

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

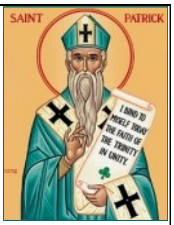
Diocese of Broken Bay

29th December 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph—Year A

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



The end of 2019 may be nigh, yet our parish can face the New Year knowing the accomplishment of a job well done, by good and faithful servants. "Great is the art of beginning, but greater is the art of ending." Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Two Holy Families © Fr Michael Tate

How often, on TV, do you see people fleeing persecution by murderous tyrants? Currently, we see the plight of refugees streaming across the borders of Syria. When I was at school, some of the pupils were the sons of those who had fled from Poland to escape Nazi and then Communist persecution.

It seems that generation after generation, millions of people have been forced to leave their homelands to escape the violent rule of despots.

What grabs at the heart are the pictures of the desperate, pleading eyes of parents on the verge of total despair, only hanging on to life in order to protect their children.

That was the case with the Holy Family. Once again, Joseph is the hero. Once again, in the deep sleep of a just man, he is able to receive a divine message.

Herod is seeking to annihilate all the male children in Bethlehem in fear that one of them might threaten his hold on power. The child Jesus is in mortal danger.

'Arise, take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt.'

And Joseph did so. **That** night and **by** night, such was the urgency, such was the need for secrecy.

Have you ever thought: What if Egyptian border guards had turned back this refugee family? What if, instead of finding safe haven and sanctuary, this desperate family had been denied entry?

So we see that the divine plan to rescue Jesus from a murderous tyrant depended not only on Joseph but, also, on the Egyptian people.

The Holy Spirit prepared Joseph's character during his lifetime. The Holy Spirit had prepared the Egyptian people over the decades preceding the birth of Jesus. Jewish people had found safe haven in Egypt as they fled persecution from Greek despots.

The Holy Spirit prompts, inspires and encourages individuals like Joseph, but also prompts, inspires and encourages communities, societies and nations.

And so we discover two Holy Families in this Gospel episode.

One is the little Holy Family with Joseph, Mary and Jesus. The other is the larger Holy Family of humanity embodied in those Egyptians who provided sanctuary, who opened their land to allow Joseph, Mary and Jesus to settle out of danger.

How are we doing in Australia in the light of this Gospel? We might expect, or at least hope, that we might live up to the long title of our nation: 'Australia del Espritu Santo' – South Land of the Holy Spirit. But when we think of the scenes of families sent by Australia into hopeless detention on Pacific Islands, we are challenged as we reflect on today's Gospel.

It is true that we have received hundreds of thousands of refugees since World War II, from Europe, from Asia, from Africa, from Central and South America.

That humanitarian policy gives me, at least, confidence that the Holy Spirit is at work in Australia so that the bonds of our common humanity may be strengthened. But the challenge remains.

Can we be a people who protect the little holy families in desperate plight? Can we be as hospitable and open as the Egyptians of today's Gospel?

Another baby in another family of refugees may depend on our answer!



On this Feast of the Holy Family we take time to give thanks to and for our Faith Family

Having experienced the wonderful and beautifully presented celebration of Our Saviour's Birth, the talents and gifts freely given by so many in our community, deserve to be publicly acknowledged.

The only difficulty is where to begin and so, in no particular order, we thank God for His blessings of:

- * our maintenance teams and altar societies
- * our cleaners, decorators and flower arrangers
- * our senior servers and altar servers
- * our readers, commentators and welcomers
- * our hospitality experts
- * our musicians and all our choirs

- * our Eucharistic Ministers (in the church and to our household)
- * our collectors and counters
- * our intercession writers
- * You! our amazing congregation and visitors
- and of course
- * Fr Shaju and Fr Joy.

Lord, we thank you for our family. Bless each one of us in our uniqueness and let us use our gifts and talents to ensure unity and love within our family now and always. Amen.

New Year's Day Mass

Wed 1 Jan 2020

Solemnity ~ Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Please consider starting the New Year with God and Our Lady on this special day.

Mass is at 9am both Asquith and Berowra Heights.

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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 – **No First Friday Healing Mass or Night Vigil during January. Usual Friday mass times apply**

RECONCILIATION

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



The Pastoral Centre will be CLOSED until mid JANUARY.

If you need assistance outside these hours please phone the office on 9456 2450 and leave a message.

NB: The phone will be **CHECKED only INTERMITTENTLY** during this period.

USUAL OFFICE HOURS will resume on Monday 20 January 2020 (9am to 3.30pm).

REMEMBER: If in urgent need of a priest, the emergency number is: 0468 341 841.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 4/5 January, 2020 - The Epiphany of the Lord - Year A

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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



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CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	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	Garth Graham	Alex Jarominek	Mani Subramany	Sue Lum	Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
Server	MC Jude Maatouk Preston Nguyen	Tilly Chylewska Levi McLoughlin Alex Rogers		Conor Collins	Joshua Tay Sophia Gomez Rebecca Clarke	
Reader	John Ryan Sophia Smith	Clare McLoughlin Matthius McLoughlin	Sue Watts Penny Loughland	Michael Halliday	Sandra Maloney Mary Stokes	Youth Group Youth Group
Children's Liturgy	<i>In recess until February 2020</i>		<i>In recess until February 2020</i>			
Communion to Sick	Chichi Datoc		Millie Wong, Cynthia Gilbertson			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Gwen Wood (s)		Imm Lui, Jeanette Hester, Anthony Drake, Fiona Fone (f), Mia			
Maintenance	Both teams A & B.		January: Sydney Fernandes, Richard Fellow			
Counters	Pat Connor, Lyn Beacom, Ruth Maher		Les Fogden, Alan Henson, Paul Worthington, Domingos Fernandes			

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

Rosary After weekday Masses both Churches
Visit Housebound Fr Shaju & Fr Joy - 9456 2450
Nursing Home Visits: By request
Emergency Priest 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only)
Clergy Days Off Fr Shaju – Monday Fr Joy – Tuesday
Home Visits For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests—
 Please phone the office 9456 2450.
HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. **Please notify the Parish Office, if hospitalised if you would like our own priests to attend.**

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

NO 1ST FRIDAY

Anointing-Healing Mass/Night Vigil in January
Sunday 26 January: Australia Day // Republic Day India

250 Club Results drawn between Dec 23 and Jan 31 will be published in the 2nd February 2020 bulletin.

Are you travelling this New Year?

You are important to us and so we ask you to take special care when travelling over the New Year period. Enjoy your break, may it be relaxing and enjoyable but most important of all, please return to us safely.



RECENTLY DECEASED: 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: 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 McGaulley, 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 Rakozy, 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.



We the people of the **Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay and in Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish**, are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.



Pope's intention for December: The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

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