his own hands and said, "Things are tight, we have to get six runs to win but we'll try and give him a bat". David smiled broadly. After scoring three more runs the next boy got out. David was put up the batting order and called to the wicket. I helped him get out there.'

'Everyone knew that it was all but impossible for my son to help them win the game. He didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, let alone hit with it. The bowler, however, sent down a soft ball so David could at least make contact. The second similar ball came and David swung clumsily and missed it. One of David's team mates came up to him and together they held the bat and faced the bowler waiting for the next ball.'

'As the ball came down, David and his teammate swung at the ball and together they hit a strong ground shot to the boundary. At his captain's urging David stumbled up the pitch as quickly as he could. Never in his life has David run so fast. He came back for a second run as the fielder saved the ball from being four runs and so the team was screaming for a third run. The fielder could have thrown the ball to David's stumps and got him out. On the winning third run, however, he threw the ball to the other end where the other batsman was safely home. The keeper casually sent it up to David's end, just as David was completing the third, winning run.'

'That day', said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, 'those boys showed me why God always looks at creation and knows it is very good.' **Jesus said, 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that? Be kind, be merciful, forgive and do not condemn, for the measure you give out is the measure you will receive.'**

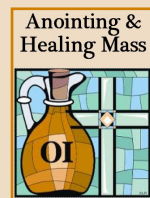
First Friday of the Month: 1st March 2019

ANOINTING & HEALING MASS

11.30am @ St Bernard's:

Adoration: 10.30am;
Reconciliation: 11.00am;
Healing Mass: 11.30am

followed by a shared community luncheon.



NIGHT VIGIL

7.30pm - 10pm @ St Patrick's:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Prayer, Praise and Worship, Rosary with Divine Mercy Chaplet, concluding with Benediction.



"Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

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Assistant Priest Fr Joy Thomas, OSH
Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper
Bookkeeper Karen Price
Youth Ministry Co-ord. Michelle Chahine
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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)

This Week's: Readings & Prayers

ORDINARY TIME 7th Week

Monday 25/02

Weekday, Ordinary Time 7
Mass ad libitum
Sirach 1: 1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday 26/02

Weekday, Ordinary Time 7
Mass ad libitum
Sirach 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday 27/02

Weekday, Ordinary Time 7
Mass ad libitum
Sirach 4: 11-19; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday 28/02

Weekday, Ordinary Time 7
Mass ad libitum
Sirach 5: 1-8; Mk 9:41-50

Friday 01/03

Weekday, Ordinary Time 7
Mass ad libitum
Sirach 6: 5-17; Mk 10:1-12
Autumn Ember Day (Day of Prayer & Penance)

Saturday 02/03

Weekday, Ordinary Time 7
Mass ad libitum
Sirach 17: 1-15; Mk 10:13-16

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rebecca Alivio, Kenny O'Reardon,
Patrick O'Neil, Alan Underwood,
Pauline Bass, Patricia Pascuzzo,
Tony Andrews, William Fullilove

ANNIVERSARIES:

Gertrude Harant, Neville Nicholson,
Cesar Moreano Oblitas,
John & Carl Knudsen,
Rose Hayden, Kevin Harant,
Lyndon Fernandes, Mary & Frank,
Jack & Norma Waite.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Elaine Longmuir, Jwona Nowak, Jennifer
Hindmarsh, Elaine Longmuir, Paula
McGaulley, Michael Quinn, June Eileen,
Patricia Smith (Carlton), Jude Maatouk,
Ramona Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson,
Rosalinda de Ramos, John Goudie,
Peter Todd, Jaz Pitts, Georgia Meyers,
Angela Smith, Greg Cooper, Matthew
Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Maureen
Sharpe, Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook, Morrie
Ramsden, Betty Borg, Brian Neary,
Darcy Green, Edwina Subramany, Aiko
Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen
Asistente, Sam Calacoci, Barbara
Jones, Arlene Joson, Alfredo De Ramos,
Kath Lock, Marcelina De Ramos, Cadia
Maestri, Matthew Conlon, Patrick
Dorahy, John Macy, Narelle Cartwright,
Dn Jim Caulfield, Tom Dawson,
Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders,
Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak,
Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski,
Alfredo De Ramos Sr

Rosters

St Patrick's Asquith
**New Church Cleaning Roster
and Coffee Corner Roster**
now available in the Sacristy.
Please take one if on the roster.

**We thank Fabiola Rew for
Re-Joining the Counting Roster
at St Bernard's until such times
as someone else volunteers. Please
consider and let Fabiola re-retire!**

What is the most important thing about confession? A priest asked his congregation that same question. ... The first response was to confess your sins. The second was to be contrite. The third was the examination of conscience. Finally, a child lifted her hand and said, "It's what Jesus does." That is the most important thing and what we should focus on. What Jesus does is what makes us able to "celebrate" the Sacrament of Reconciliation. That is also why we now call it "reconciliation" because "confession" is only a part of the sacrament, and not the most important part. Reconciliation is what Jesus does. As Fr. Richstatter states, "It is the gift of God's forgiveness and the removal of the barriers we place between ourselves, our community and our God." ... I can't tell you how often someone would confide in me their fear of going to confession because they had not been to church in 25 years (or more). My response was always the same. "My gosh, I can't think of anything that would make a priest's day more than to hear your confession. What an affirmation of his priesthood! He doesn't care what you've done, only that you're back. You are providing the priest with the opportunity to exemplify the father in the story of the prodigal son. All he is interested in is embracing you back into the Church." ... It is hard to look in the mirror and see what others see. But it is such a wonderful gift of peace you receive from Jesus Christ in reconciliation. Why do I go to confession? To receive the gift of reconciliation. It is a gift offered to you. All you need do is ask.

(From the St. Isidore Parish Stewardship series & a story read in the Catholic Update written by Thomas Richstatter, O.F.M., S.T.D.)

**Planning
ahead
for
LENT
at
KCCP
2019**

**Ash Wednesday Mass Times
6 March 2019**

Berowra: 7.30 am and 9am (school mass)

Asquith: 9am (school mass) and 7.30 pm

Reconciliation Times during Lent: At our regular times of:
Every Saturday 9.30 am at Asquith and Every Friday after 9am Mass at Berowra (except First Friday)

Additional opportunities for Reconciliation:

- * Wednesday, Thursday, Friday after morning Mass on request.
- * Every Friday evening during 'The Light is On'
- * 2nd Rite: Tuesday 9 April 7.30-8.30pm at Berowra



**The Light is On for You!
at Asquith, every Friday night during Lent from 7 to 8pm**

Lent offers us a privileged time to reflect on our faith and reorient ourselves more closely towards God. Again this year, our parish, will join with other parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay, in *The Light is On*, where every Friday evening during Lent, churches will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Our Church at Asquith will be open from 7pm—8pm for Reconciliation**, and you are invited 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. **Stations of the Cross at Asquith** will also

Each Friday	7-8pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation plus more—see below
8 March	7pm Stations of the Cross
15 March	7pm Stations of the Cross
22 March	7pm Taize Evening
29 March	7pm Select Choir – Lenten reflection evening
5 April	7pm Stations of the Cross
12 April	7pm Stations of the Cross

be prayed during this time. Please join us at St Patrick's Church whenever you can during Lent.



Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Bernard's Berowra Heights:
8.30am Friday mornings followed by Holy Mass, except the 1st Friday of the month (5 April) when Stations will be at 10am followed by Adoration then Anointing and Healing Mass.

To help you prepare for Easter

**2019 Adult Faith Formation Series
"The Mass"
by Bishop Robert Barron**

A series of talks on each part of the Mass.
To be held in the Parish Hall at St Patrick's every Thursday at 7.30pm from 7 March, the format will be a short 25 minute video followed by discussion. *Please come along.*



**Lenten lectio divina Resource 2019 –
Discerning the Way of Jesus.**

Reflections and an Audio CD of the Gospel is available now for those who wish to gather in smaller groups, or even work through this programme alone.

Available now at the parish office



**Christian Initiation of Adults -- perhaps you've wondered?
Rite of Sending and Enrolment of Names**

During this last few weeks of ordinary time, catechumens are preparing to take part in the second liturgical step called the Rite of Election. This is a formal step of enrolling their names and being elected by the Church of Broken Bay at the cathedral. The enrolment of names involves an affirmation by our parish community represented by those who know the catechumens; as well as a signing by the catechumens of their names as a pledge of their fidelity.

The enrolment of names takes place at 10am Mass on March 10 Asquith.

After which our catechumens proceed to Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, for the Rite of Election 2019 at 2pm:

All parishioners are welcome to attend this joyful occasion.

"...the rite of election... marks the beginning of the final, more intense, period of preparation for the sacraments of initiation, during which the catechumens will be encouraged to follow Christ with greater generosity" Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults# 105



Just a reminder that **KCCP Youth Group** is on every **first Sunday of the month**. Join us for **Youth Mass at 6pm** in St Patrick's Church Asquith followed by **youth group in the parish hall at 7pm**. Supper and heaps of fun provided. If you would like to be involved in this Mass by doing a reading or the offertory, music etc. then please contact Michelle at michelle.chahine@bbcatholic.org.au



Invite to **all youth ministers and leaders**. **CYBB Training Days** are an opportunity to gather youth (yr10+) & young adult leaders interested and involved in local ministry to network and receive essential spiritual and practical formation. Receive training and background on 'Youth Ministry Strategic Planning' - Identity and Culture. A light lunch will be provided, and feel free to add/invite other local youth leaders/ potential youth leaders. **Saturday, 23 February 2019 from 09:30am-2:00pm. Light of Christ Hall, Waitara.**



Our first Praisefest for 2019 and a **CYBB World Youth Day Reunion!!** Don't miss your chance to engage in vibrant Praise & honest Worship, listen to amazing and inspiring stories from the pilgrimage and catch up with old friends! The night kicks off at 6pm with our **PRAISEFEST** Festival with fun activities, free food, and great company! But be sure to stick around because the night will end with a kickin' Praise Party you will not wanna miss!

So be there, invite your friends and prepare to have an unbelievable evening! Note: This event is open to high school students through to young adults up to the age of 30. **Friday, 29 March 2019 from 18:00-21:00 Light of Christ Centre Waitara**



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Shaju John OSH, Parish Priest of Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish will be celebrating

Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on **Thursday 28th February 2019**. Mass at **6.30pm** followed by a light meal and a short meeting. As guest speaker, Father Shaju will speak about his faith & vocation journey. *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*. **Attending? Ph:** Terry on **0438 887 295** or **E:** terry_scanlan@bigpond.com



SAVE THE DATE!
March 17 2019



St Patrick's Day Celebration
Sunday March 17
Mass at 10:00 followed by BBQ in the parish hall.

BBQ meat and drinks will be provided, but do bring a plate to share (COLD FOOD AND DESSERTS ONLY).

Farewell cards for Fr Shiju

With the transfer of Fr Shiju to a new parish in late January, we have become aware that many of you were left without the opportunity of saying a fond farewell. To rectify this, at the back of our churches today, you will find a card which for you to write your personal messages of farewell to him. The parish will then ensure the cards are received by Fr Shiju as soon as possible.

PS: Fr Shiju is well and settling into his new parish at Frenchs Forest. He sends prayers to all at KCCP.

Exciting new possibilities available for anyone looking at deepening their faith and wanting to be part of a small group to grow with.

Several couples are forming an Ignation CLC group that will meet fortnightly to pray and reflect. Singles or couples any age welcome. Contact Sarah for further details



Children's Choir at St Bernard's!

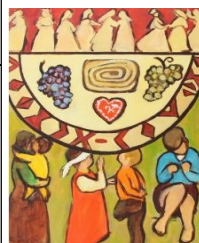
All children from Kindergarten to Year 10 are welcome to join the Children's Choir at St Bernard's. The choir sings at the **9am Mass on the 1st Sunday of every month.**

Our next Mass is Sunday 3rd March.

Come and help to lift the roof of the church with your beautiful voices. We practice before Mass at 8:15am! **Enquiries to: Madeleine Cottrell on 0481257520.**

World Day of Prayer St Mark's Anglican Church, Berowra

1 March 2019 at 7:30pm



All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to be part of the event, praying especially for Slovenia.

Rezka Arnus

**The theme is based on
Luke 14: 15-24**

"Come – Everything is Ready!"



Senior Parish Choir will be singing at the Mass of Anointing at St Bernard's at 11.30am on Friday, 1st March.

Gathering and Workshop for all parish musicians on Wednesday 27th February (please note change of date) at 7.30pm at St Patrick's church. Bring a plate to share, bring your voices, your questions and

your creative suggestions!

Children's Choir at St Patrick's practises every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church, and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. If your child is in Year 3 or above, come along and join us! No fees, great fun, excellent learning opportunity! Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 2/3 March—8th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

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

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6: 39-45



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 Joy Thomas	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Joy Thomas	Fr Joy Thomas	Fr Shaju John
Acolyte/Snr Server	Garth Graham	Denis Steiner	Sandra Sparkes	Malcolm Cross	Sue Lum	Robert Pesavento
Server	Blayde Arthur Josephine Harman Kyrath McMahon	Ella Noble Bronte Tonkin Isaac Tonkin	Jessica Chacon Maddie Lever Ben Montgomery	Felix Holm Conor Collins	Georgia Osborne Sam Valderrama Joshua Tay Sophia Gomez	
Reader	Jerome Gomez Sophia smith	Denise Harant Paul Maher	Clarissa Baptista Paul Worthington	Millie Wong Rosemary Pendlebury	Jo Quinlan Kaitlin Quinlan	Youth Reader 2 Youth Reader 1
Children's Liturgy	March 3, 2019—Jackie T.		March 3, 2019— no Children's Liturgy due to Year 1 Parish Mass			
Communion to Sick	Isabel Henson		Ellen Downey, Vicente Sanchez			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Brenda Brooks(s)		Lyn Vila, Angie Pulanco, Leala Fowler, Cynthia Gilbertson, Editha Palmer, Yovana Castro Guerrero			
Maintenance	Both teams A & B		March: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Filso Sebastian			
Counters	Genevieve Funk, Lyn Beacom, Luisa Gomez		Patrick O'Donoghue, Paula & Jim Hand, Fiona Henrison			

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 Joy Thomas 9456 2450
Urgent sick calls	Fr Shaju John 9456 7012 (Presbytery) Fr Joy Thomas 9476 8843 (Presbytery)
Nursing Home Visits	By request
Clergy Days Off	Fr Shaju John — Monday Fr Joy Thomas — Tuesday
Home Visits	For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests Please call the Office 9456 2450.
HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. <i>Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.</i>	

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

6 March:	Ash Wednesday Masses: SBB: 7.30 am and 9am (with school) SPA: 9am (with school) and 7.30 pm
7 March:	Adult Faith Formation / Lenten Programme: 'The Mass' - Bishop Robert Barron, St Pat's Hall each Thursday in Lent from 7.30pm
21 April:	Easter Sunday

ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:

- * **Drawing and Giving Life**—NSW Pastoral Ministry Conference, Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe, 26 February 9.30am to 4.30pm
- * **Lenten Retreat**— 3 March from 9.30am-4pm Verbum Dei Missionaries
- * **Lenten Reflection Day**—Mt St Benedict 9 March from 10am to 3pm
- * **Annual Fete, St Benedict's, Arcadia**, 10 March 10am to 3pm
- * [Weekly] Life Marriage & Family Notice from the DBB

The 250 Club!

RESULTS: Week 1: 18/2/2019 ~ Winning Number: TBA

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