

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

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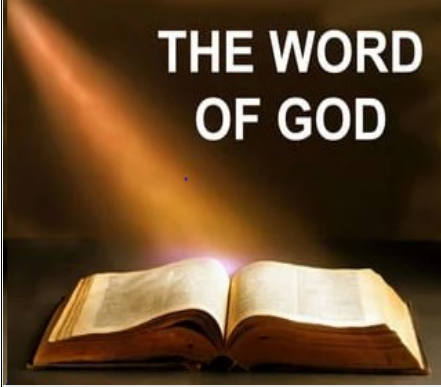
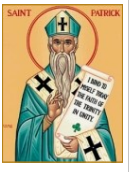
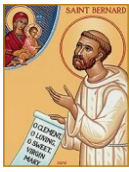
Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 4th February 2024 ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness and endured our suffering! Alleluia!



The Message from Our Parish Priest

"The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (Jn 6,63).

Today, we celebrate **Sunday of the Word of God**. Let Jesus open our minds to the beauty of the Scriptures, so we can proclaim the truth of the Good News that they contain. The Scriptures are not dead letters on a page but living words that have been given life by the Holy Spirit, who also gives light to our minds when we read them. Nor is the Word of God a list of rules, but an invitation to share the life of the living God, their author.

Every story told in the Scriptures, even the most challenging, reminds us that God loves his people and will always be faithful to the covenant He has made with us. God sent us his Son, the Word Incarnate, not only to *spea*k these words of faithful love, but also to *show* us the depths of faithful love by dying on the cross and rising from the dead. Every word of

Scripture points to this message of love enacted in the person of Jesus Christ, who is the Word himself.

One group of people who help us to celebrate the Eucharist well are the **readers**. Those are the people who proclaim the Word of God at Mass. We have many readers, and they all conclude their Scripture Readings at Mass with the phrase "The Word of the Lord". Once that statement is made, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God". This is really a very profound and important dialogue. What are we expressing with these words? Well, we believe that the Holy Scriptures—both Old and New Testaments—are God's Word, formulated by the various sacred human authors but truly inspired by God as His divine message to us. Thanks be to God for this wonderful gift to us!

Dear friends, our faith can only be strengthened if it is rooted in the Word of God. Let us ask: How often do we read and reflect on the Scripture? Do we read them to encounter God, or do we read them the same way that we read any other book?

"Ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" (St Jerome).

I wish you all a beautiful weekend!

Fr Biju Jose OSH

The Sacramental Programme for 2024 will begin very soon with the Parent Information Night for

Reconciliation & Eucharist scheduled to take place on

Tuesday 13 February ~ 7.30pm to 8.30pm at St Bernard's Church ~ Please mark your diary now as this is a mandatory component of the programme which at least one parent must attend.

Enrolments are now open for children who made Confirmation in 2023 (or earlier).

Please contact our Sacramental Team via : kccpsacraments@gmail.com for an enrolment form if you have not already received one. Hard copies are available at the back of the churches.

Our Parish Secretary has had to take some leave due to the passing of her beloved mother early this week. This will mean the parish office will be open limited hours next week. If you plan to visit the parish office please phone before attending. **Please be patient if you are awaiting a response to emails or phone calls.**

For urgent assistance only please E: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au (monitored sporadically for urgent matters only). Or, phone 9456 2450 and leave a message. This will be converted into an audio message and sent as an email to the office.

REMEMBER: If in URGENT NEED ONLY of a priest, call: 0468 341 841.

Please keep Margaret and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.



WEEKEND COLLECTIONS ~ Please consider carefully how the funds you place on the plate are administered ...

1st Collection: LEAVES the parish and goes to a common fund **outside the Parish** to support priests.

2nd Collection: STAYS in the parish to pay for all our costs, including, insurance, maintenance, telecommunications, wages, pastoral programmes, church and office expenses and is **ESSENTIAL** for our **PARISH to FUNCTION FINANCIALLY**

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Parish Priest Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH Assistant Priest Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper Vol. Office Assistant Jan Favaloro

Bookkeeper Karen Price Sacramental Team Peta & Phill - kccpsacraments@gmail.com

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: 9.15am Wednesday & Friday, 8am Thursday

St Patrick's, Asquith: 9am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, 8am Wednesday & Friday



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to

Sophia Alder

who is to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep Sophia, her parents and Godparents in your prayers.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lia Cabrera, Kathleen Mulligan
ANNIVERSARY: Kevin Harant

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Patterson, Pat Bowden, Sosefo Ali, Bill Holmes, Cita Del Rio, Chris Enright, Philomena & Rex D'Souza, Mary Mathew, Isabel Henson, Chichi Datoc, Mary Burns, Georgina Hughes, Patrick Dorahy, Rey Hilario, Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr), Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Fiona Loughland, Freya F.Lor


ROSTERS & READINGS FOR W/end – 10th/11th February 2024 - 6th Sunday Ordinary Time - Year B - Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31– 11:1; Mk 1:40-

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Justin Berry	Paul Dryden	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
Altar Servers	Archie Tod	Olive O'Keefe	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Thomas Clarke	Volunteer needed
Altar Servers	Harry Tod	Penelope O'Keefe	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Mia Nguyen	Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Denise Harant	Edwina Subramany	Michael Halliday	David De-Fina	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Donna Machado	Volunteer needed	Hayley Rodrigues	Mary Stokes	Susie Gates	Volunteer needed
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Chichi Datoc		Group D			
Maintenance	Group - <i>additional help always appreciated</i>		February: Luke Massa			

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

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

Children's Choir @ St Patrick's



Children's Choir@St Patrick's has its first practice for 2024 next Friday, 9th February, and we're looking forward to welcoming back all our wonderful singers! Any young person from Year 3 up to the end of high school is welcome to join this group of young people of all ages from many different schools. Come and bring your friends and make new friends!

We practice every Friday during school terms, from 4pm to 5pm in St Patrick's church, and we sing at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month (except January). Our first Mass this year will be on Sunday 11th February. This is a parish choir, run by volunteers. There are no fees, and no auditions - just come!

If you need any more information, contact Patricia Smith (director) 9482 7935

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew:18:20

The World Day of Prayer is an annual, ecumenical service, where we collectively pray for a particular themed country. This year it is our turn ('the Catholics') to host the service and it will be held: **At: St Bernard's Catholic Church, Berowra Heights; On: Friday 1 March 2024; At: 7pm.** All are warmly invited to come and join us in prayer and song. 'Voices from the Waters,' Berowra's acappella group will lead the congregation in deep, meaningful music.

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