

## **KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH**

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 8th March 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Lent - Year A

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17: 1-9



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'



**Dear Parishioners,** Recently, Fr Joy and myself have noticed that **the Chapel at Saint Patrick's** is being used by more and more people during Holy Mass. From young couples and adults on their own, to young families with little children, we need to make you aware that you are using the Chapel during Mass for reasons other than its original intention. **The Chapel at Saint Patrick's** is where the Tabernacle is situated; in other words where **'Christ is present in the Holy Eucharist'**; it should therefore be a place of reverence at all times and reserved for quiet prayer and reflection before and after Mass only.

We therefore ask, that adults with little ones please stay with us in the main body of the church. *If they run around don't worry, we understand,* it is important not to separate the congregation from praying together and celebrating Mass together. The 'crying' room on the school side of the church is still available if absolutely needed. All other

parishioners, please join the rest of the congregation in the main body of the church during Mass. Thank you Fr Shaju.



Three key people of the Old Testament are given to us in today's readings: Abram, Moses and Elijah. Unfortunately most of what we know about these men is fairly sketchy.

Who can blame the young children, then, who wrote down the following answers in an exam on the Old Testament?

'Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread,

which is bread made without any ingredients. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments.

The First was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The Fifth was to always humour thy father and mother.'

The Jews of Matthew's community, however, would have been able to remember by heart every detail about Abram, Moses and Elijah. These men remain the Jews' greatest heroes. The first hearers of the Transfiguration story would have immediately made all the connections between Jesus' story and Abram, Moses and Elijah's experience of God on a mountaintop, where each has a life-changing encounter with the presence of God and is illuminated in every way. Each of them is called by God to fulfil a special task and so descend from the mountain with the strength to see it through. Matthew is especially interested in the story of Moses. One of the refrains of the entire Gospel is that Jesus is the New Moses, the fulfilment of the law and the light that illuminates the darkest night. As interesting as the similarities are between Moses on Sinai and Jesus on Tabor, the differences are even more revealing for us on our Lenten journey.

Moses goes up the mountain alone, Jesus takes companions with him who share in the experience and witness to it. The face of God is hidden from Moses whereas on Tabor Jesus is given to us as the face of God for the world. On Sinai Moses receives a code of law and is told to make sure the people obey it. On Tabor Jesus receives a proclamation of God's love and we're told to listen to him. While Moses' face shines, Jesus' whole body is transfigured with light. Moses descends to enforce the law; Jesus comes down to die that we might live.

Just when some of us think Lent is a grim season of self-denial, the Church gives us the story of Jesus' Transfiguration to put our sacrifices in context. The only reason we deny ourselves anything or commit ourselves to actions of service for these 40 days is to grow more deeply in love with the God who loves us into life. Penance is not meant to attack our self-esteem, it's intended to help us sort out what really matters, to cast some light in the darkness of our lives and to focus on the relationship which gives meaning and purpose for this world and the next.

The God of Mount Tabor is not interested in each of us feeling isolated as we fulfil the letter of a legal code. He wants all of us to have hearts that listen to the Gospel of love so that we can gain the power to transform the world through the sacrifices of our daily lives. On a much gentler scale, Sunday Mass is meant to be a weekly mountaintop experience for us where we hear God call us by name and confess his love for us; where we feel re-energised for the commission we have to bear his light to the world. In this context anything we can do this Lent that helps remove the blocks in our full response to his love, must be worth effort. © Richard Leonard SJ

## Parish Pastoral Council Voting will take place next weekend. See inside for full details of how to vote and who is up for election.

#### PASTORAL CENTRE

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#### WEEKEND MASSES 5pm St B

Saturday Sunday

6pm

8am

9am

6pm

10am

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St Bernard'	s
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	WEEKD	AY 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 Berr	nard'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 and PRAYERS

Lent 1st Week

Monday 9/03 Weekday, Mass of the day Preface of Lent I-IV Dan 9:4-10:Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday-10/03

Weekday, Mass of the day Preface of Lent I-IV Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesdav11/03 Weekday, Mass of the day Preface of Lent I-IV Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday-12/03 Weekday, Mass of the day Preface of Lent I-IV Jer 17:5-10; Lk16:19-31

Friday-13/03

Weekday, Mass of the day Preface of Lent I-IV Gen 37:3-4.12-13.17-28: Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday14/03 Weekday, Mass of the day

Preface of Lent I-IV Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

#### Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish Remembers & prayers for...

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Hanson, Peter O'Connell, Jillian Arthur, Win Colman (100 yrs young), Jimmy Fitzgerald. ANNIVERSARIES: Araceli B. Padlan. Rosalinda de Ramos, Concepcion & Gesmundo Daria, Elde & Andrea Daria, Geoff Warren, Luz Turqueza, Eufemia TugadiRose Hayden, Neville Nicholson, Clem Salmon, Francis, Hilda & Terence Conlon, Dr Michael Way, Dr Frances Maung, Karen Fitzgerald, Bill Colman, Rita McEncroe, Wladek Pieprzyic,

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Patricia O'Malley, Alfredo R De Ramos, Marie Mickelson, Doug Hawkins, Felicity Fone, Graeme Kachel, Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Eve Davis (baby), Penny Rigor, Rodney Porter, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann, 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, 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 March 2020: Catholics in China. We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to

the Gospel and grow in unity.

## Parish Pastoral Council Voting, will take place next weekend.

At Berowra, only two positions required filling to meet the quota of representation for the St Bernard's community. Having had only two nominations, these positions will be filled automatically by Moauli Griffiths and Freda Alaalatoa, congratulations ladies.

At Asquith, only two positions require filling to meet the quota of representation for the St Patrick's community. As we have had a healthy total of six nominations. One has withdrawn to take on the role of Sacramental Coordinator SPA-see opposite page for details, which leaves 5, so a ballot is now required at the St Patrick's end of the parish only and will proceed as follows:

Each candidate was asked to provide a photograph of themselves and the title of their profession. Those provided are below to help you recognise by sight (if not by name) those who are standing for election. These details will also be included on the ballot papers for voting purposes.

### he ballot will take place next Saturday/Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March.

Voting slips will be available for all parishioners at St Patrick's Masses over that weekend. Michael Halliday (Chair of the PPC), Phil Daidone (Secretary of the PPC) and Fr Shaju will count the votes and the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be appointed and announced the weekend following the vote from the pulpit and in the bulletin.



Phlebotomist

Friday's @ Asquith

13 March

20 March

Professional Engineer MIE Aust.

7.30-8.30pm

(Reconciliation follows Stations of the Cross)

#### **1 FNT** Stations of the Cross

Researcher

in	Berowra:
КССР	8.30am Friday mornings
	followed by Holy Mass, except the
2020	1st Friday of the month
	(6 March and 3 April) when
Stations v	vill be at 10am followed by
Adoration	then Anointing and Healing Mass.
Reconci	liation Times during Lent <sup>.</sup>

<b>Reconciliation Times</b>	during	Lent:
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At our regular times of:

27 March 7.30pm Select Choir - Reflection 'The Way of the Cross' 03 April 7.30pm Taize Evening and Night Vigil Every Saturday 9.30 am at Asquith and Every Friday after 9am Mass at Berowra (except First Friday)

Additional opportunities for Reconciliation: \* 2nd Rite: Monday 30th March 7.30-8.30pm at Asquith. \* Wednesday, Thursday, Friday after morning Mass on request.



### Lenten Reflection Programme 2020 Continues Thursday March 12 – Thursday April 2 inclusive

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

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A classic characterization of Jesus is that He is priest, prophet, and king. As priest, he sanctifies, that is to say, he re-establishes the lost link between divinity and humanity; as prophet, he speaks and embodies the divine truth;

and as king, He leads us on the right path, giving guidance to the human project. You might say that, as priest, He is the life; as prophet, He is the truth; and as king He is the way. These presentations of 25-minute videos by the renown teacher and theologian Bishop Robert Barron have again proven very popular, with a wonderful turn-up at last Thursdays session.

The presentations are followed by a 30-minute group discussion on aspects of our baptismal incorporation into Christ. Please join us for all sessions or just when you can make a session.

Held Thursday evenings up to and including Thursday April 2 in St Patrick's Hall from: 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Tea, coffee, biscuits provided. Hope to see you there. Michael Halliday, PPC Chair.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo letter on Lenten Penance. A limited number of copies are available today or you may contact the office to request an electronic version via parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au



Each year Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Boxes are at the back of our churches and you are encouraged to take one home and with the spirit of "Almsgiving" to sacrifice the cost of something, such as a coffee a day or a pizza each week for those who may not even have clean drinking water.

**RESTIN PEACE** Jillian Arthur Born to Life: 28 Nov. 1941 Born to Eternal Life: 14 Feb. 2020

Jillian was a much valued part of the parish for many years, and with her passing, our parish will celebrate A Memorial Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Jillian Arthur at St Patrick's on Wednesday 11 March 2020, 7pm. All are welcome to attend this Mass of celebration for the life of Jillian.

If you would like to say a few words at the Mass please let the Senior Server know before Mass starts.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE:** This week's New Update

Given the continuing level of public concern about the coronavirus, but in light of the fact that the virus is currently contained in Australia, the following guidelines have been UPDATED AGAIN and are to be followed in the DBB until further notice:

- The Chalice is not to be shared at any Masses but is to be reserved to the Celebrant/s only. 1.
- 2. All Ministers of Communion are to be diligent in the use of hand sanitizer prior to the distribution of Communion.
- 3. Holy Water is to be temporarily removed from stoups at the doors of churches to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus. Holy Water should continue to be available for people to take home.
- In light of the announcement by the Aust. Govt this week, at the Sign of Peace during 4. Mass, you are requested not to shake hands but instead say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.
- Bishop Anthony instructs that these principles are to be maintained in the Diocese of 5. Broken Bay until the end March 2020. The situation will be constantly monitored and these instructions reviewed by Bishop Anthony should changing circumstance necessitate.

Plenary Council - Second Phase -Discernment

Would you like to be involved in contributing to the discernment phase of the Plenary Council process, as we move from listening and

The Plenary Council themes from the listening phase have summaries available at each church. time to explore & pray about these themes as we try to discern what the Holy Spirit is calling us to be as Church in Australia. A discernment process has been released as a booklet to lead a group of approximately 8 people.

Would you like to form a group to contribute to discernment of these themes? If so, please contact Sue Newnham - 0400300598; Jerome Gomez 0406 477 349; Simone Noel - simone.noel7@gmail.com; or the Parish Office on 9454 2450.

Have you checked out the Plenary Council 2020 website lately? There are plenty of updates including: The final report for Phase 1: Listening and Dialogue specific for Broken Bay has just been released. You can view and download the report at the bottom of the 'Resources' webpage https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports/

Submitted communal discernment responses can now be viewed on the "Discernment" section of site - https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/listening-and-discernment/discernment-submissions/ Groups are encouraged to continue sending their responses for delegates to read until July 2020.



Music Practices for Holy Week/ Easter liturgies at St Patrick's begin this week: Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, beginning 10th March. Cantors, instrumentalists, singers all wanted!

The Select Choir (members of the parish Children's Choir) will be presenting 'The Way of the Cross', music and meditation on the Stations of the Cross on Friday 27th March at 7.30pm at St Patrick's church. This reflection evening, now in its 6th year, is always a beautiful way to come closer to the mystery of the Passion and Death of Christ. Don't miss it!

Cherubs Choir: Kinder to Year 2 singers - will be singing for the first time this year at 10am Mass on Sunday 22nd March, with Children's Choir @St Patrick's for Year 1 school/parish Family Mass. They are already practising very hard at their weekly practices, on Tuesdays at 8.15 to 8.45am in St Patrick's church.

Children's Choir @ St Patrick's: are very excited to welcome guest conductor, Naomi Massa, for this week's practice! Naomi will be in charge of this practice from 4 to 5pm and will also take the Select Choir rehearsal from 5 to 6pm. Children's Choir welcomes young singers from Year 3 to Year 12. The Choir practises every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. New singers always welcome. Enquiries on any of above please call Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

Baptism for Older Children: a programme is about to start leading up to reception into God's family & church. For more info. please contact Ellen on 9477 7180.

TODAY - Sunday 8 March is INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY. A day to celebrate women's achievements, and both highlight and work to address barriers that continue to International Women's Day perpetuate gender inequality. The 2020 global IWD theme is "Generation Equality", a call to action to join forces across generations, to create a world where every girl and woman has equal opportunities to fulfil their full potential. We pray that the Gospel vision of justice will inspire us to overturn deep seated gender inequalities and work for women's rights, equality and justice.

#### 2 Positions Vacant in parishes of our Diocese:

St Agatha's, Pennant Hills – Faith Formation Team Leader (Full Time) 1) The Lakes Parish - Administrative Assistant and Sacramental Programmes Coordinator (Part Time) 2) For more information see: www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant

Safeguarding 2020 Learning Hub for Parish employees and **volunteers** This week's topic: Accountability: Interview with Fr Hans Zollner SJ. View the video to learn more - https://www.youtube.com/ embed/zQ Z4vmWgkc?rel=0

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Leadership, monitoring & improvement Standard 9 – The Parish regularly reviews and improves systems for keeping children safe Key Elements of Standard 9: \*Regularly reviews and improves practices. \*Analyses concerns and complaints to identify causes and potential system failures. \*Reports of the findings of relevant reviews

## FOUND

#### At Last !!! **NEW SACRAMENTAL COORDINATORS**

for the Asquith end of our parish. A second person has at last been found, and so we can announce the new coordinators for the Sacramental Programme at the Asquith end of the parish are:

Phillip Clarke & Grace Milan (Kurishingal), both of whom we sincerely thank for taking on the coordination of this vital formation ministry for our children.

Debra and Louise are ecstatic you have both volunteered and will soon have (after the transition period of course)

a well deserved retirement after 11 years of dedicated service to the parish. Peta Tonkin, will continue to coordinate the Berowra end of the parish, thanks Pete.

Sadly, we still

**URGENTLY NEED** 

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** 

**COORDINATORS** 

for Asquith

To entice you,

we have a special offer.



# 6 rolls paper!

Being the facilitator for the Children's Liturgy at SPA isn't a lifetime commitment! All we ask is you try it, for say, 12 months and if it isn't for you, we advertise again.

You'll never, never know, if you don't have a go!

Naturally, all who partake in a ministry involving children need to have a Working With Children Clearance, but don't worry, it isn't hard and it's free and the parish office can help! Caretaker incumbent, Liz Trist can tell you all about the role and is waiting to hear from you. Please call the parish office on 9456 2450 to be put in touch with Liz as soon as possible.



Catholic Youth Broken Bay are kicking off their first diocesan event for the

year, Praisefest, and it's going to be held up on the Central Coast at MacKillop Catholic College. Whether you're coming for an ACYF2019 reunion or just to be in a place to gather as young Catholics from across the Diocese, come and join us for an evening of fun, a free BBQ, fellowship and an experience of energetic worship with a lifegiving message. Date: Friday 20 March 2020 Time: 6pm to 9pm Venue: MacKillop Catholic College, 91 Sparks Rd, Warnervale.

		DINGS FOR WEEK					
+	St Bernard's Churc	h	St Patrick's Churc	ch (Sacristy Phone 9	476 6904)		
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm	
KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PAREH Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia	Fr Shaju	Fr Joy	Fr Joy	Fr Shaju	Fr Shaju	Fr Joy	
Acolyte/Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Denis Steiner	Mani Subramany	Bill Martin	David Massa	Vincente Sanchez	
Server	Blayde Arthur (sub req) Alex Rogers Poppy Williams	Otylia (Tilly) Chylewska Levi McLoughlin Preston Nguyen (sub req)	Enzo Alarcon	Phillip Daidone Conor Collins Tara Collins	Chloe Starling William Trist Luke Trist Annah Francis		
Reader	Donna Machado Sophia Smith	Peter Collins Paul Maher	Edwina Subramany Celia Cox	Michael Halliday Sue Lum	David De-Fina Susie Gates	Fiona Fone Mary Stokes	
Children's Liturgy	3rd Sunday 15th March	: Marta Chylewska-Fulton	3rd Sunday 15th March: Marcela Frutschi, Mary-Anne Francis.			·	
Communion to Sick	Jane Hunter		Millie Wong, Cynthia	Gilbertson			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Marlene Moloney (f), B		Imm Lui, Jeanette Hester, Anthony Drake, Fiona Fo		ona Fone (f), Mia	- <sup>-</sup> one (f), Mia	
Maintenance	Teams A & B		March; Paul McLoug	hlin, Ronnie Tan HELP	ERS NEEDED		
Counters	Lyn Beacom, Catherine	e & Tony McMahon	Margot & Patrick O"D	onoghue, Fiona Henriss	son, Col Gilbertson		
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Rosary Visit to Housebound Emergency sick calls Nursing Home Visits Clergy Days Off	Fr Shaju John & Fr <b>0468 341 841 (</b> By request, call th Fr Shaju John — M	-	* Notre Dame * GLS Plus 20 Conference		ou KCCP John & I	and operated by r very own Parishioners Moauli Griffiths pen 7 days	
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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		<ul> <li>* Divine Retreat Centre - March schedule</li> <li>* Encounter Kiribati with Palms</li> </ul>		& exception	Delicious food, fabulous service & exceptional views await YOU! Hawkesbury River Marina		
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