



# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay

10 March 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ Year B



Seek God,  
Find God,  
Embrace God in Jesus'

### 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'.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	5pm	St Bernard's
	6pm	St Patrick's
Sunday	8am	St Patrick's
	9am	St Bernard's
	10am	St Patrick's
	6pm	St Patrick's

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### St Patrick's, Asquith

8am Wednesday and Friday

9am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Saturday

#### St Bernard's Berowra Heights

8am Thursday

9.15am Wednesday and Friday

(except 1st Friday of the month when Mass is at 11.30am @ St Bernard's)

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am St Patrick's

Friday After 9.15am Mass St Bernard's

(Out of office hours **URGENT** only)

### Emergency sick calls

**0468 341 841**

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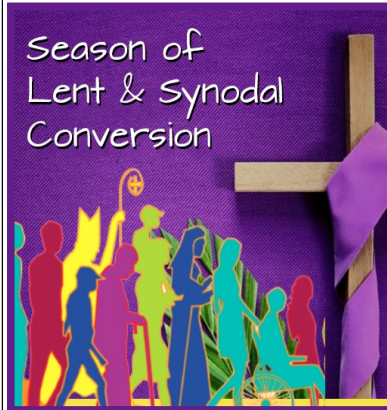
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### A message from our Parish Priest ...

## Becoming a more Synodal Parish

My dear Parishioners,

During our annual parish planning meeting in 2023, it was suggested that we invite parishioners to come together to voice their ideas and concerns about our parish.

I think this is a good idea, especially in light of the Catholic Church's recent emphasis on Synodality.

I would therefore like to warmly invite you all to join with me at one of the **Pastoral Discernment Sessions** we are organising next month.

Refreshments will be served, and all parishioners will be invited to share any hopes and concerns they may have about our parish and its work. The planned sessions are:

**Asquith: Thursday 4 April, 7.00 - 8.30pm in Fr McMaugh Hall**

(in the grounds of St Patrick's Primary School, Asquith).

**Berowra: Friday 12 April, 7.00 - 8.30pm in Fr Denis Callaghan Hall**

(in the grounds of St Bernard's Primary School, Berowra).

Each session will be facilitated by Deacon Peter McCulloch, of the Hornsby Cathedral Parish, who is well known to many of us.

The feedback from these two sessions will be shared with everyone at a final **whole-parish gathering**, scheduled for 7.00 - 9.00 pm on Tues 23 April in the Fr McMaugh Hall at Asquith.

All the information collected will help us develop a new Parish Pastoral Plan that will guide our work into the future.

KCCP is a wonderful parish with a rich history of strong faith and good works, but there is still so much for us to do. Please join with me at one of these discernment sessions as we map our way forward.

Fr Biju Jose OSH  
Parish Priest

### SPECIAL LENTEN OPPORTUNITY ~

Fr Biju and Fr Joy have been busy arranging a special day out to the **Divine Retreat Centre at Somersby** to help us prepare for the great celebration of Easter.

**Please Save The Date:**

**Thursday 21 March 2024; DRC Somersby; Arrive Somersby 10.30am; Depart 4pm**

**The day will cost \$25.00 p/p and will include Morning Tea ~ Lunch ~ Afternoon Tea**

**(Dietary restrictions need to be advised in advance)**

Car pooling is on offer from the carpark at St Bernard's Berowra Heights.

A number of parishioners have offered to transport those who would prefer not to drive themselves, so please don't let anything stop you from joining in this special Lenten opportunity.

**RSVP** is by **Thursday 14 March 11am** to the parish office.



### KCCP Lenten Programme:

**Thursday evenings St Patrick's, Chapel, Asquith at 7.15pm**

### Stations of the Cross:

**@ St Bernard's Berowra Heights: 8.45am Friday** followed by 9.15am Mass

**@ St Patrick's Asquith: 7.30pm Friday evenings.**

(See page 3 for more important Lent/Easter dates for your calendar).



'Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic parish acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.'



### Pope's intention for March:

**For the new martyrs.**  
We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various

parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



Year of Prayer

2024

## Readings & Reflection

### First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

**The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R) Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. **(R)**
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **(R)**
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **(R)**
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys **(R)**

### Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

**The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'



"The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert." John 3:14

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Reflection

#### God's Works of Art

How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us.

'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.'

Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended! Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter.

Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light.

Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation.

We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter.

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### 4th week of Lent ~ Year B

##### Monday 11/03

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

##### Tuesday 12/03

Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16

##### Wednesday 13/03

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

##### Thursday 14/03

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

##### Friday 15/03

Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

##### Saturday 16/03

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52

Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish  
Remembers & Prayers for...

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marcia King

### ANNIVERSARY:

Denis Mulligan, Billie Seach,  
Karen Fitzgerald, Bill Coleman,  
Dr Michael Way, Dr Frances Maung,

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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

### The 250 Club!

Week 3 ~ 4/3/24;

Winning #: 638

Amt: \$25;

Winner:  
Ray Wood



### OUR BANK DETAILS

#### Parish Bank Account

**Number:** To obtain the details of our new bank account (for regular or ad hoc donations), please contact the office on 9456 2450 or via email to: parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au ~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish.



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## Sacramental Preparation



First Reconciliation  
And  
First Eucharist

### Reconciliation Workshops ~ Key dates for parents/guardians to note:

At last weekends Masses, you will have seen our Reconciliation Candidates 'Presented to the Parish Community' and you may have been lucky enough for a candidate to give you their presentation card on their way back to their pew and have asked you to pray especially for them during this time of preparation.

It is very important for these young members of our faith to feel the love and support of their faith family at times of special importance in their Sacramental journey so I ask that ALL of you, not just those who received a card, keep our children in your daily prayers. *Fr Biju.*

**Wednesday March 20, 6.30pm: Reception of Sacrament for candidates at St Patrick's**

**Thursday March 21, 6.30pm: Reception of Sacrament for candidates of St Bernard's**

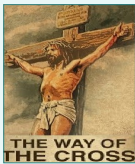
Planning ahead for LENT at KCCP 2024

**Reconciliation Times during Lent:**  
Every Saturday after 9.00am at Asquith and Every Friday after 9.15am Mass at Berowra (except 1st Friday when they will be at 10.30am)  
**Additional opportunities for Reconciliation:**  
\* Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, after morning Mass on request.



**Advance Notice to Mark your Diary:**

**Easter Reconciliation 2nd Rite Tues. 19 March 2024, 7.30pm**  
**St Patrick's Asquith only**



**The Way of the Cross ~ Friday 15th March 7.30pm St Patrick's Asquith.**

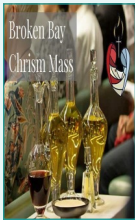
The Select Choir will be leading singing and prayers as we follow the Way of the Cross to Calvary. A light supper will follow.

Practices for music for Holy Week

**All welcome, singers and instrumentalists!**

@ St Patrick's to be held on Mondays: 4th, 11th and 18th March in the church from 7.30pm to 9pm.

@ St Bernard's dates to be advised shortly - stay "tuned" (*Get it? That's a musical pun ... 'tuned'!*).



**The Chrim Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 26 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.**

Priests of our Diocese will gather with Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment. During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrim is consecrated and brought back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year.

**All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese.**



**Easter is fast approaching**

and we would like to have an abundance of fragrant fresh blooms in our churches to greet the Risen Lord.

A specially labelled donation box is now in each church to pay for fresh flowers, so if you are able, please consider popping a donation inside the box on your way past, *thank you.*

**Project Compassion Boxes**

are available from the back of our churches. Please take home a box to help support vulnerable people around the world.



**Bernie's Ladies is pleased to announce plans for their first get-together for 2024.**

**'Save the Date': Saturday, April 6 @ 7pm.**

**'Sushimee', 2/399-407 Pacific Hwy, Asquith.**

**Please RSVP to Gen by Tuesday April 2**

**on 0418 866 250 / david@barnettsroad.com**

**All Ladies from St Patrick's ~ this time, the venue is in your 'neck of the woods' so please come, you're most welcome.**



**Following on from the fabulous (but strictly anonymous and confidential) donation of the screens for SPA Church**

Investigations have begun regarding the installation of these screens. We're still not sure what the cost will be, and so we are continuing our request for assistance by way of donations towards the cost. To help, please contact the office on 9456 2450 or email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

**Current installation donations raised: \$900.00**

## KCCP 2024 Keyboard Scholarships Awards:

It gives me great pleasure to announce the Keyboard Scholarships results for March to December 2024 in our parish music ministry. We had 3 young people apply for just the two scholarships



but in the end it was impossible to separate them,

so I have decided to (this year) award 3 Keyboard Scholarships.

Scholarship money is paid towards music lessons and/or resources with each recipient committing to play twice per month at our parish Masses.

*Fr Biju.*

**Congratulations**

**Matthias McL**

**Sebastian T**

**Alison D**



**Children's Choir @ St Patrick's**

Sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month as a rule, but this month there are two extra-special events that they're also invited to sing at.

The first is the school/parish Family Mass celebration for St Patrick's Day, on Sunday, 17th March, at 10am. After Mass there will be a sumptuous morning tea, so don't miss out.

The Choir is also asked to sing on Easter Sunday, 31st March, for 10am Mass. This Mass is the high point of the Church's year, and we want the music to be wonderful, which is naturally why the Children's Choir is invited to sing! Please put these dates in your calendar.

Children's Choir practises in St Patrick's church every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm - all welcome.

Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for further information.

**Rosters & Readings for W/end – 16th/17th March 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B - Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-30**

	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	Sue Lum	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Volunteer needed
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Martha Askew Piper Thompson	Joshua Rumble Miranda Tablizo	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Emma Daly Rishona Gonsalves	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Jerome Gomez	Barbara McMullen	Penny Loughland	Maria (Cris) Tolentino	Elizabeth Fernandes	Michael Halliday
Reader (2)	Celia Cox	Sub requested	Paul Worthington	Jim Fitzgerald	Susie Gates	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Cecilia Waite (f), Annette Shapter (s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Leticia Wee, Ben Edwards Michelle Hwang (f) <i>additional help needed</i>			
Maintenance	Team A & B - <i>additional help always appreciated</i>		March: Malcolm Cross, David Chui <i>additional help always appreciated</i>			

**Working in a child-related ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay:** Paid and volunteer workers who have direct face to face contact with children (under 18 years) are required by law to obtain a Working with Children Check number. Please note though, exemptions may apply in some cases. The Parish is the employer of the paid or volunteer worker and therefore is required by law to verify the Working with Children Check number. All paid or volunteer workers engaged in a child-related role must have a clear Working with Children Check to work in a child-related ministry. This disclosure references the legislation, *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*.

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expertise of over  
35 years. Cecilia is a regular speaker  
and writer on legal topics, and a  
parishioner in the Diocese of  
Broken Bay.

**Event Details**  
**Tuesday 12 March 2024**  
10:30am to 12:30pm  
Level 2, Fr Harry Davis Room  
Building 2, Caroline Chisholm Centre  
423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills  
*Light refreshments provided.*




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