



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay

24th November 2024 ~ Year B

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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

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'.

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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 Patrick's, Asquith

8am Wednesday and Friday

9am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Saturday

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

8am Thursday

9.15am Wednesday and Friday
(except 1st Friday of the month when Mass is at 11.30am @ St Bernard's)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday After 9am Mass St Patrick's
Friday After 9.15am Mass St Bernard's

(Out of office hours **URGENT** only)

Emergency sick calls

0468 341 841

HOSPITAL ADMISSION:

If admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services.
Please, call the office if you would like our own priests to visit you in hospital.

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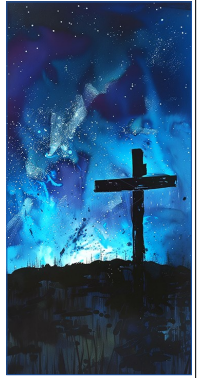
Is the notion of kingship of any value to us, as democrats and republicans? Democracy, with all its complexities, is our preferred form of regulating society, business, law and order. Except in figurative phrases like "king of the road," words like *royalty* and *kingship*, implying an absolute demand for respect and subservience, evoke a bygone structure of inherited privilege and power. The so-called "divine right of kings" sustained this structure and favoured the suppression of individual rights. So if kingship is an unsuitable image for our times, how do we explain today's feast, celebrating Christ as our king?

Does he demand our service and submission? Would he suppress our right to self-expression and all other rights? When faced by Pontius Pilate, Jesus says clearly what kind of king he is. He tells the Roman Governor, "My kingdom is not of this world." His rule is far removed from a dictatorship. This noble prisoner, robed in purple and crowned with thorns as a mock king before this ruthless Roman judge, claims a spiritual authority that has nothing to do with the power to compel by force. His authority is the authority of truth. He is our king, with authentic authority, because he lives the truth and has the power to lead others to the truth — the truth that can save them to eternal life: "for this I was born and came into the world, to bear witness to the truth. All who are on the side of truth listen to my voice" (John 18:37.)

Christ lived by the truth and he died for it. His true followers continue to commit their lives and even risk their all for loyalty to him. In him the Son of the Eternal God, who reveals the Father of life and truth, millions find the inspiration for their lives, the truth which makes them free. His life and teaching give us the clearest kind of truth.

The truth of Christ blends word and action, in perfect harmony. Truth was vitally important to him, who hated all sham and pretence. To get deeper in touch with the truth demands our attention and maybe some change in our lifestyle. It needs periods of quiet, even spending some time with him in personal prayer. Truth cannot really mark our lives without the inspiration which comes from Christ its source. It has to flow from prayer to life, and back into prayer again. A new commitment to the truth can give us a new vision of life. And far from oppressing us, Christ the King of truth will be the one to set us free.

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Please join us for our Inaugural Blessing of the Boats & Seafarers of Brooklyn NSW, on Friday 6 December 2024 3pm - 5pm

Our PPC and Clergy have been hard at work behind the scenes planning what is hoped to become yet another annual event for our parish.

In consultation with the community of Brooklyn NSW all will gather on the Hawkesbury River Marina at 3pm on Friday 6 December 2024 for the 'Blessing of the Fleet' which will be followed by refreshments until 5pm.

Please come along and make this an event to remember.

This year we are keeping things small to judge the response, however, it is hoped that this will grow into a truly amazing event in future years which will include a BBQ/Festival atmosphere in thanks for those who make their living from the waters which embrace our parish and indeed our entire diocese.

Please join us ~ Fr Biju & Fr Joy and your Parish Pastoral Council

'Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic parish acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.'

LIMITED PARKING!

Sundays only

in SPA school grounds



- Entry/Exit by vehicle and foot is via Royston Pde **ONLY**.

WELCOME BACK



Fr Biju is back with us from his annual leave at home where he visited his mum, extended family and friends. We are happy to have you back with us Father to lead us through the beautiful season of Advent and Christmastide.



Weekday Mass Schedule returns to normal with the return of Fr Biju ~

Our regular weekday Mass schedule returns from this Monday 25 November 2024. Please see front page for details.



Pope's intention for November: For anyone who has lost a child ~

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Monday 25/11

Rev 14:1-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday 26/11

Rev 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday 27/11

Rev 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday 28/11

Rev 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9; Lk 21:20-28

Friday 29/11

Rev 20:1-4, 11 - 21:2; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday 30/11 ~ Feast

St Andrew, apostle
Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Leonard Edward Neal, Timothy Drayton

ANNIVERSARY: Patrick Porter, Dario B Rossi and

all those recorded in our Book of Remembrance

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Sandra Sparkes, Lyn Beacom, Warren Beacom, Kyung Ja Ku, Gina Ku, Louise Tong, Nora Carrigan, Paul Lam, Ruth Carlos, Ann Leslie, Barry Cox, Millie Wong, Sosefo Ali, Cita Del Rio, Pat Bowden, Vince Hughes, Georgina Hughes, Bill Holmes, Mary Burns, Chris Enright, Isabel Henson, Mary Mathew, Chichi Datoc, Philomena D'Souza, Patrick Dorahy, Rey Hilario, Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr), Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger.

The 250 Club! Week 18 ~ 18/11/24

Winning #: 807

Amt: \$25.00

Winner: **Madeleine Cottrell**



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Your donations help pay for regular parish expenses, eg Hosts, electricity, water, etc.

Readings

First Reading Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **(R.)**
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **(R.)**
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **(R.)**

Second Reading Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even

those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!



Gospel

John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked.

Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?'

Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?'

Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.'

'So you are a king then?' said Pilate.

'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Congratulations to three of KCCP's finest ~ CCD Annual Mass

Last Saturday, the annual Mass for SRE catechists was celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara by Dr David Ranson PP VG and clergy from our parishes. We congratulate the many catechists who received Papal Blessings at the presentation following Mass especially to our own, Cynthia Gilbertson and Coral Thaddeus who celebrate 20 Years as Catechists.

This wonderful achievement will also be celebrated today at our 10am Mass where Cynthia and Coral will be presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their tireless ministry in bringing God to children.

At the 9am Mass at St Bernard's another of our catechists, Barbara McMullen, who is new-'ish' to this ministry will be presented with two Certificates of Accreditation having successfully completed both the Level 1 and Level 2 accreditation courses. *Congratulations ladies, and may God bless all your efforts in the future. Fr Biju.*



Preparing for Christmas?

How about a little spiritual preparation on a Thursday night? Folk just like you will be meeting up at **St Patricks Hall at 7:30pm this Thursday night, November 28th**, to begin reflecting on the Gospels leading into and during Advent.

Parking will be available in the school grounds with entry via Royston Parade only. For any enquiries, please call Sue on 0400 300 598 who is looking forward to seeing many of you on the night!



Vinnies

Vinnies Christmas Appeal ~ Nov. 30 and Dec. 1
Next weekend Vinnies Conferences for

Asquith & Berowra Parish are holding their Christmas Appeal.

The St Vincent de Paul Society has been active in this Parish for 60 years and the parishioners have always been generous in the support of the Society. The need for your support is just as important now as it was in the past. There are envelopes at the back of the Church if you need to take one this week, however there will be envelopes in the Church pews for the Appeal next week. Thanks for your support, *and please, if you can, support our littlest parishioners by buying a cake this weekend.*

THIS SUNDAY
November 24
after 10am Mass there will
be a **Cake Stall** run by
the **Children's Choir**. Monies raised
go to the **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**.
You really don't want to miss out
and you'll be helping others less
fortunate by your purchase!
That's a Win-Win !!



Pastoral Works Broken Bay

November Appeal

We have so far collected **\$6,300 of our \$15,389** quota for the November appeal. Envelopes remain in pews this weekend and can be put on either collection plate at Mass. You can also donate online by visiting the Diocese website; **Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.**
Please donate whatever you can comfortably afford, to help us reach our quota, thank you.



TODAY November 24 ~ Bernie's Ladies final event for 2024

Please join us

@ 11am @ Savvy Coffee (*), 381 Pacific Highway, Asquith.

As always, the ladies of St Bernard's warmly extend this invitation to ALL ladies from St Pat's.

The goal of Bernie's Ladies is to build community at our church, you'll be warmly welcomed so please come along.

() Savvy Coffee is a new and valued supporter of our parish bulletin (see back page).*



If Jesus called you today, which button would you press??

Catechists Plea: For the children's sake, please don't let our plea fall on deaf ears. Without Catechists to teach them, some children won't know that God exists. The precious gift of faith in God and the knowledge of God is given to every child in the Public School system, by Catechists in our Parish, but sadly we don't have enough Catechists. Many people sit back and wait for others to volunteer or say **"I couldn't do that, it isn't for me"**.

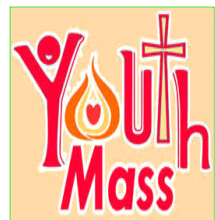


But how do you know what you are capable of if you haven't even tried!

All lessons are prepared for you. They are simple and training is provided.

Can you help us to help them?? We need five more Catechists and at least five standby catechists. Standby catechists will be required when a catechist is ill or on holidays.

Please ring the Parish Office 9456 2450 for more details.



Youth Mass Sunday 1 December @ St Patrick's - 6pm Mass & 7pm Youth Group

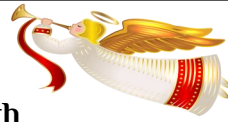
All youth from Year 9 to young adult (20yo) are invited to come to a Youth Mass at 6pm and/or a Youth Group meeting in the school hall from 7-8.30pm. We will have food, games, music, social time, a short Alpha video for discussion and finish up with a prayer. All youth are warmly invited – please bring a friend! Parents and grandparents might like to encourage their young ones to try it out. To get involved or for more information, please email Deacon Adrian at adrian.gomez.youthministry@gmail.com



CAROLS EVENING

Thursday 19th December,

7.30pm, St Patrick's Church, Asquith



Save the Date! Our whole parish Carols evening will be here in two shakes of a reindeers tail and it's not to be missed! We would like as many parishioners as possible to come **from both ends of the parish**, to be united in solidarity and love of Our Lord and our one true faith. More info will follow closer to the big day.



Pastoral Discernment North Shore ~ Submissions have not closed!

These gatherings, have been a beautiful testament to the Holy Spirit at work among us in the North Shore Deanery, guiding our shared discernment as we seek the way forward together. If you'd like to explore the key insights and summary of voices gathered during the Community Engagement Phase of the Project, we invite you to register for the **PDNS Conversation Forum on 7 December**, starting with light refreshments at **11:30 am** at **St Agatha's Hall, Pennant Hills.**



It's been awhile but Fr Joy has provided us with this 'Post-Covid-Chuckle'.

God's time clock is certainly out of sync with ours as Little Jimmy learned one day. He was lying on a hill watching puffy clouds roll by and he soon began to think about God. **"God? Are you there?"** Jimmy said out loud. To his astonishment a voice from the puffy clouds answered, **"Yes, Jimmy. What can I do for you?"** Seizing the moment, Jimmy asked, **"God, what is a million years like to you?"** God knew Jimmy would not understand the concept of infinity so instead God answered, **"A million years to me, Jimmy, is like a minute."** **"Oh,"** said Jimmy. **"Well, then, what's a million dollars like to you, God?"** God answered, **"A million dollars to me, Jimmy, is like a penny."** **"Wow!"** remarked Jimmy, getting an idea. **"You're so generous God ... can I have one of your pennies?"** God replied, **"Sure thing, Jimmy! Wait a minute."**
Little Jimmy wasn't ready for that response, was he?



Carols under the Star 2024

is on
Thursday 5 December
Pre-show activities 5.30pm,
Carol show begins 7pm.

This annual open air combined Churches of Berowra event is wonderful and well supported by the community. It is held at Warrina St Oval, Berowra.

Save the date!
You won't be disappointed.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS:

The 2024 calendar is now available St Patrick's Church for **\$10.00**, and they make a cheap but quality gift for family and friends alike!

SVdP CHRISTMAS CARDS are also available from **St Patrick's** in packs of **10 for \$10.00**. Your purchase will go towards helping those in need in our Parish and the Columban Missions. Please put money in box provided. Many thanks for your support, Les Fogden (0414 947 640).

COLUMBAN CALENDARS:

From St Bernard's Church are by advance order this year. **To pre-order a calendar please email Gen Funk by 27 November** at david@barnettsroad.com

CHRISTMAS CARDS are also available from the back of St Bernard's church, however, they are not SVdP Christmas cards.



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

Friday Dec 13, will be the choir's last practice for 2024, after which members will hold their Christmas party from 4:45pm-5:30pm outside the church. Parents and siblings are welcome to join the party. Please bring along some Christmas food to share if you can and remember to RSVP for numbers. For more information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or email us at stpatcschoir@gmail.com.

Rosters & Readings for W/kend – 30th Nov/1st Dec. 2024 – First Sunday of Advent –Year C– Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

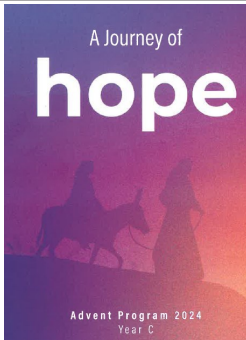
	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Barbara McMullen	Paul Dryden	Volunteer now	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Volunteer now
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Martha Askew Piper Thompson	Elliott Gow Joshua Rumble	Darius Ali Volunteer now	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Joshua Almeida Sub requested	Volunteer now Volunteer now
Reader (1)	Genevieve Funk	Freya Tonkin	Sue Watts	Clare Bell	Chris Newnham	Parish Youth (1)(1)
Reader (2)	Francesca Parrino	Peta Tonkin	Penny Loughland	Maria (Cris) Tolentino	Sue Newnham	Parish Youth (2)(2)
Sacristy / Cleaning / Flowers	Genevieve Funk, David Funk, Cecilia Waite (f), Chichi Datoc (s) (help always needed & appreciated)		Sue O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Sue O'Malley, John O'Malley, Leanne Barbour (f)- (help always needed & appreciated)			
Maintenance	Team A & B - (help always needed & appreciated)		December: - (help always needed & appreciated)			

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*.

December 2024 Parish Timetable

The ultra busy month of December will soon be upon us so here is an idea of what is in the diary for Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish ...

Date	Time	Church	Event
(Nov 29)	6pm	SBB grounds	Volunteers Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec 5	5.30pm	Berowra Oval	Carols under THE Star - Ecumenical Event (see previous page)
Dec 6	3pm	Brooklyn Marina	Blessing of the Boats followed by fish and chips on the shore
Dec 18	7.30pm	SBB	2nd Rite of Reconciliation opportunity
Dec 19	7.30pm	SPA	Whole Parish Christmas Carol Evening
Dec 24	5pm	SBB	Christmas Eve Mass (outdoor, weather permitting)
	6pm & 9pm	SPA	Christmas Eve Mass (come as shepherds, angels etc)
	MIDNIGHT	SPA	Midnight Mass
Dec 25	8am & 10am	SPA	Christmas Day Mass
	9am	SBB	Christmas Day Mass



A Journey of Hope ~ DBB Advent Programme 2024.

Advent is a time for preparation and anticipation and the Diocesan Advent resource is now available.

Limited copies can be found at the back of our churches. It can be used as part of a group or individually.

Each week there is a reading of the Gospel text, a reflection; a personal testimony and reflection

questions to guide discussion. The resource can be accessed on the Diocesan webpage (www.bbcatholic.org.au).



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