

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

25th November 2018 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ~ Year B

The Lord is king: he is robed in majesty.

Dan 7: 13-14; Apoc 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37 **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'



This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King

In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would

require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see John 17:6-18),

Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John's themesalvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Saviour of all.



Remembering all those who have been born to Eternal Life

During November we have remembered and prayed for our departed loved ones who have been called to Eternal Life.

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.

CHERISH THE MEMORY...Our Catholic Faith teaches us to cherish the memory of our dead. It urges us to commune in prayer, especially at Mass, with the souls of those we loved while they walked this Earth. We are continually reminded that "life is changed, not ended."

THE GOD OF LOVE...It is our belief that at the moment of death, we will experience our ultimate encounter with the God of Love. In this encounter, we will experience God more vividly than ever before because our spirit will be free of all human constraints. For some, this will be a very painful encounter because they will see their faults magnified in contrast with the goodness of God. Many believe that the pain of this encounter constitutes the essence of the doctrine of Purgatory. To own up to one's selfishness and meanness can be terribly painful, as we all know. To do so in the presence of Holiness Itself must constitute the ultimate purgation.

"LOVE NEVER FAILS"...It is useless to speculate on the duration of this final, cleansing encounter with our God because "time," as we understand it on Earth, has no meaning in the realm of eternity. Hence, our Faith very sensibly teaches us to forget "time" and commune in prayer with our dead. Just as "the living" are helped over the rough spots of this early life by experiencing the love, sympathy and solidarity of their friends, so also we believe that the dead are consoled and helped as they pass through the often painful "cleansing" of their ultimate encounter with God. How sad it is when we get so hung up on the earthly concept of "time" that we allow our active love and concern to stop at the moment of earthly death.

FULL OF HOPE AND LOVE...During the month of November, we [offered] Mass each day for the Holy Souls. As Christ commanded that the Mass be offered for all time so that the meaning of His death would never be forgotten, so we offer Mass for our dead in the sure and certain knowledge that, because of Christ's death, they have eternal life. Our Catholic devotion to the Holy Souls, far from being morbid, is actually full of hope and love. It speaks to something very deep within us, where spirit communes with spirit, whether we realise it our not. St Thomas the Apostle Parish, Tucson AZ.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm St Bernard's 6pm St Patrick's Sunday 8am St Patrick's 9am St Bernard's St Patrick's 10am 6pm St Patrick's

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Bernard's 8am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am Wednesday 9am Friday First Friday-10.30am Adoration St Bernard's 11.00am Reconciliation 11.30am Healing Mass St Patrick's 8am Wednesday and Friday 9am Monday, Tuesday, Thurs, Sat.

RECONCILIATION

Every Friday

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

ORDINARY TIME 34th Week

Monday 26/11

Weekday, Ordinary Time 34 Mass ad libitum Apoc 14:1-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday 27/11

Weekday, Ordinary Time 34 Mass ad libitum

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

Wednesday 28/11

Weekday, Ordinary Time 34 Mass ad libitum

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

Thursday 29/11

Weekday, Ordinary Time 34 Mass ad libitum Apoc 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3,9; Lk 21:20-28

Friday 30/11

St Andrew, apostle Mass of the Feast, Gloria Preface of Apostles I-II Rom 10:9-18; Mt4:18-22

Saturday 01/12

Weekday, Ordinary Time 34 Mass ad libitum Apoc 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pedring Alvarado, Marcelino Cantuba, Gwen McKenzie, Julie Ferrao, Jude Fernandez, Giuseppe (Joe) Loccisano

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Marie McNamara, Andrew Lufor Doger Thenet, Patrick Porter, Marlene Hincapie (6mths), Faustino Rigor, Gesmunde Daria, Elde Daria, Conception Daria, Andrea Daria, Geoffrey Warren, Josefina Bule, Patrick O'Halloran, Mary Jack Therese Jakubek, James Treacy, Victor Hinton, Patricia McDonagh, Michael Weir, Nancy Gomez

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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

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

Something fun for our young (and young at heart) parishioners - The 12 Days of Christmas

In England, between 1558 and 1829, it was not legal for Catholics to practice their kind of Christianity in public or private. Being a Catholic was treated as a bad crime. If you even owned a Catholic Bible, you could be put in prison!

'The Twelve Days of Christmas' was written in England at the beginning of this time. Some people think that it was written to help children learn about their Catholic religion. In the carol, the days are supposed to represent special symbols but there's NO evidence that this is true and it seems most likely just to be a folk song and that the special 'Catholic' meanings were added at a MUCH later date!

The 12 Days of Christmas refer to the twelve day period that starts with Christmas day and ends on Epiphany (6th January).

Next week we will have the meanings of the next 3 days—we hope you have fun colouring in your pictures for each day



The 'partridge in a pear tree' means God. (In 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', it can also mean Jesus who died on the cross. In ancient times a partridge was often used as a mythological symbol of a divine, sacred king. Partridges weren't introduced into England, from France, until the 1770s.



The 'two turtle doves' are the Old and **New Testaments** of the Bible.



The 'three French hens' are the Christian Trinity: God the Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. (The hens could also mean faith, hope and love - the three gifts of the Holy Spirit. [See 1 Corinthians 13]; or the Wise men who visited Jesus; or the three gifts they brought him!)



'Keep Christ in Christmas'

CHRISTMAS 2ND RITE RECONCILIATION TIMES

Tuesday 18 December 7pm St Bernard's // Wednesday 19 December 7.30pm St Patrick's (1st Rite times are unchanged—see front page for details)

CHRISTMAS-MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve -Monday 24 December

St Bernard's Vigil Mass for Children, Carols & BBQ (Outdoors) Please bring a chair or rug 9am St Patrick's **Vigil Mass for Children** 6pm St Patrick's **Youth Vigil Mass** 9pm 12 midnight St Patrick's Midnight Mass

Christmas Day -Tuesday 25 December

St Patrick's Mass 8am St Bernard's Mass 10am St Patrick's Mass

NO evening Mass on Christmas Day **NO Mass on Boxing Day**

Just letting you know, our Priests have both safely arrived in India

But before they left, arrangements were put in place to cover all weekend Masses, however, the best laid plans etc etc ...

the grapevine reports there was a little hiccup last Saturday evening at Asquith. Luckily Fr Shiju was close by and leapt into the void with Mass starting just a wee bit late but he got the job done! Thanks Fr Shiju!



Veekday Masses (a) Both churches will be celebrated on Monday 26 to Thursday 29 November by Fr Leonse.

Both our priests will be back with us again by Friday 30 November when normal scheduling will resume.

November Safeguarding Message:

The protection of children and vulnerable adults within our Diocese will be achieved as every member of our community strives to be a person who ENGAGES the knowledge and experience of the wider community so that through dialogue and collaboration we can contribute to growth in the safety and wellbeing of our communities.



Pope Francis' Prayer **Intention for November** In Service of Peace That the language of love

and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

SAVE THE DATE!

for a wonderful evening of Christmas carols and Advent music on Sunday 2nd December at 7.15pm in St Patrick's church. The parish children's choirs will be presenting this evening in conjunction with the parish Youth Group. This is not to be missed! A fantastic way to start your Advent and get into the Christmas spirit. Don't miss this feast of beautiful music and well-loved carols.





AIZE A beautiful part of Advent preparation is our traditional Taize evening, to be held this year on Friday 21st December, at 7.30pm at St Patrick's. Set this date aside now, for meditation and prayer in the context of the uplifting and inspiring music of Taize.



Unfortunately, no further response to this plea can be reported

We are still in need of 3 volunteers for maintenance at St Patrick's Asquith. The commitment is not too onerous, eg: some mowing, weeding, blower vacuuming and done by a small group which is rostered across one month every 7 months. Could this be an early New Years Resolution to help others?

Those on the roster already would love to help you achieve that resolution. Contact the parish office or Mal Cross (9457 5148) for more information.



Plenary Council 2020 - Diocesan Assemblies: In wonderful news, it has been confirmed that the Diocese of Broken Bay has registered the fourth highest number of responses to the Plenary Council in Australia and is the highest responding diocese in Australia in proportion to the number of parishes.

Thank you for your generous support throughout. This weekend is the final opportunity to gather in this Year of Listening, to share your views and experiences with others across communities of our Diocese. You are all invited to take part by registering for the 24 November Assembly at Hornsby Cathedral Parish or the 1 December Assembly at The Entrance Parish, from 1pm-4:30pm via jenny.hildebrandt@bbcatholic.org.au or on 8379 1625.



Red Wednesday - 28 November 2018: Red Wednesday aims to bring awareness to the plight of persecuted Christians globally. Around the world famous landmarks will be lit up in red on this day to bring awareness to the oppression of Christians. This year for the first time since its inception in 2016, Australia is participating in Red Wednesday. St Mary's Cathedral

Sydney, will be lit up in red to mark the occasion and Mass will be celebrated at 5.30pm. The colour red is used as it is the colour of martyrdom. Show your support this Wednesday, 28 November, by attending an event; using social media (#RedWednesday); and by praying for those persecuted that peacefully practice their faith. For further details, please visit www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - ASQUITH & BEROWRA CONFERENCE COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our St Vincent de Paul Society Conferences of Asquith & Berowra have available for purchase at the back of each Church 2019 Columban Art Calendars at \$9 each and Christmas Cards at \$6 for a pack of 10 cards. Your purchase will be assisting those in need in our Parish & the Columban Missions. Please place money in the box provided. Many thanks for your support. Les Fogden 9476 4058

'Reioice and Be Glad' Discussion Guide. Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad) invites every person to a path of holiness. Now available on the diocesan website PDF format can be printed as an



A4 booklet, or as individual sessions. A 5-week Discussion Guide has been prepared to encourage engagement with this document, and it would be a suitable **Advent resource** for small groups.

The weekly sessions correspond to the chapters within the document:

Week 1 - The call to holiness is meant for everyone, each in our own way, so that we become what God had in mind when we were created.

Week 2 - We can block our holiness when we think it is only about what we know, or when we try to do it on our own without God's grace.

Week 3 - The Beatitudes is the way we grow in holiness. It is the Christian's identity card.

Week 4 - The signs of holiness in our life are perseverance, joy, boldness, community, prayer.

Week 5 - Christian life is a battle, and we need to discern the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Enquiries: faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au or Pina Bernard 8379 1627



Senior Parish Choir rehearsal this Tuesday, 27th November,

immediately after 9am Mass at St Patrick's church.

Singers please note We will be recording sound and video for the parish website, so don't miss this rehearsal! All welcome!

Children's Choir at Asquith will be joining the parish Youth Group and parish children's choirs next Sunday for the Advent Festival of Carols. Singers should be at the church for rehearsal at 4pm.

The Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and practises every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church.

NB: our last practice for the year is coming up on Friday 7th December, followed immediately by the Choir Christmas party!

Enquiries Patricia Smith 9482 7935



Save the Date! **Carols Under** THE Star **Thursday** 20 December 5.30-9.30pm.

Carols Under the Star is a combined churches of Berowra event, and was a **HUGE** success last year, so you are encouraged to save the date. Volunteers needed to help with the BBO and crowd control. Please contact Madeleine Cottrell on 0481 257 520.

Cake Competition—Calling all cake makers!

Show your creative flair and earn the title of Berowra's Best Decorated Christmas Cake 2018. Cakes will be displayed and judged on Saturday 15 December at Berowra Village Shopping Centre from 10am-1pm and the winner announced at Carols under the Star. All cakes need to be registered before 10 December.

Register by calling Madeleine on 0481257520 or KCCP on 9456 2450.



Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child

If you have taken a box, please be

aware that

Boxes need to be returned TODAY Sunday, 25th November.

Information? Louise 0405556 887 **or** 9456 1191. Thank you.



Thursday December 13 at 8pm

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara

Rosters & Readings for weekend 1st / 2nd December—1st Sunday of Advent—Year C

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

Jer 33: 14-16: 1 Thess 3:12-4:2: Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

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	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904)			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon
Acolyte/Snr Server	Justin Berry	Vince Hughes	Sandra Sparkes	Malcolm Cross	Sue Lum	Robert Pesavento
Server	Josephine Harman Sophia Harman Kyrah McMahon	Levi McLoughlin Ella Noble Georgia Alderback	Jessica Chacon Maddie Lever Ben Montgomery	Felix Holm Conor Collins	Georgia Osborne Sam Valderama Joshua Tay Sophia Gomez	
Reader	Mary Dorahy Donna Machado	Peter Collins Christina Hopowood	Sue Lum Penny Loughland	Rosemary Pendlebury Dan Leavy	Susie Gates Cora Cussay	Youth Reader 2 Youth Reader 1
Children's Liturgy	Children's Liturgy 1st Dec.: Jackie T.		Children's Liturgy 1 st DecNo children's liturgy due to Kindergarten class Mass.			
Communion to Sick	Kerrin Enright, Isabel Henson		Malcolm Cross, Sue Host			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Fiona Cunningham, Anne Bourke(s)		Sophie Kwok(f), Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Rosemary PendleburyFriday)			
Maintenance	Team B: David, Phil, Denis, Justin, Chris, Ralph		December: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk, More Volunteers Needed for Roster!			
Counters	Mark Birrell, Peter Forn	mby	Mary & Peter McAleer, Imm & Thomas Lui, Annie Wong			

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

After weekday Masses both Churches Rosary

Visit Housebound Fr Shaju John & Fr Shiju Simon 9456 2450

Fr Shaju John 9456 7012 (Presbytery) **Urgent sick calls**

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

Please call 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

- * 2 Dec. 7.15pm: Christmas carols and Advent music St Patrick's
- 7 Dec. 11.30am: First Friday Healing and Anointing Mass St Bernard's
- 7 Dec. 7-10pm: Night Vigil St Patrick's
- 18 Dec. 7pm: 2nd Rite Reconciliation St Bernard's
- 19 Dec. 7.30pm: 2nd Rite Reconciliation St Patrick's
- * 20 Dec. 5.30-9.30pm: Carols Under the Star, Warrina St Oval Berowra

ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:

- Advent Retreat @ Verbum Dei Missionaries, Randwick, 1 Dec. Advent Festival of Readings & Songs, Mt St Benedict, Dec 2 RSVP: by Nov 26. Advent at the Grail Ctr Dec 5 (Matt 1:18-2:23); Dec 12 (Lk1:26-56; 2:1-40)
- Women's Advent Retreat—University of Notre Dame, Broadway Sat. Dec 8, Free.
- [Weekly] Life Marriage & Family Notice from the DBB 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

250 Club Results

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Requests

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Anselam Lakra HGN, **Assistant Priest of Holy Name** Parish Wahroonga will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Holy Name Church Wahroonga on Thurs. 29 Nov. at 6.30pm, followed by dinner & a short meeting, after which Fr Anselam, will speak about his vocation journey.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see". T: Terry Scanlan 0438 887 295 or E: terry scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.

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