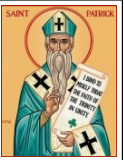


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 10th January 2021 ~ (Feast) The Baptism of the Lord ~ Year B

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

Entrance Antiphon: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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'



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Gospel Reflection

The baptism of Jesus in the gospel of Mark serves as a revelation of the identity of Jesus. Throughout this gospel there is secrecy about who Jesus really is. Whenever a person's faith reveals that Jesus is the Messiah or the Son of God, Jesus commands them to remain silent and not tell anyone else about him. However, through the baptism event, the reader is let in to the secret from the outset. Unlike the public announcements of Jesus as the beloved Son of God that occurs in other gospels, in the gospel of Mark, the voice is addressed to Jesus himself and there is no indication that anyone else hears it. The words used are, 'You are my Son' not, 'This is my Son.' But the reader is placed in the privileged position of knowing the truth about Jesus from the very

beginning of the gospel. As they read further, they observe the disciples' growing yet imperfect understanding of this truth.

John the Baptist serves another particular function in the gospel story. Aside from fulfilling scriptural prophecy by proclaiming the one who is to come, he provides a point of contrast with Jesus. In many ways, John represents the Jewish religious belief of the time. For John, baptism is a ritual of purifying and forgiveness of sin that can be administered as often as required. The way to God is through strict observance of the Law and through ritual acts of prayer and purification. For Jesus though, the way to God is through love and through Jesus himself. The baptism that Jesus will give is a baptism of the Spirit – pouring out the Spirit on those who realise and accept the love of God in their lives.

Scriptural context – Mark and Isaiah

Today's first reading from Isaiah 42 begins with the very words that come from heaven during the baptism of Jesus in the gospel. It comes from the first of four passages from the book of Isaiah that are known as the Servant Songs. The Servant Songs in Isaiah provided a great deal of inspiration to Mark. The imagery and even specific language used in Isaiah to describe the messiah who will come is scattered throughout the gospel of Mark and subsequently the other gospels as well. Mark's depiction of Jesus as the messiah is characterised by the image of the suffering servant.

Gospel Focus – A matter of fact approach

Unlike the other synoptic gospels of Matthew and Luke, the gospel of Mark includes no infancy narrative or genealogy of Jesus. It begins with John the Baptist proclaiming the coming of Jesus and the baptism scene takes place in just the ninth verse of the gospel. The gospel of Mark is something of a no-nonsense gospel. It is the shortest of the four and moves very swiftly through the events in Jesus' life. Just as Jesus emerged from the crowd to be baptised by John in an unremarkable manner, so too, the approach of the gospel throughout is very matter of fact.

Have you thought? – Baptism

Whilst today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it is also a reminder and celebration of our own Baptism. Today's gospel is a reminder that we are baptised with the Holy Spirit, not merely with water. To be baptised with the Holy Spirit means that we are drawn into communion with God and we are also empowered by that communion to make a difference in the world – to reach out a helping hand to those in need and to proclaim the good news of Jesus through our actions and our words.

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.



The Pastoral Centre is **CLOSED** until **Wednesday 20 January 2021**.
For urgent assistance email the office on: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

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

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 16 / 17 Jan – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Denis Steiner	Sandra Sparkes	Bill Martin	Darrin Patterson	Vicente Sanchez
Reader (1)	Donna Machado	Peter Collins	Penny Loughland	Sub Requested	Elizabeth Fernandes	Mary Stokes
Reader (2)	Francesca Parinno	Sub Requested	Celia Cox	Rosemary Pendlebury	Cora Cuasay	Sue Lum
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez	Vince & Georgina Hughes	Chris Smith	Jim Fitzgerald	Peter Daly	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Marlene Moloney (f), Gwen Wood (s)		Scott Smith, Winston Rodrigues, Antony Davis, Mervyn Soares, Liz Soares, Maria Hon (f)			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		January: Milen Kurishingal, Grace Milen, Patrick Dias - additional help always			



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.

COVID CHUCKLE:

A very drunk man stumbles upon the local Baptist minister conducting his Sunday service down by the river. He proceeds to venture into the water and stand next to the minister. The minister turns, notices the man and says, 'Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?' The man looks back and says, 'Yes Reverend, I am.' The minister then dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up. 'Have you found Jesus?' the minister asks. 'No, I didn't!' replies the man. The minister then dunks him under for quite a bit longer, brings him up and says, 'Now brother, have you found Jesus?' 'No, I did not!' says the drunken man again. Disgusted, the minister holds the man under for at least thirty seconds this time, brings him up and demands, 'For the grace of God, have you found Jesus yet?' The man wipes his eyes and pleads, 'Are you sure this is where he fell in?'
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RECENTLY DECEASED: Walter Ebenezzer, Margaret Treacy, Karin Wisniewski, George Thompson, Pedro Celso, Colin Kenny, Mary Kathleen Levy, Anita M Jimenez
ANNIVERSARIES: Stach Romanowski, Elias 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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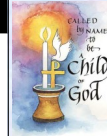
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Welcome to our Faith Family
 Baptism congratulations to...

Layla Carly Taylor Morris

who is to be baptised this weekend.

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



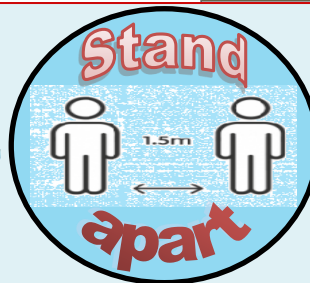
Are you travelling this New Year?

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.



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



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