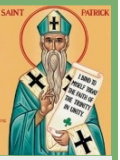


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 3rd January 2021 ~ (Solemnity) The Epiphany of the Lord ~ Year B

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'



Follow your guiding star

Few scholars dispute that Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

But dating his birth is quite another matter. Historians have never been able to agree on the year Jesus was born and there is even less certainty about the day or the month.

Oddly enough, a clue may lie in today's story about the star that led the way to him.

The part of the Infancy Narrative one might be most tempted to discard as fairy-tale can also be highly meaningful. Whatever else has changed since Christ was born, the sky at night remains the same. Star-gazers today can follow the same star the Wise Men followed. Western tradition has chosen three as the number of the Wise Men and even found exotic names for them, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. We may imagine that they travelled from Persia or South Arabia, though Matthew simply indicates that they came from the East. The gospel leaves no doubt that they were men of conviction, with enquiring minds and adventuresome spirit; in a word, intellectuals.

The point should not be overlooked. The church's leaders have often not shown such welcome to intellectuals as its Founder did.

No church or religion can flourish if it does not cherish specially its poets, writers and thinkers. The true church in the world is an island of saints and scholars. Stars reveal their secrets to dreamers.

The searching of the Wise Men is a fine illustration of the Latin adage for theology, 'fides quaerens intellectum' (faith seeking understanding).

The message for us is clear: if there is to be any epiphany in our lives we will need our heads as well as our hearts.

We can ill-afford to ignore the insights of questing intellectuals.

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2017/01/january-6th-the-epiphany-of-the-lord/>



A New Year's Plan

I tried to think of a clever new phrase—
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,
A motto to live by this coming New Year,
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.

And then I heard His still small voice
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:
With each new dawn and close of day
Make new your resolve to
trust and obey."

"Don't look back, caught in regret
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;
Don't stare forward anchored by fear,
No, live in this moment, for I Am here."

"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.
You are held secure by my strong hand.
Give me this one thing—your all in all;
Into my grace, let yourself fall."

So, at last, I'm ready; I see the way.
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,
To give Him my everything—
all that I am.

Mary Fairchild ~ <https://www.learnreligions.com/prayerful-christian-new-years-poems-701098>

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 2021 and always. Fr Shaju & Fr Joy

Please remember: There is **only ONE Morning Mass** on weekdays up to and including **22 January 2021.**

Masses will be celebrated as follows:

9am at St Patrick's Asquith ~ Monday-Tuesday-Thursday AND
9am at 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;

Youth Ministry Co-ord: Michelle Chahine

WEEKEND MASSES: St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: Saturday Vigil 5pm and Sunday 9am
St Patrick's, Asquith: Saturday Vigil 6pm and Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm



January Office Arrangements

The Pastoral Centre is **CLOSED** until **Wednesday 20 January 2021.**

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. 20th)

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

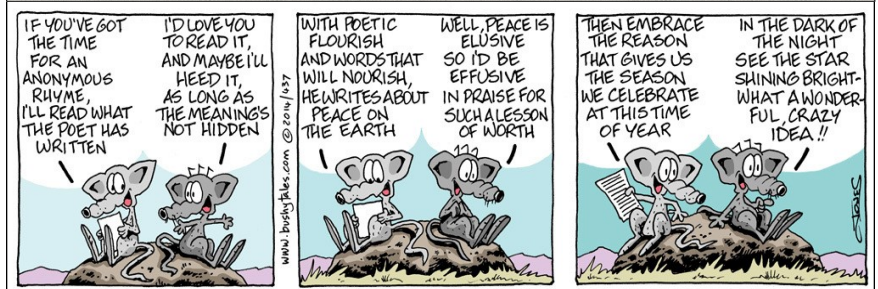
ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 9th / 10th Jan – Baptism of the Lord -Year B

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Is 55:1-11 (or Is 42:1-4,6-7); 1 Jn 5:1-9 (or Acts 10:34-38); Mk 1:7-11

	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	Barbara McMullen	Sue Lum	John Messina	Malcolm Cross	Keith Fone
Reader (1)	Justin Berry	Paul Maher	Nuria Gonsalves	Sue Lum	Simone Noel	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Mary Dorahy	Jeanette Neary	Rionah Gonsalves	Michael Halliday	Sandra Maloney	Mary Stokes
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez	Paul Dryden	Chris Smith	Tess & Francis Lizardo	Michael Halliday	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/ Flowers	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Cecilia Waite (f) Tina Manti (s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Michelle Hwang (f), Leticia Wee, Michelle Blanco			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		January: Grace Milen, Milen Kurishungal, Patrick Dias			

Obligation to be present at the Sunday Eucharist HAS NOW RESUMED:

Our Bishop, Anthony Randazzo, has rescinded the Decree he made earlier this year and the Faithful are now called upon and encouraged to resume their obligation as part of the living Body of Christ. Under Canon 1247, the Faithful are now once more obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and the Holy Days of Christmas and the Assumption. Those who are aged or have health conditions, or are otherwise anxious about the risk of COVID 19, are free to remain at home, honouring the Lord's Day through the best way open to them. Eg: Watching live-streamed Mass, private prayer, reading the Scripture, praying the Rosary.



RECENTLY DECEASED: Walter Ebenezer, Margaret Treacy, Karin Wisniewski, George Thompson, Pedro Celso, Colin Kenny, Mary Kathleen Levy, Anita M Jimenez
ANNIVERSARIES: Stach Romanowski, Eliaz Maciejewski, Neil Mickelson, Mary Treacy, David Webster, Helena Noske, David Huntley, Assunta Fraietta, Maria Lombardo, Frank and Mary Jack, Bill McDonagh, Julia Healy, Alison Hinton, Nancy Gomez
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Tom Dawson, Barbara Jones, Brian Neary, Jean Cook, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Stephen C C, Dan Leavy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Antonia Alvarado, Terry Treacy, Margaret Acret, Peter Nguyen, Anne Brady, Sr Tincy Thomas, Nemia Camille Asiong, Marie O'Hare, 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 20th to reinstate a name.

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Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to **Bridget Avery Morrison & Finn Luca Wade-Rose** who are to be baptised this weekend. Please keep Bridget & Finn, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

25th Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to ... **Milen Kurishungal & Grace Milen**

Married 25 years ago on Dec. 28th at St Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Ernakulam, Kerala, India, the happy couple celebrated with a Thanksgiving Mass at St Pat's with their children, Melissa and Marcus, family and friends.

May God continue to bless your marriage with love and happiness.

MOST IMPORTANT and No. 1 Rule
follow ALL DIRECTIONS of the USHER/s & Warden/s

Wear a mask

WE'RE COVID SAFE

Stand 1.5m apart

Church Capacities:
101 ~ St Patrick's, 61 ~ St Bernard's
If unwell ~ DO NOT come to mass ~ please see your doctor