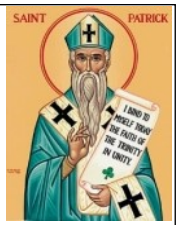


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay  
26th January 2020



3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year A—Sunday of the Word of God

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

Is 32:15-18; Romans 12: 9-13; Lk 12:22-33 or Mt 5:2-12



## Vinnies Bushfire Appeal Australia Day Weekend Special Collection

A Special Collection will be held this weekend to raise funds for the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal to support bushfire-affected communities. Donations can be made in cash in the collection plate or online at [www.bushfireappeal.com.au](http://www.bushfireappeal.com.au)

Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate through a link to the **Vinnies Donations Page** on the Diocesan website [www.bbcatholic.org.au](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au) or pick up an appeal specific envelope as you leave church today.

Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities. We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis. Prayers and other resources can be found on the diocese website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/bushfires/resources>

**SPECIAL COLLECTION AT MASSES ON AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND**

Parishes across the country will be taking up a special collection at Masses on Australia Day with all funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal ([bit.ly/Help\\_Bushfire\\_Victims](http://bit.ly/Help_Bushfire_Victims))

We hope you will all take the time to pray with us for those who have been affected by the bushfires and for an end to this crisis.

**St Augustine:**  
**"To sing is to pray twice"**

Below is a re-worded hymn, touching on the events Australia has been (and still is) currently experiencing. It has been set to the classical tune, **'Now thank we all our God.'**

Now thank we all our God for lives beloved and cherished, the brave who faced the flames, the young and old who perished, for those who fight the fires that scar our country's soul, for all who give relief to comfort and make whole.

No tears can stem this grief through outback, town or city, yet as disaster strikes, we share a common pity, Where hearts and hands can help to build or recreate our nation stands as one to mourn our people's fate.

Our lives are held in trust, O God of our believing, and we who still are spared, owe duty to the grieving, for everyone is kin when all can feel this pain, as families are gone and shattered ones remain.

Now thank we all our God for courage meeting danger when selfless spirits fight for mate or helpless stranger when wind and bushfire flare and terror grips our faith, compassion keeps us strong, through tragedy and death.

*Shirley Murray (no copyright)  
 Now thank we all our God.  
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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
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>		
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  
and PRAYERS**

**Ordinary Time Week 3 Year A  
Monday 27/01**

Weekday, Mass ad libitum  
2 Sam 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday-28/01**

St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor  
Mass of the Saint  
Preface of weekday or saint  
2 Sam 6:12-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday-29/01**

Weekday, Mass ad libitum  
2 Sam 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday-30/01**

Weekday, Mass ad libitum  
2 Sam 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

**Friday-31/01**

St John Bosco, priest  
Mass of the Saint  
Preface of weekday or saint  
2 Sam 11:1-10, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday-01/02**

Weekday, Mass ad libitum  
2 Sam 12:1-7, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Jan Seage, Geoffrey Ranson (Father of Fr David Ranson), Grace Walker, Elisabeth (May) Bailey, Gabrielle Anne King (nee Cox), Colin Randazzo, Helen McKeon, Antonietta (Ann), Fr Barry Nobbs, Noel & Martin Corrigan, James Kennelly

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Andrej Maciejewski, Robert Laroco, Conrado Chuidian III, Elena Ebalde, Catalino Ubalde, Eduardo Ubalde, Honoria Alde, Jolanta Uchman, Eulalie Hailstone, Neil Mickelson, Alison Hinton, Mary Treacy, Assunta Fraietta, Maria Lombardo, Deacon David Huntley, Ronald Bond, Jack Van Pierce

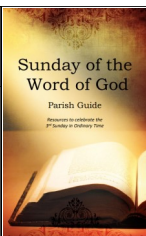
**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Felicity Fone, Graeme Kachel, Michelle Chahine, Anna Nicholson, 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.



**The Pope's Prayer  
Intention for  
January.**

Promotion of World Peace. We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



**Sunday of the Word of God**

Our Catholic liturgical calendar has a new celebration—Sunday of the Word of God, which is celebrated today for the first time. Pope Francis has given us this new Sunday commencing in 2020, and to be celebrated each year on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Pope Francis, in instituting this day, wrote a letter *Aperuit Illis* (AI), which seeks to remind us to receive the Scriptures “not as a human word but as what it really is, the word of God”, and to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures.

On 30 September 2019, Pope Francis made this a reality for the Church by instituting the Sunday of the Word of God. The announcement was sparked by 2020 being the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini*, Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death (30 September 2020). St Jerome (347 – 30 September 420), Priest and Doctor of the Church, is best known for translating the Bible from the Greek (Septuagint) into the Latin (Vulgate). He reminds us that when we read the Scriptures, we are entering into a true dialogue, a true encounter, a participation in the great story of salvation. As well as speaking to us personally, the Scriptures speak to us communally, “for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers.” (AI, 8)



The Holy Father asks that we consider taking some steps to read or study the Scriptures more this year and to assist you, in the Parish Office we have available a limited number of the **NRSV Catholic Gift Bible** which can be purchased for **just \$14.00** (RRP \$32.99, but available at the subsidised price thanks to the generosity of the Fr Harry Davis Estate).

As Pope Francis says,

“A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event.”. (AI, 8)



**The Voice of Jesus**

© Fr Michael Tate

There are certain news readers or presenters on the radio or TV one wants to switch off: something in the voice grates. Others, one could listen to endlessly: something about the tone is so attractive.

Jesus' voice must have sounded fascinating: something about it perfectly vocalised his attractive and fascinating personality. It gave true voice to who he was, and this is what proved so alluring to those four fishermen, two sets of two brothers.

It is an extraordinary situation.

These men were running successful fishing operations, family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and **called** them, the Gospel says, **at once** they left their boats and followed him.

**Immediately**, they allowed this stranger to wrench them out of their place in society, in the commercial life of the Sea of Galilee. Without any further ado, they gave up their status as independent and settled businessmen and became dependent itinerants. How did this come about? I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God.

Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.' \*

Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything, abandoning their livelihood, for the chance to have *their* souls contoured along the same lines.

More particularly, they were Jewish. Their Jewish scriptures and tradition would have prepared them, filled them with longing and expectation for the Messiah. They were in a state of readiness. And then, the call: '**Follow me...**', the call not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community.

At some stage, you will hear his fascinating voice, and a decision will be required: a decision of faith.

**'Come, follow me.'** The faith required is not a peculiar sort of knowledge about this or that. '**Faith**' is setting out on a journey in the hopeful conviction that **this Jesus is** the person who wants to set me on the Way which is most life giving,

- the person through whom I can receive divine mercy,
  - the person in whom I can share victory over death,
  - the person by whom I am called to participate in Divine life.
- The Nazarene is calling.

Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John are also beckoning:

**'Take the risk of joining us. Let us together follow the sound of that voice which reverberates throughout all creation, the sound of that voice which perfectly articulates Divine Truth and Beauty, the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.'**

\* John O'Donohue, *Divine Beauty: The Invisible Embrace*, Bantam Press, p.246.

**National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Leadership, monitoring & improvement**

**Standard 1 – Committed leadership, governance and culture**

Key Elements of Standard 1:

- A commitment to Safeguarding
- Promoting a Safeguarding Culture
- Safeguarding Policies
- Code of Conduct





## SEEKING PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Three members of our current Parish Pastoral Council are coming to the end of their two year term and so nominations are now invited from the Parish community to join the PPC.

Nomination forms can be found at the back of each church and require the agreement of the nominee and the names and signatures of 2 endorsements of others in the Parish who:

- Regularly affiliate with the Parish and
- Are not family members of the nominee.

**Nominations will remain open until Wednesday 26 February 2020.**

*We take this opportunity to proffer heartfelt thanks for the time, talents and dedication of Michelle Chahine, Henning Schneider and Barbara McMullen during their time on the PPC. May Christ abundantly bless each of you abundantly and we wish each of you the very best in your future endeavours.*

## As the new year begins, sadly some things have come to an end.

Over the Christmas break a number of parishioners have 'retired' from various ministries across our parish, and whilst it is sad to see them go, it is time to publicly acknowledge our thanks and show our appreciation and esteem for you all.

So, without further ado ( and in no particular order) as a parish we thank you all most sincerely for your dedication to the parish and to your chosen ministry.



Noel Farrell (Senior Server),  
Isabel Henson (EM and Communion to the Sick);  
Brian Walsh (Reader),  
Millie Wong (Reading only);  
Megan Chung and Abbey McAdam (Altar Servers).



**We warmly welcome back to school all our teachers and students of St Bernard's and St Patrick's Primary Schools.**

We ask God's blessing on you all as you begin the new school year. May it be a happy and successful year for you all.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."*  
*Proverbs 22:6*



**We also welcome some important new staff members to our schools:**

**Ms Gillian Austin,**  
*New Principal of St Bernard's, Berowra Hts*  
**Mr Todd Vane-Tempest,**  
*New Principal of St Patrick's, Asquith*  
**Ms Carmel Kevill,** *St Patrick's*  
*New Religious Education Coordinator (REC)*



**Children's Choir** at St Patrick's will begin the 2020 year with its first practice on FRIDAY 7th February at 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. This choir is for young people from Year 3 and above, who are interested in serving our parish community in music ministry. No audition is necessary.

The Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from February to December. Our first Mass for the year will be on Sunday 9th February.

**Cherubs Choir** is for those enthusiastic young singers from Kindergarten to Year 2. Practices will begin for 2020 on TUESDAY 11th February at 8.15 to 8.45am in St Patrick's church. This group will sing at 10am Mass with the Children's Choir approximately once per month after an initial training period.

**Senior Parish Choir** will be singing at the regular monthly Mass of Anointing at 11.30am at St Bernard's church on Friday 7th February.

For further information on any of the above please contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

26 January 2020  
**Happy Australia Day**  
to all



and  
**Happy Republic Day**  
to those among us from India



We bless you, God of the universe,  
for this land,  
for its contrasts of landscape  
and climate,  
for its abundance of wealth  
and opportunity.

We bless you for our history,  
with all its struggle in adversity,  
its courage and hope.

Give us in our diversity,  
tolerance and respect for each other  
and a passionate commitment  
to justice for all.

Bless us so that we might be  
a blessing to others.

We ask this through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



"THE GREATEST AMONG  
YOU MUST BECOME LIKE  
THE YOUNGEST"  
(LK 22:26)



## You!-th Matter-s



**IT'S BACK !!**  
**This coming**  
**FRIDAY NIGHT**

Calling all kids in Year 5 & 6 to join  
our regular attendees at  
**'St Bernard's Knights'**

Our Youth Co-Ordinator, Michelle, will once again run this very successful junior youth group. Michelle would like you to join our **'Faith and Fun' youth group,** if you are a student in Year 5 or 6.

Lots of fun can be had and you will learn about what it means to be loved by God and develop your own relationship with Him at the same time.

**Where:** The Pastoral Centre, Berowra Hts,

**When:** Every last Friday of the month,

**Next: Friday 31 January 2020.**

**From:** 5-6.30pm.

Structured lessons and activities, refreshments and snacks will be available.

For more info. or to rsvp contact the office on 9456 2450 or via

[michelle.chahine@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:michelle.chahine@bbcatholic.org.au)

MASS AT 6PM  
YOUTH GROUP  
AT 7PM

**Next Sunday**  
**KC**  
**youth**  
**February**  
**2nd, 2020**

JOIN US FOR MASS AT 6PM  
AND BE PART OF THE  
MANY MINISTRIES  
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH  
1 ROYSTON PDE ASQUITH  
CONTACT MICHELLE  
FOR MORE INFO  
MICHELLE.CHAHINE@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

# ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 1/2 February - The Presentation of the Lord —Year A

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

Malachi 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40



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 Shaju	Fr Joy	Fr Joy	Fr Shaju	Fr Shaju	Fr Joy
Acolyte/Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Michael O'Neill	Mani Subramany	Sue Lum	Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
Server	Molly Summerhayes Suzie Thompson Tahlia Thompson	Alena Hartmann Verity Hartmann Zinta Hartmann		Conor Collins	Joshua Tay Sophia Gomez Rebecca Clarke	
Reader	Jerome Gomez John Ryan	Kerrin Enright Denise Harant	Henning Schneider Miguel Do Rego	Dan Leavy Sue Lum	Hayley Rodrigues Anne Perez	Youth Reader Youth Reader
Children's Liturgy	1st Sunday of Month: Jackie Tod		1st Sunday of Month: Liz T & Tatiana F			
Communion to Sick	Kerrin Enright		Penny Loughland, Janette O'Brien			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Chichi Datoc(s)		Scott Smith, Maria Hon (f), Winston Rodrigues, Paul Mathew, Antony Davis			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		February: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk			
Counters	Lyn Beacom, Catherine & Tony		Margot & Patrick O'Donoghue, Fiona Henrison, Col Gilbertson			

**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 (Out of office hours only)**  
**Nursing Home Visits** By request, call the parish office to arrange.  
**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.

*Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.*

## What's happening in Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish



### FOUND:

An item of jewellery was found in the grounds of St Bernard's, Berowra Heights last week.

If you think this item might be yours, please call the parish office on 9456 2450.

### Are you travelling this Aust. Day long weekend?



Please take special care when travelling over the Australia Day Long Weekend.

Enjoy your break, may it be relaxing and enjoyable but, please return to us safely.



## WATCH THIS SPACE:

250 Club Results between Dec 23 & Jan 31 will be published in the bulletin of Sunday 2nd February 2020.

The businesses below support our parish by advertising here. Please give them your support in turn.

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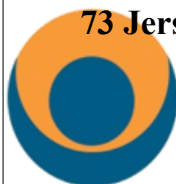
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