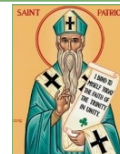
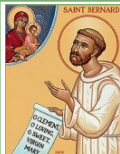


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 2nd January 2022 ~ (Solemnity) The Epiphany of the Lord ~ Year C  
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



**Entrance Antiphon:** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Alleluia Verse:** Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

**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'



## Lessons from the stars (Fergal Mac Eoinin)

As far back as history, people have been fascinated by these tiny lights in the sky. They engage us at many different levels. For some they are portents and omens to predict future events. Others focus on calculating the ages and distances to faraway stars. For some of

us they are simply beautiful but beyond our reach. We try to catch them in the joy of language. Stars flicker everywhere in our love stories and poems. We even use them as a description for our role-models. Stars are inspiring. Ordinary shepherds and learned magi alike took inspiration from the skies as they travelled to Bethlehem. We may explain them off as tales of omens and calculation and seldom think of the inspiration that set them on a journey. It was an early example of a peace march. The recurring wish of the star-gazer is a place of peace that lies maybe somewhere beyond the stars. Across the ages every culture has stared up and the stars and wondered. There must be something else out there in the vastness beyond our understanding. Part of us inexplicably believes that whatever is out there is good or at least better than what we have here. In most cases our desire for inspiration asks the one thing we feel entitled to expect here on Earth. We feel it but rarely seem to get it – peace!

*Peace to people of good will* – the Prince of Peace welcomes everyone who seeks peace. Shepherd and king, rich and poor, local and stranger all seek the same thing, a life of peace and fulfilment. "All humans seek peace" is a generalisation that is close to being true. Breaking peace is always a decision. Anger, nastiness, belligerence and unkindness are not natural to the human person. In our better instincts, we desire peace and benevolence. The symbols of universalism in the Magi story speak to an audience far wider than just Christians. It is for all those who have gazed beyond the senses and dreamed for something better, something that is both natural and common to us all. <https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2017/01/january-6th-the-epiphany-of-the-lord/>



"Let's hope it's a good one!"

Another year is dawning,  
Dear Master, let it be,  
In working, or in waiting,  
Another year with Thee.  
Another year of mercies,  
Of faithfulness and grace;  
Another year of gladness  
In the shining of Thy face.  
Another year of progress,  
Another year of praise,  
Another year of proving  
Thy presence all the days.  
Another year of service,  
Of witness of Thy love,  
Another year of training  
For holier work above.  
Another year is dawning,  
Dear Master, let it be  
On earth, or else in heaven  
Another year for Thee.

To all parishioners, your extended families and all visitors to Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish, may you feel the presence of Our Lord beside you during 2022 and always.

Fr Shaju & Fr Joy

Francis Ridley Hovengal (1874)



### Please remember:

There is only **ONE Morning Mass** on weekdays  
From **Thursday 6 January** up to  
and including **Friday 21 January 2022.**

Masses will be celebrated at 9am as follows:

St Patrick's Asquith ~ Monday-Tuesday-Thursday AND  
St Bernard's Berowra Heights ~ Wednesday-Friday.

### PASTORAL CENTRE:

1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082; P.O. Box 335, Berowra Heights

Centre Hours: 9am – 3.30pm. Phone: (02) 9456 2450; Email:

parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au; Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp

**Parish Priest:** Fr Shaju John, OSH;

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Joy Thomas, OSH;

**Parish Secretary:** Margaret Cooper;

**Bookkeeper:** Karen Price;

**WEEKLY MASSES:**

**Vol. Office Assistant:** Jan Favaloro

**St Bernard's, Berowra Heights:** Saturday Vigil 5pm and Sunday 9am;

**St Patrick's, Asquith:** Saturday Vigil 6pm and Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm



### The Parish Office is

**CLOSED**

until

**Monday 17 January 2022.**

For urgent assistance email the office on:  
parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

**OR** phone 9456 2450 and leave a message.

**Please note:** Phones will only be checked **WEEKLY**  
and only **urgent messages** will be responded to.

(Non-urgent emails & calls  
will be responded to after Jan. 17th)

**REMEMBER:** If in **URGENT NEED ONLY** of a priest,  
the emergency number is: **0468 341 841.**

**ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND - 8th/9th January 2022 - Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
(Feast) The Baptism of the Lord - Year C**

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Matthew Waite	Volunteer needed	Mani Subramany	Bill Martin	Malcolm Cross	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Denise Harant	Penny Loughland	Mary Stokes	Elizabeth Fernandes	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Jerome Gomez	Paul Maher	Edwina Subramany	Sue Lum	Substitute requested	Michael Halliday
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favaloro	Freda Alaalatoa, Paul Dryden	Chris Smith	Jim Fitzgerald & Cynthia Gilbertson	Peter Daly & Susie Gates	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Marissa Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f), Anne Bourke (s)		Sue O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Sue O'Malley John O'Malley, Anthony Drake, Fiona Fone (f)			
Maintenance	Teams A & B—additional help always needed		Grace Milen, Milen Kurishingal, Patrick Dias			

**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 and would like our own priests to attend.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Peter Paul Raj, Elizabeth (Betty) Borg, Fr Thomas Kunnasserry (Fr Joy's uncle)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Elias Pieprzyk, Samuel Fuda, Assunta Fraietta, Maria Lombardo, Irena & Iwona, David Huntley

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** For those suffering around the world from Covid-19 - that this disease will be successfully brought under control and eliminated as a health risk for all.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK :** Josef, Jean Cook, Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy, Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Felicity Fone, Barbara Jones, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Rodney Porter.

**Please NOTE WELL:** It is now the practice of this parish (each January), to delete from the Sick list the names of those whose situation hasn't been updated. Please contact the office after January 17th to reinstate a name.



*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.*



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 January: For true human fraternity:**



We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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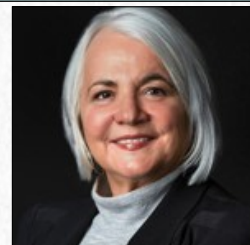
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