

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 24th Nov. 2019 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

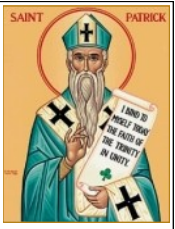
2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

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 as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Saviour of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth.

As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour of all. © Loyola Press

December 2019



The very busy month of December will soon be upon us and so we thought we might give you an idea of just what is in the diary for Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish

Date	Time	Church	Event
Dec 1	6pm / 7pm	SPA	Youth Mass / Group
Dec 5	5pm	SBB	School Christmas Carols on the Oval
Dec 6	11.30am	SBB / SPA	Final Anointing & Healing Mass / Final Night Vigil for 2019
Dec 6	6pm	SPA	School Christmas Concert on playground
Dec 7/8	All Masses	SBB / SPA	SVdP Christmas Appeal
Dec 10	5.30pm	SBB	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Dec 11	9am	SPA	Whole School end of year Mass (8am Mass SPA cancelled)
Dec 12	7pm	SPA	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Dec 13	5pm	SBB	Bernie's Knights BBQ Christmas Party
Dec 13	7.30pm	SPA	Select Choir Reflection evening
Dec 18	3pm	Hornsby	Christmas Mass, Regis Aged Care
Dec 19	9am	SBB	Whole School end of year Mass (8am Mass SBB cancelled)
Dec 19	5.30pm / 7.30pm	SBB	Carols under THE Star - Ecumenical Event (see inside page)
Dec 20	7.30pm	SPA	Taize Evening

Your 'Tap' Helps our Parish 'Go' on.

We deeply appreciate the financial support of the parishioners and visitors to Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish.

No Cash? No problem!

Each of our machines are set to \$5 per tap.

One tap = \$5 ~ Two taps = \$10 etc.

Thank you for your generosity.

Donations made through these devices help to cover the ongoing maintenance costs of both our churches.



PASTORAL CENTRE

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Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp

Centre Hours: 9am – 3.30pm.

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

34th week Ordinary Time

Monday 25/11

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
Dan 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday 26/11

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
Dan 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday 27/11

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday 28/11

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
Dan 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28

Friday 29/11

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
Dan 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday 30/11

St Andrew, apostle
Mass of the Feast, Gloria
Preface of Apostle I-II
Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ron Mahoney, James Kennelly, Salvador Prado, Marlene Brierley, Sheryl Sanchez Reyes, Alistair Watts, Alan Fyfe, Orlando Salucci

ANNIVERSARIES:

Patrick Porter, Paul Spooner, John & Marie McNamara, Robert Martin, Lesley White

Please also pray for those recorded in the *Book of Remembrance*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Antonio, Doug Hawkins, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Paul Sarks, Eve Davis (baby), Penny Rigor, Rodney Porter, Irena Fellmann, Jwona Nowak, Elaine Longmuir, Paula McGauley, 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 Rakozko, 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.

OTHER

Please advise the office if names can be deleted from the sick list.



Pope's intention for November: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

"Ask, ... and the door will be opened for you" (or the window!). Matthew 7:7

As the weather warms up and many people gather together in a room (or church) things can quickly become a little stuffy. If you find this happening to you then *please* feel free to open a door at any time during mass and even change seats to catch a breath of fresh air. Our windows are kept locked for security reasons (*people forget to re-lock them and we've had thefts*), however, if you would like a window opened near your favourite pew, *please just ask*, and like the title above says, it *"will be opened for you"*.



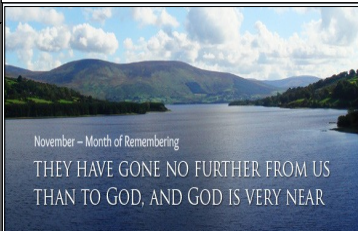
TO MASS
Current 2019 SPA Kindies
AND
Future 2020 SPA Kindies

Today, at our 10am Mass, we extend a **very warm welcome** to our smallest St Patrick's students who are about to graduate from **Kindy 2019** to Year 1! They, in turn, are here to help us extend a very warm welcome to our incoming **2020 Kindy** students and their families.

It is lovely to have you all with us today and after Mass we look forward to saying hello as we share a lovely morning tea in our courtyard. *Fr Shaju*



Candela, Peru THIS weekend - at St Patrick's and next weekend - at St Bernard's, Mary Rajca will speak briefly about the work of the Sisters of Mercy in the shanty town of Candela in Lima Peru. Conditions in Candela are very difficult but over the years your support has helped the families live with dignity and feel positive about their futures. The mothers are determined to provide a better life for their children. After Masses at both churches there will be a sale of the goods that the women have made. This is the women's only source of income. All money raised from the sale of the goods goes straight back to the women so they can buy food, medicines, blankets and provide schooling for their children. **Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.**



November is the Month of Remembering
Remembering all those who have been born to Eternal Life

The Month of November is traditionally the month in which the Catholic Church remembers and prays for our departed loved ones who have been called to Eternal Life.

It 'enables us to reconnect with all those whom we love, but who have died. As well, it invites us into solidarity with the dead throughout history...'

We also pray for those who have "gone before us marked with the sign of faith".

During the Month of November you are requested to try to say the following prayer daily:
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The 250 Club!

NEW SERIES STARTS THIS WEEK
Are you financial for the new series?

The New Series starts **THIS WEEK** with the first draw to take place on or about November 25. A reminder email / letter has been sent to those who need to pay for the upcoming series.

To those who are not members in this very successful parish fundraiser, it's not too late to join! Call the office on 9456 2450 to ensure you're financial or to join up and have a change of winning

THE BIG ONE!

Not sure if you are or aren't financial?

NB: Payouts can only be made to financial members.

There are still blocks of numbers available and for a \$20 outlay (\$1 per week, payable in advance) you have the chance of winning \$25 each week and one chance in every five weeks of winning \$500!

Ask Winston how good it feels, he won the big one just this week!



Cherubs Choir are joining **Children's Choir @ St Patrick's** for 10am Mass this Sunday to support the Kinder Family Mass. As you know, Children's Choir is open to any child from Year 3 and up who would like to sing regularly at parish Masses at St Patrick's. This means that many of our Cherubs currently in Year 2 will be able to join the Children's Choir in 2020. However if any of the Cherubs are unable to make the regular 4 to 5pm practice for Children's Choir on Friday afternoons, they are welcome to continue to be part of the Cherubs choir. All other current Year 2 children should be seriously annoying their parents now to make sure they can come and join the Children's Choir in 2020 as soon as they hit Year 3!

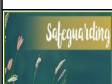
Cherubs Choir practises every Tuesday morning before school from 8.15-8.45am in St Patrick's church. Final practice for the year will be on 3rd December.

Children's Choir @ St Patrick's practises from 4 to 5pm on Fridays during school terms and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.

Final practice and CHRISTMAS PARTY 6th December. Final Mass for the year for both choirs: Sunday 8th December 10am

Senior Parish Choir: Please note **Mass of Anointing on Friday 6th December** at 11.30am in your diaries. **NB:** The senior choir will also be singing at **Regis Nursing Home on Wednesday 18th December** at 3pm for a special Advent/Christmas Mass followed by carols and good cheer!

SAVE THE DATE A Festival of Carols and Lessons presented by the Select Choir from St Patrick's, on Friday evening **13th December, at 7.30pm in St Patrick's church.** Enquiries on any of the above to: Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

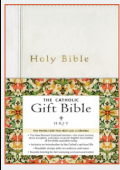


Safeguarding: Month of November: Children and young people will be kept safe by adults who treat them with care, respect and compassion.



God loves a cheerful giver and we have been blessed with anonymous donations covering the cost and the postage of all four Chalices for St Patrick's Asquith.
We will receive two in time for Christmas and the other two in time for Easter.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!
God bless each of you, we are so grateful. 'My Cup Overflows' Psalm 23:5



We once again ask anyone looking for a slightly more affordable way to support the good works of our parish, to donate \$14 for the gift of a Bible to our State School Yr 6 Students

KCCP over the last few years has been gifting our

Year 6 students of our State Primary Schools with a Graduation Bible.

These Bibles are gifted with hearts full of hope that these students will always have a way to keep in touch with the Word of God as they enter High School, where sadly for many, their exposure to our faith (formed in their primary years by the generous work of our Catechists) will no longer be available to them.

So far we have had donations covering 8 of the 76 Bibles to be gifted, THANK YOU.

If this is something which appeals to you, please give the office a call on 9456 2450.

Did you know?

We also keep a few of these Bibles in the parish office at all times. Available at the same reduced price of \$14. If you are ever after a special gift, for whatever reason, please just pop in and see us.

Bernie's Ladies is a social group for women of any age who attend St Bernard's Church.
The goal of Bernie's Ladies is to build community at our church.



Have you ever wondered who the lady sitting near you in church is?

Come to the next Bernie's Ladies dinner and find out! It's at the

Berowra RSL on December 6 @ 7pm

Please RSVP to me at david@barnettsroad.com by Monday, December 2 so I can book.

Please let me know if you would like a lift. Gen Funk.

As always, please feel free to invite along your friends from our St Bernard's community.



This wonderful **Ecumenical Christmas Event** is not far away.

Please join others from our local Church Communities

on: Thursday 19 December

at: Warrina St Oval, Berowra (opposite our church carpark);

at: 5.30pm for the Pre-Show (featuring Fr Shaju as one of the Wise Kings);

and at: 7.30pm for Carols.

The Power of Music

Music connects us to our past, so as adults we tend to prefer music from our childhood and adolescence. We enjoy it more and understand it better. Music also connects to our emotions, so we tend to go to music that we find comforting, and we see it as 'good' music. However, when we cling to our personal tastes and preferences we're missing the full breadth of styles and genres that are possible. The Spirit sings in many voices. We mustn't forget that our music choices shape the tastes and preferences of the next generation. Music is sung prayer: what prayers are we placing on the lips and hearts of the people around us?

Join us for an evening of discernment ~ Hosted by Epping and Carlingford Antioch in conjunction with Vocations Office, Diocese of Broken Bay ~ Hearing God's Call
Saturday 30 November 2019

Come for 7pm supper in St Gerard's Meeting Room

Followed by group discussions about Hearing God's Call and how to discern what God may be telling you.

If you have any questions please email the Broken Bay Vocations Office vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au or contact Joanna Mak, youth minister on joanna@eppearl.org.au.



How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church?

As the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the first gathering of the Plenary Council in October 2020, we are all invited to discern how we are being called to be a Christ-centred Church.

To learn about the process of discernment, visit

plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

or speak with your parish priest or local animator.

Plenary Council - Listening and Discernment

As the National Writing and Discernment Groups gather to prepare papers for the Plenary Council, communities are encouraged to gather and discern how we might respond at both a national and local level. In 2018 many of us participated by telling our stories and listening to one another as we spoke of our hopes for the Catholic Church in Australia. It is now time to discern how these ideas might take shape. By its nature, discernment is a slow process, it takes time and effort. A helpful introduction to discernment, including videos to download can be found on the National Plenary Council website

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/introduction-to-discernment/>.

Recommended reading includes the book

Always Discerning: An Ignatian Spirituality for the New Millennium



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Samaritans Purse Operation



Christmas Child

Boxes can now be returned at St Bernard's and St Patrick's, but the **final cut off date is December 1, 2019.** Your support for this wonderful ministry will be greatly appreciated.

Further information is available from Louise Dryden on 9456 1191 or mobile 0405 556887.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The 2020 calendar is now available

at **BOTH our churches**, St Bernard's & St Patrick's for only **\$9.00**, which is cheap for a calendar of such quality and they make great gifts for family and friends! Please consider buying a calendar, or perhaps more than one, this year to help the mission effort.

Vinnies good works SVdP Society

In addition to the Columban Calendars described above, Asquith SVdP Conference once again have available **SVDP Christmas Cards.**

\$7.00 p/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. Les Fogden ~ 9476 4058.

Relics of St Therese of Lisieux tour For the first time in 18 years, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, will visit Australia in 2020 on a four-month pilgrimage with her parents, saints Louis and Zélie Martin. The relics will visit the following parishes in the Diocese of Broken Bay:
5 March: St Ives Parish
6 March: The Lakes Parish
7 March: Hornsby Cathedral
8 March: Gosford Parish
9 March: The Entrance Parish
Find our more about this event as Australia prepares for the Plenary Council by visiting: catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-thérèse-of-lisieux

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 30thNov/01 Dec—First Sunday of Advent, Yr C

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

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



KU-RING-GAI CHASE
CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

St Bernard's Church

St Patrick's Church

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 9am

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8am

Sunday 10am

Sunday 6pm

Fr Shaju

Fr Shaju

Fr Binesh

Fr Joy

Fr Joy

Fr Shaju

Acolyte/Snr Server

Paul Dryden

Denis Steiner

Sandra Sparkes

Sue Lum

Malcolm Cross

Robert Pesavento

Server

Blayde Arthur
Karina Bednarz
Adam Waite

Poppy Williams
Annalise Cottrell
Tilly Chylewska

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Masses — please
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Conor Collins
More Altar Servers
required, for many
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Joshua Tay
Sophia Gomez
Rebecca Clarke

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Reader

Mary Dorahy
AnneMaree Hurtchins

Denise Harant
Clare McLoughlin

Brian Walsh
Penny Loughland

Vivienne Schreiber
Russel Schreiber

Simone Noel
Hayley Rodrigues

Youth reader
Youth Reader

Children's Liturgy

December 1st, 2019 – Jackie F-T.

December 1st, 2019 – Liz T & Tatiana F

Communion to Sick

Garth Graham

Millie Wong, Cynthia Gilbertson

Sacristy Care/Church
Cleaning/Flowers

Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook,
Chichi Dato (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

December: David Hartmann, Matthew Tancred, Gerry Duffy **more VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Counters

Cecilia Waite, Pat Folkes, Anne Marie Doran

Malcolm Cross, Jessie Long, Graham Palmer

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.

Week 20: 18/11/19 ~ Winning Number: 597 ~

The 250 Club! **Winner: Winston Rodrigues ~**
Amount: \$500 big ones!!

Hornsby Cathedral Parish invites you to their

Advent Reflection Evening
All are welcome to attend our this Advent Refection Evening in preparation for Christmas which will be led by Fr John Frauenfelder. O.L.O.R Cathedral:
 ♦ Friday 29th November 7pm
 ♦ Saturday 30th November 6.30pm.

RSVP to Cathedral Parish Office
phone: 8379 1700
by Wednesday 27th November.

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Faith Formation Team Leader Parish of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills Fulltime

The Catholic Parish of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills is seeking applications from interested and suitably qualified persons for the position of Faith Formation Team Leader.

To obtain more information about this role including **how to apply**, please email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. **Applications close 4pm Monday 9 December 2019.**

The successful applicant will also be required to undergo pre-employment screening including WWCC verification.

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