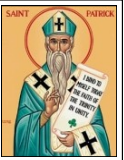


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

13th February 2022

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

Jer 17:5-8

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Lk 6:17, 20-26

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'.

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 Bernard's	8am	Mon, Tues, Thurs
	9am	Wed and Fri
St Patrick's	8am	Wed and Fri
	9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	9.30am	St Patrick's
Friday	After 9am Mass	St Bernard's

Emergency sick calls 0468 341 841

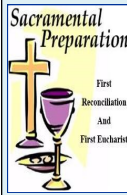
(Out of office hours URGENT only)

HOSPITAL ADMISSION:

If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services.

Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.

ENROL TODAY for: FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST @



St Patrick's Asquith in hall:

Saturday February 12th from 5-6pm & Sunday February 13th from 9-10am

St Bernard's Berowra Heights in Church forecourt:

Saturday February 12th after 5pm Mass & Sunday February 13th after 9am Mass

Please note: For your child to proceed and make the Sacraments, a parent **MUST** attend the **MANDATORY Parent Information Talk** to be held on

Wednesday 23rd February, 7.30pm-8.30pm at St Bernard's Church Berowra Heights

This year, **Workshop Books** will be distributed on the night of the talk.

See website for full details or contact our Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com

HOMILY © Richard Leonard SJ

The Pope had just finished a tour of the USA and was taking a limousine to San Francisco. Having never driven a limo, he asked the chauffeur if he could drive for a while.

Well, the chauffeur didn't have much choice, so he climbs in the back and the Pope takes the wheel.

The Pope starts accelerating to see what the limo could do. He gets to 130 kph and suddenly sees the lights of the highway patrol in his rear vision mirror. He pulls over, but the policeman, seeing who it is, says,

'Just a minute your Holiness, I'm going to have to call in about this one'.

The trooper asks for the chief. He tells the chief he's got someone really important pulled over.

It's not Ted Kennedy again is it?

No Chief, it's more important.

Is it the Governor?

No sir, it's more important.

Good God man, you haven't pulled over the President?

No sir, even more important.

Who the heck is more important than the President of the USA?

I don't know sir, but he's got the Pope as his chauffeur.



What you see is often not what you get.

What we have just heard in Luke's Gospel falls into this category.

When we hear the phrase **'Blessed are you'** it can sound rather patronising'. It can seem that Jesus glosses over all sorts of tough human realities with, **'Well done, keep it up, be happy and we'll fix it all up in heaven'.**

But reading the beatitudes in this light is a direct contradiction of what Jesus says in this text and certainly how he lived it out.

The Hebrew concept of a blessing isn't about Divine pats on bowed human heads; it is about where the presence of God is to be found.

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PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office) ~ Hours: 9am – 3.30pm, Mon-Fri only.

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

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Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp

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Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper / **Vol. Office Assist:** Jan Favalaro

Bookkeeper: Karen Price / **Sacramental Team:** kccpsacraments@gmail.com

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO OUR CHURCHES

ALL attendees are required to use either:

QR Code or your Covid Check-in Card to sign in;

Wear a Mask - this is again Mandatory



'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.'

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS

Sixth Week of
Ordinary Time Year C

Monday 14/02 ~ Memorial

Sts Cyril, monk and
Methodius, bishop

James 1:1-11; Mk 8: 11-13

Tuesday 15/02

James 1: 12-18; Mk 8: 14-21

Wednesday 16/02

James 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday 17/02

James 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33

Friday 18/02

James 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34 - 9:1

Saturday 19/02

James 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13

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

[from previous page] In the Hebrew Scriptures, a blessing is the discovery that God is present and active in one's experience, right here and right now.

So the beatitudes are saying that we do not need to go past our own daily struggles to find the presence of God. Jesus tells us that when we see the poor, the compassionate, the mournful, those who campaign for a just society and suffer because of it, the gentle, the innocent, the peacemakers and the martyrs; we are encountering, in a special way, the presence of God.

Jesus teaches us that God is not impervious to our pain and happiness, or a great manipulator desiring terrible things to punish us or teach us something. **No.** The God of the beatitudes is a companion with us in every experience we go through either personally or as a community.

Luke goes on to give us the '**woes and warnings**' and these are as important as the beatitudes. Luke highlights for us that every blessing carries with it a call, every gift contains a duty to share it, and every right houses within it a responsibility.

This is particularly true of our nation where the vast majority of our citizens are housed, educated, have clean drinking water, a long life span, a job and enjoy a stable democracy. This places us in the top fifteen percent of the world's population. We should discover God's presence in the midst of these blessings, but we must face up to the responsibilities they give us.

It is not good enough to be simply appalled at the widening gap between rich and poor in our own country and around the world. Today's Gospel places at our feet the challenge to do something about it, in our prayer, in our careful use of resources, in what we spend our money on and how we vote for governments which might affect international change.

The Beatitudes and warnings call us to become so transparently attentive to justice, development and peace for all people that what others see in the followers of Christ is precisely what they get.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bob Nicholls, David Ledlin,
Paul Bishop, Virginia Calacoci,
Lorna Bensley.

ANNIVERSARIES: Irene Berry,
Neville Nicholson, Mary Treacy,
Kevin Harant, Mary Ann Weir,
Mary & Frank Jack, Milagros
Apostol Manangdo, Aurora
Apostol Santos.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE

SICK: For those suffering from
Covid-19 - that it will brought
under control and eliminated as
a health risk for all.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Rey Hilario, Jean Cook,
Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger,
Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy,
Felicity Fone, Barbara Jones,
Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas
Philip OSH, Peter Brooks, Brian
Treacy, John Cosgrove (Snr),
Josef, Tom Dawson, Marie Haag,
Elaine Longmuir, Sally Agnew.



Last November we asked and prayed for 10 Catechists
We got 2 catechists. Thank the Good Lord.

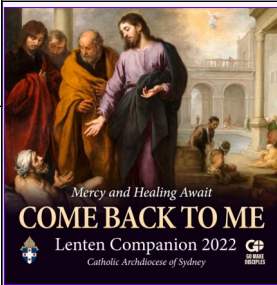
This year we are asking for 8 more Catechists.
Can you help us, please?

- ◆ **Teach or assist in the classroom** (assistants help keep children focused, hand out books, walk among the students). Assistants are so beneficial to the teacher
- ◆ **Team teach** (so if you are away or have a meeting or have a sick child you have a backup and you only have to teach every 2nd week). Ask a friend to teach with you or we will put you together with another teacher.

- ◆ If you work or work from home, many of our Catechists now **take an early lunch break** to teach/assist. If you don't work near your Parish and you feel God's call, every area has public schools and every Parish is looking for Catechists. We can put you in touch with the right people

God does not Call the Qualified He Qualifies the Called

For more information please contact me,
Cynthia Gilbertson, your Catechist Coordinator, on 0407 650 208
or the Parish Office on 9456 2450 / parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au



To help you prepare for Easter ~ Lenten Programme

For many of our parishioners coming back to Mass in the current pandemic situation, is still a daunting prospect. That is why this year, the PPC and I have decided to encourage parishioners to do a private preparation during Lent as we journey towards Easter. The following Lenten Companion offering, comes from the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, and is entitled "Mercy and Healing Await ~ Come Back To Me".

The beauty of this programme in the current situation is that it can be done privately, as a family unit, or if you are comfortable with a small gathering of like minded parishioners in your homes.

To access the programme please go to:

<https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/A4-Square-Lenten-Resource-2022-Web.pdf>

"During this Season of Lent I encourage you to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—to consider His suffering and His sacrifice, His life, death, burial and resurrection. Please use these days to strengthen your faith and deepen your relationship with God as you prepare your hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter.

Lent is a rich tradition of our Church, a time of prayer, fasting and abstinence and preparation.

Pope Francis reminds us that "Lent is a favourable time to make room for the Word of God.

It is time to switch off the television and open the Bible.

It is a time to separate from mobile phones and connect to the Gospel."

Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney



Pope's intention for February: For religious sisters and consecrated women:

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Requiescat
In Pace
Bob
Nicholls



It is with sadness we advise of the passing of Bob Nicholls. Bob passed peacefully last Sunday in Hornsby Hospital. His family thank you for your prayers over these last, very difficult, weeks.

A private Requiem Mass will be offered for Bob.

The family asks for your understanding and continued prayers at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.



Tap n Go donation points available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10. Thank you for your support through these devices.



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



Artist: Angie Fox
 Angie is an Embroiderer and Vestment Designer from Derby, England. She writes, 'Following the theme given, I have used several images to depict the key words as follows:
Freedom: an open door to a pathway across an endless open vista.
Justice: broken chains
God's Peace and Forgiveness: the dove of peace and a peace lily breaking through the pavement.
Over all: the rainbow represents the overarching love of God.'

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, the theme or country being celebrated during World Day of Prayer is the United Kingdom.

England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

There will be songs, stories, food etc from England, Scotland, Wales & Ireland.

This year the host church is

St Marks Anglican Church, 18 Berowra Waters Road, and everyone is invited.

It is hoped that Ku-ring-gai Chase will be well represented this year, so you are asked to keep the date free.

Friday, March 4 @ 7pm.

We are also seeking some volunteers from KCCP to take on perhaps a reading. Our parish liaison person, Gen Funk, is happy for any volunteers to contact her after 5pm on 0418 866 250.

This ecumenical day of prayer is a wonderful example of Christian Churches of various faiths, coming together in shared love of God.



Sacramental Programme Dates 2022

First Reconciliation (Confession):

Tuesday 5 April / Wednesday 6 April

First Eucharist

(First Holy Communion):
 Saturday 18 June / Sunday 19 June

(Corpus Christi)

Confirmation:

Sunday 18 September

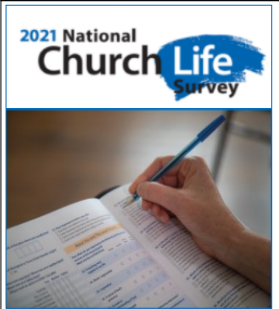
Can you help to bring a



Berowra Heights Parishioner to Sunday 9am Mass?

An elderly female parishioner is looking for a regular lift to Sunday 9am Mass. She lives on Turner Road (not far from the shops) and lately has not been able to attend Church as her children are no longer able to bring her.

If you have room in your car and would like to help out, please call the office on 9456 2450 for more details.



Advance Notice:

2021 National Church Life Survey will take place in our parish on the weekends of 19/20th and 26/27th February 2022

Due to Covid resulting in the closure of churches last year, this 2021 survey was delayed in rolling out.

Our parish (as one of a select number of parishes from the Diocese of Broken Bay) has been asked to complete this survey.

At Masses on 19/20th and 26/27th February 2022 you will find survey forms at the back of our churches. Your assistance would be appreciated by completing the survey before or after the Mass you attend, or take it home and return it the following weekend. There will be a box provided for completed surveys at the back of each church.

Vox Populi – the Voice of the People - 9 February 2022

The voice of the people became particularly loud in the early post war decades in Europe when ordinary people recognised their voices played a strong role in reshaping post war democracy. Of course there have been many cultural, social and political revolutions since the end of the Second World War. The changes in communicative practices, media platforms and technology has meant the voice of the people has become louder and stronger - but not always of shared opinion. Our Church is once again encouraging our voices to rise up and be heard in defence of all human life that must be treated with value, dignity and respect. Before the end of this month, on 22 February, the NSW Legislative Council committee will table their report following the euthanasia and suicide laws that passed the NSW Lower House last November. A time will then be scheduled for debate of the report. However NSW State MP, Labor MLC Greg Donnelly, is determined the voices of those who want to stop the passage of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2022 will be heard. The pro-life campaigner has launched a very clear and short ePetition which aims to protect the vulnerable in our society and shut down and reject the proposed bill in any form. "It is very important we maximise participation in this important ePetition," Donnelly said. "We need to be in the middle of the public debate. Our lawmakers must hear our voices." Bishop Anthony Randazzo is also encouraging all those in NSW to sign the ePetition. He says the misguided idea that supporting euthanasia is progressive and opposing it is conservative is false and obsolete. "The vulnerable and sick deserve our compassion and protection, not a law for state-sanctioned killing. Laws are more than just regulatory instruments," he has said. The ePetition can be accessed at <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/pages/epetitions-list.aspx>, this takes you to the Legislative Council's ePetitions webpage where you can directly access the ePetition which will remain open until 25 April 2022.

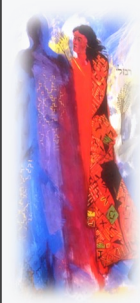
Our parish congratulates newly weds

*Alexander Nindra
 and
 Katie Hunter*

who were married on
 Friday 11th February 2022
 in
 St Patrick's Church Asquith.
*May the years ahead be filled
 with lasting joy and many
 blessings from God.*



SYNOD OF BISHOPS: Hundreds of groups and individuals across the country have shared their stories about how all members of the Catholic Church can walk together to carry out our mission as Christians. Have you? The local consultation process for the global Synod on Synodality is open for two more weeks – until Sunday, February 27 2022. Join with family, friends, parishioners or participate yourself. Find out more at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>.



Mary Magdalene, the Myths, the Controversy and the Gospel Texts

**SATURDAY 5 MARCH
 2.30 - 5pm**



Dr Debra Snoddy, lectures in Biblical Studies at the Catholic Institute Sydney. Debra is an engaging presenter with a wealth of experience in both academic teaching and adult faith formation.

Debra will present this seminar to mark International Women's Day on 8 March.

Our Lady of Dolours Parish Chatswood Magnificat Room
 Register: gail.gill@bbccatholic.org.au

If COVID restrictions change, the seminar will move to Zoom

Apostle to the Apostles
 In 2016, Pope Francis raised the memorial for Mary Magdalene on 22 July, to a feast day on the Liturgical Calendar of the Church. Mary of Magdala was the first witness to Jesus' resurrection.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 19th/20th February 2022 — 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year C

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Garth Graham	Barbara McMullen	Janice Pasoquen	John Messina	David Massa	Robert Pesavento
Reader (1)	Natasha Steele	Denise Harant	Celia Cox	Russell Schreiber	Jo Quinlan	Substitute requested
Reader (2)	Alodie Wheeler	Jeanette Neary	Paul Worthington	Vivienne Schreiber	Sue Lum	Mary Stokes
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favaloro & Jerome Gomez	Freda Alaalatoa & Peta Tonkin	Chris Smith	Jim Fitzgerald, Tess & Francis Lizardo	Peter Daly	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter(s), Marlene Moloney (f),		Cynthia Gilbertson, Editha Palmer, Yovana Castro Guerrero, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray			
Maintenance	Team A & B—additional help always appreciated		Ronnie Tan, John Hajduk—additional help always appreciated			

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*.



Community Seminar

Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney

A free seminar for the Catholic community of the Central Coast featuring an expert legal advisor to answer your questions.


Date: Tuesday 15 March 2022
Time: 11.00am – 12.30pm
Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish, 239-243 The Entrance Road, The Entrance 2261
Catering: Light refreshments provided
Register: www.bb.catholic.org.au/willsday or contact David on 02 8379 1664 / david.armstrong@bb.catholic.org.au

Presenter

Cecilia Castle, principle of Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 30 years. Cecilia is a regular speaker and writer on legal topics, Catholic and parishioner in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

At KCCP we take Safeguarding seriously:

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!




The Diocese of Broken Bay strives to promote a culture of safety and care for all people and especially for children, young people and vulnerable adults in its care and is committed to maintaining a pastoral community that models the essential qualities of ethical and moral behaviours. The principles upon which these behaviours are founded include; Integrity, Commitment, Presence, Servant Leadership, Truth, Compassion, Wisdom and Dignity. The Diocese invites its entire people to embrace and contribute to a culture of safeguarding children and vulnerable people. **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

Learning Hub:

We can all help to create a better internet by being respectful to each other.

More information is available from esafety.gov.au



POSITION VACANT

Sacramental Coordinator – Pittwater—Permanent, part-time role—Up to 18 hours per week (must have availability for after-hours and w/ ends)

The Pittwater Parish is seeking to recruit a part-time Sacramental Coordinator, up to 18 hours per week. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, coordinating support services to enhance the Sacramental program ministry within the Parish. For further information please mail recruitment@bb.catholic.org.au. Applications close **Friday, 18 February 2022**. If this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to recruitment@bb.catholic.org.au.

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