

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

24th June 2018 ~ The Nativity of St John the Baptist—Year B

Since my mother's womb, you have been my strength

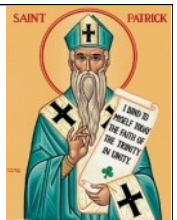
Is 49: 1-6; Acts 13: 22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

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'



We read today that Elizabeth's neighbors and relatives rejoice with her because God has shown her mercy in the birth of a son. But they are confused when she tells them that his name is to be John, which means "God has been gracious." Zechariah has

been unable to speak since Gabriel appeared, because, unlike Mary, he doubted the angel's word. But when he writes on a tablet "John is his name" all are amazed, and a great fear comes upon everyone. Fear, along with joy and praise, is for Luke the appropriate response to God's mercy. People ask, "What, then,

will this child be?" But this question has already been answered by the angel. "He will be great in the sight of the Lord. He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God."

Zechariah responds with praise in his famous canticle, the Benedictus. But that is not read today. Instead we jump to the last verses of the chapter, which explain that John will become strong in spirit living in the desert until it is time to show himself to the people of Israel. When John appears again at the beginning of Chapter 3, after the stories of the birth and childhood of Jesus, he will prepare those people for the ministry of Jesus by preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Loyola Press)



PASTORAL CENTRE

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Assistant Priest Fr Shiju Simon, OSH
Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper
Bookkeeper Karen Price
Youth Ministry Co-ord. Michelle Chahine
Parish/School Liturgy L. Patricia Smith
Sacramental Team kccpsacraments@gmail.com

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 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9am Wednesday
9am Friday

First Friday-
St Bernard's 10.30am Adoration
11.00am Reconciliation
11.30am Healing Mass

St Patrick's 8am Wednesday and Friday
9am Monday, Tuesday, Thurs, Sat.

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 9.30 am at St Patrick's
Every Friday After 9am Mass at St Bernard's,
(except First Friday—see above)

Enrolment for The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on
Friday 14 September at

5pm at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith and

7pm at St Bernard's Catholic Church, Berowra Heights

Enrolment is open to any child who is over the age of 7 and has been baptised in the Catholic Church. Enrolment form and schedule are available on the Parish website (see opposite) and at the back of the Churches.

Enrolments for Confirmation will take place at both churches

THIS WEEKEND JUNE 23 & 24.

Mandatory Parent Talk on the sacrament will be held
Wednesday July 4, 7.30 - 8.30pm at St Patrick's Church, Asquith.



Herald of the Lord's Gracious Favour

We might wonder why the birth of St. John the Baptist is such a big feast-day, in fact a solemnity. The meaning of his name, in Hebrew "Yeho-hanan", means "the Lord is gracious" and as Luke's account underlines, in John the Baptist, God had shown great favour, not just to the childless couple, Zechariah and Elizabeth, but to the whole of humanity. Before John the Baptist came on the scene, the prophetic voice in Israel has been silent for 400 years. When the Baptist came into the

wilderness near the river Jordan, he breathed fire and preached repentance and renewal. All four Gospels agree that it was he who prepared the way for Jesus the Christ, the Anointed One of God. So the whole Christian traditions honours John the Baptist as the precursor, the one who 'ran ahead' as herald of the graciousness from God which came through Jesus, filled with grace and truth.

What St. John the Baptist did for the people of his time, each of us, in our various ways, are to do for people in our time. We too are to prepare our people to receive the graciousness and the favour of God. The name John means 'God is gracious' or 'God shows favour'. We too have a significant name, for we are called 'Christians' implying that we share in the 'anointing' or 'missioning' of Jesus. It means that we are to be like other Christs to the world. May we be filled with God's grace and favour to fulfil our mission as faithfully as John did his.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS**

ORDINARY TIME 12th Week

Monday 25/06

Weekday, Ordinary Time 12
Mass ad libitum
Preface of Weekday
2 Kg 17:5-8, 13-15, 18; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday 26/06

Weekday, Ordinary Time 12
Mass ad libitum
Preface of Weekday
2 Kg 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-36;
Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday 27/06

Weekday, Ordinary Time 12
Mass ad libitum
Preface of Weekday
2 Kg 22:8-13, 23:1-3;
Mt 7:15-20

Thursday 28/06

St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr
Mass of the Saint
Preface of Weekday or Saint
2 Kg 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29

Friday 29/06

Sts Peter & Paul, apostles
Mass of Vigil/Day, Gloria, Creed
Preface of Peter & Paul
Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:1-20; Jn
21:15-19;
Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-
18; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday 30/06

Weekday, Ordinary Time 12
Mass ad libitum
Preface of Weekday
Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17

**Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish
REMEMBERS & PRAYS for...**

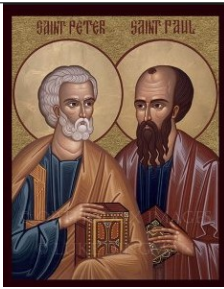
RECENTLY DECEASED:

Robert Conlon, Don Patterson,
Vince Ryan, Jack Murphy

ANNIVERSARIES: Maree Hayden,
Joseph Manuel Gomez,
Edward Sebastian, Judy Huntley,
Reba Macket, Fr Jim Boburg,
Marie Wilson, Tony Dirckze

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Anne Singleton, Greg Cooper,
Stuart Fone, Maureen Sharpe,
Ewa Rakoczy, Barbara Halliday,
Jean Cook, Morrie Ramsden,
Betty Borg, Frank McLenaghan,
Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany,
Darcy Green, Aiko Concepcion,
Ellen Asistente, Alfredo De
Ramos, John Buckley, Marcelina
De Ramos, Kath Lock, Patricia
Pascuzzo, Sam Calacoci,
Matthew Conlon, Arlene Josen,
Narelle Cartwright, John Macy,
Dn Jim Caulfield, Cadia Maestri,
Mary Fernandes, Barbara Jones,
Maciej Maciejewski, Barbara &
Frederick Novak, Matthew
Sutton, Patricia Sanders,
Monique Leyden, Patrick Dorahy,
Alfredo De Ramos Sr,
Tom Dawson

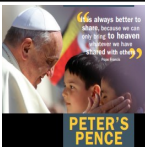


June 29th marks the great **solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**. Peter's journey was from the weakness of denial to the rock of fidelity. He gave us the ultimate witness of the cross. Paul's pilgrimage was from the blindness of persecution to the fire of proclamation. He made the Word of God come alive for the nations.

Together they built the Church. As ordinary men, Peter and Paul might have avoided each other from time to time. Peter was a fisherman from the Sea of Galilee and Paul a Greek-educated intellectual. But Jesus brought them together as a sign for his Church in which the entire spectrum of humanity would find a new place to call home. Together they worked to build the church. Together they witnessed to Christ. Together they suffered the death of their Lord, death at murderous hands. Paul died by the sword and Peter was crucified head-down. They had a unity that transcended all differences.

They teach us about the depth of Christian commitment. For Peter and Paul, insight into Jesus' true identity brought new demands and responsibilities. At the close of the Year of St. Paul, Pope Benedict XVI invited each Catholic to hold up a mirror to his or her life and to ask, "Am I as determined and as energetic about spreading the Catholic faith as St. Paul was?" "Is spreading the faith both by example and by my conversations with friends, colleagues and acquaintances even a concern for me?" "What do I perceive to be my responsibilities following upon my own declaration of faith in Jesus?"

Father Thomas Rosica, CSBCEO Salt + Light Catholic Television Network



Peter's Pence

Collection: Next week we are joining with others across the world by taking up a third collection for the

charitable works and structures of mercy identified by Pope Francis. The funds, which are sent to the Vatican, are then allocated to projects across the world, which support victims of war, oppression and disasters. Some of the ongoing projects include: • Support for the Parish school of the Immaculate Conception of Al Huson in Jordan that welcomes young refugees from Syria. • A reconstruction project for the coastal regions of Ecuador affected by the earthquake. • In support of the children at the Paediatric Hospital in Bangui, Central African Republic.

Save the date!
KCCP Youth Group
SUNDAY 1 JULY 2018
Youth Mass @ St Patrick's Church 6pm
Youth Group
@ the Parish Hall
St Patrick's School 7pm
Can you guess what this months comp will be!!
Food is provided we just need you!
For more information contact Michelle: michelle.chahine@bbcatholic.org.au

LOOK AT THIS



We're getting a Children's Choir @ St Bernard's Church

Do you love to sing? Then come and join

The new children's choir at St Bernard's Berowra Hts.

The children's choir will sing at 9am Mass on the first Sunday of every month.

This will coincide with children's liturgy. Children wanting to participate in the choir will need to arrive at the church at 8:15 for a practice with Madeleine and Mary. Any questions please don't hesitate to speak to or call Madeleine on 0481257520.

Let's lift the church roof with our beautiful voices.



Children's Choir at St Patrick's, Asquith is celebrating its **13th anniversary this Sunday** at 10am Mass

with a special blessing and presentation of certificates for young singers who have been committed to the Choir for one year or more.

Completing 13 years of enthusiastic, inspiring, delightful, uplifting service to the parish community through music and song is **an amazing achievement**, and deserves to be celebrated! Some of these extraordinary young people have been members of the Choir for over half their lives!

Congratulations to all Choir members on achieving this great milestone.

We would like to express our **appreciation to parents and families**, and **to the parish** for its whole-hearted support over all this time, and for the enthusiastic way it always makes its appreciation known!

Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month and practises from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church, except during school holidays. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

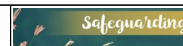
Senior Parish Choir will sing at the regular monthly parish Mass of Anointing at St Bernard's church on Friday, 6th July, at 11.30am. Please gather by 11.15am for a quick rehearsal.

Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 (St Patrick's) or Peter Brooks 9456 2402 (St Bernard's).



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June ~ Universal – Social Networks

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.



Safeguarding Message: June ~

"A child safe institution pays attention to equity by taking into account children's diverse circumstances."
(Royal Commission, 2017)

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2018/2019 Financial Year collect yours TODAY

At the back of each church today are the planned giving envelopes for the 2018/19 financial year for collection by parishioners. You may notice you have a different number from last year. This has taken place to reduce the printing costs by re-using lower numbered envelopes no longer in use. Please be assured the recording of contributions against your name will not be interrupted by the number change.

To all who have given so generously to the upkeep of our parish through the planned giving programme during 2017/2018 we offer sincere thanks.

To anyone thinking about joining Planned Giving, to assist in necessary maintenance and general running costs, there are two ways you can help:

1. The **Planned Giving Envelope** system itself. (*envelopes placed on plate*). To opt into the **Planned Giving Envelope** system, call the office on 9456 2450 or email your request to parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au
2. Monthly payments via your credit card. (*more economical for the parish*). To opt into the **Monthly Credit Card** system, please complete and return the form opposite to the parish office or scan and mail to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au (deductions apply round the 15th day of the Month).

STANDING AUTHORITY FOR RECURRENT PERIODIC PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

Credit Card (Please Tick)

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Cardholder

Name: _____

Credit Card Number:

Expiry Date: /

Description of Goods/Services: Provision of Church and other parish facilities

Monthly Amount \$ _____

TO: Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish (the Merchant)

I hereby authorise the Merchant to debit my credit card account with the amount and at the intervals specified above. In the event of any change in the amount of payment required. I will request the authority to be altered from the appropriate date in accordance with such change. This authority shall stand, in respect of the above specified card and in respect of any card issued to me in renewal or replacement thereof, until I notify the Merchant in writing of its cancellation. I understand that this authority may be cancelled in writing at my discretion.

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Can't commit regularly but would still like to assist the parish financially? (all figures shown are approximations)

By listing *just some* of our annual expenses it is hoped you might prefer to *see* where your money goes.

Are you able to assist with a one off contribution towards the annual purchasing costs (or part thereof) towards:

- * Altar Breads (hosts) - \$1235 pa
- * Various mass candles - \$1200 pa
- * Altar Wine - \$850 pa
- * Printing of Planned Giving Envelopes - \$700 pa
- * Paschal Candles - \$275 - \$400 pa
- * Easter Expenses eg Palms \$220 pa

All items above are necessary expenses in the week by week, year by year life of our parish.

Enquiries can be made to the office on 9456 2450.



Bishop Peter Comensoli, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at **Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 28 June 2018.**

Beginning with Mass at **6.30pm** a light meal follows in the Prayer Room.

Bishop Peter will speak on and discuss the **Holy Father's recent Apostolic Exhortation "Rejoice and be Glad"**.

Please "come and see". Everyone is welcome.

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 Ph: Terry on **0438 887 295** or E: terry_scanlan@bigpond.com

Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on **Sunday, 8 July** at **St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**, at **10.30 am**. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th wedding anniversaries will receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher.

POSITION VACANT: PARISH CO-ORDINATOR (P/time 24 h/wk) The Parish of Lower North Shore (Willoughby/Naremburn/Northbridge) has a vacancy for a Parish Co-ordinator. This is a part-time role, 24 hours p/wk, 8.30am to 3pm Mon-Thurs. Applications to the Parish Priest by email office@lns.org.au. Enquiries may be directed to Tel: (02). 99588846. Applications close **06/07/18**.



Men Alive Men's Weekend In May, our diocese had the pleasure of hosting Mr Robert Falzon who founded the *Men Alive* ministries. He showed us the joys and challenges of parenting and marriage. With his passion for both his family and his faith, he sought to bring together the two and help other Christian men also feel supported in these areas. This Men's weekend is a good follow up from his talks. It runs from 30 June to 1 July (finishing at lunch on Sunday) at St Kevin's Parish Hall, Eastwood. If you are over 18 and wish to attend, go to www.eventbrite.com.au and search for Men Alive.

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE – Labyrinth Workshop



In this workshop you will discover how this powerful, spiritual pathway was used by the ancients and medieval monks, and its recent re-discovery by 21st century Christians. Experience the meditative walking of the Labyrinth yourself and the peace, healing and wholeness it can offer you.

Date: Fri. June 29 **Time:** 10am-3pm **Cost:** \$30 M/t provided, BYO Lunch.

Where: 449D Pennant Hills Road. Entrance off Hull Road.

Reserve your place by email mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or ph 8752 5390



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Rosters & Readings for weekend 30th June / 1st July—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Wis 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43



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 Shiju Simon

Fr Shaju John

Fr Shaju John

Fr Shiju Simon

Fr Shiju Simon

Fr Shaju John

Acolyte/Snr Server

Rachel Russell

Vince Hughes

Sandra Sparkes

John Messina

Aldrin Valdehueza

Robert Pesavento

Server

Blayde Arthur
Megan Chung
Adam Waite

Preston Nguyen
Bronte Tonkin
Jessica Wilson

Jessica Chacon
Maddie Lever
Ben Montgomery

Felix Holm
Conor Collins

Georgia Osborne
Sam Valderama
Joshua Tay
Sophia Gomez

Reader

School SRE to
arrange R1 & R 2

Denise Harant
Peta Tonkin

Penny Loughland
Michael Halliday

Rosemary Pendlebury
Angela Smith

School arrange R1
Sandra Maloney

Youth Reader 1
Youth Reader 2

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy 1st July—Jackie T.

Children's Liturgy 1st July—Lisa P., Veronica H. & Kellie T.

Communion to Sick

Garth Graham, Michael O'Neill

Penny Loughland, Janette O'Brien

Sacristy Care/Church
Cleaning/Flowers

Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Fiona
Cunningham, Gwen Wood(s)

Lyn Vila, Angie Pulanco, Leala Fowler, Cynthia Gilbertson, Editha Palmer

Maintenance

Team A: Peter, Paul, Mark, Tony

July: Malcolm Cross, David Chui

Counters

Barbara McMullen, Fabiola Rew

Chris Newnham, Jan Bennett, Angela Smith

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 Shiju Simon 9456 2450

Urgent sick calls

Fr Shaju John 9456 7012 (Presbytery)
Fr Shiju Simon 9476 8843 (Presbytery)
Nursing Home Visits By request

Clergy Days Off

Fr Shaju John — Monday
Fr Shiju Simon — Tuesday

Home Visits

For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests
Please phone the Pastoral Centre 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.

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

- * **Confirmation Enrolment this weekend June 23 & 24**
- * **Confirmation MANDATORY parent talk July 4 St Patrick's Church at 7.30pm**

ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:

- * Life Marriage & Family Weekly Notice from the DBB
- * BB Bible Conference 27-28 July
- * Healing after Abortion - Retreats offering sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild & redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential & non-judgmental environment. www.rachelsvineyard.org.au or call confidentially on 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au ~ Next retreat 10-12 August '18.
- * Vocations Office DBB 2018—you're invited to attend opportunities for prayer, discernment and inquiry if considering a vocation to priesthood or diaconate. Vocations.Ministry@dbb.org.au

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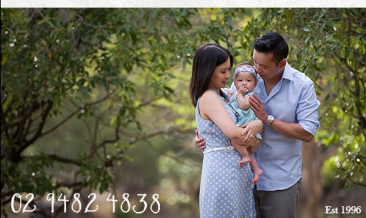
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