

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

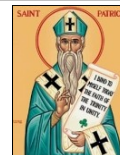
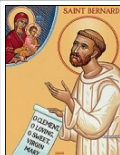
KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



13th March 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

Year C

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

Phil 3:17- 4:1

Lk 9:28-36

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.

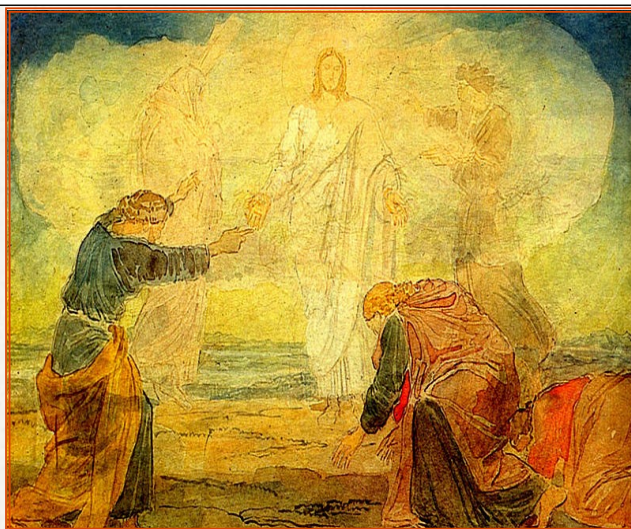
Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.

God on the mountain,

God in the valley

Our lives are a mixture of a 'mountain-top experience' and a 'valley experience.'

Jesus' prediction of his suffering and death followed by the transfiguration experience reveals this truth in no unclear terms. You can see thorns in a bush full of roses or roses in a bush full of thorns, no matter how you look at it you can't change the truth that both, thorns and roses are before you.



Life's journey is through thorns and roses, mountains and valleys.

In the verses preceding today's passage, Jesus already predicted his passion, suffering and death (the valley experience). He spoke about carrying one's cross as a pre-requisite for discipleship.

Interpreted in our own life-context, the mountain-top experience is that of peace, happiness, prosperity, fame, success, physical well-being, stable relationships and a general feeling of fulfilment and contentment. The valley experience is that when things don't seem to be going right in our lives, when failures and losses befall us, when we are fallen and forsaken, misunderstood and betrayed by others, when relationships threaten to break, when 'tomorrow' scares us, when loneliness stalks us, when grief overwhelms us and life seems at its edge.

When you know that suffering is going to come upon you, it is but natural that your face will look gloomy and pale and people can notice it. But here at the Transfiguration Jesus is looking radiant in glory (the mountain-top experience). This scene suggests that when we take up our cross in God's name we receive strength and grace from the Lord to carry it.

The voice of God **"This my beloved son in whom I'm well pleased, listen to Him"** is not just an endorsement of the Jesus-mission of redemption but an affirmation that God is always **"well pleased"** when we are willing to carry our cross and follow Him. When you are busy carrying your cross, become also sure, that God is busy weaving a crown for you. Your crown is not somewhere beyond the grave, but in this life itself.

In our human experience, we are tempted just like Peter, James and John to desire the mountaintop experience and avoid the valley experience. But we really must live the valley experience if we want to see the glory of God in our lives. It is in the valley experience that we discover our frailties and the follies of our intelligence, when inflated egos are punctured and we discover our great need for God.

When we find it hard to trust God in the valley experience of our life, we could think of little chickens under the wings of a hen. There is darkness under its wings, the little chicks cannot see anything, yet they feel the warm, reassuring protection of their mother. As the Psalmist puts it,

"The Lord will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings we will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and your rampart." (Ps 91:4).

Whether in the valley or on the mountain-top, we need the affirmation of God, for the God in the valley is the same God on the mountains. © <https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2022/03/13-march-2022-2nd-sunday-of-lent-year-c/>

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Diocese of Broken Bay Australia

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'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**

**Second Week of Lent
Year C**

Monday 14/03

Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday 15/03

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday 16/03

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday 17/03

Jer 1:4-9; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Friday 18/03

Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday 19/03 ~ Solemnity

**St Joseph,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**
2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Felicity Fone, Patricia (Pat) Davies, Sam Calacoci, Harry Hwang, James Randle, Phil Duggan, Minerva Santos, Bob Nicholls, David Ledlin

ANNIVERSARIES:

Denis Mulligan, Joaquin Victor D'Souza, Matthew & Linda Ho, Michael Leong, Bill Colman, Karen Fitzgerald, Irene Berry, Neville Nicholson, Mary Treacy, Kevin Harant

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:

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



Pope's intention for March:

A Christian response to Bioethical Challenges:

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Planning ahead for LENT at KCCP 2022



Reconciliation Times during Lent:

Saturdays 9.30 am at Asquith and Fridays after 9am Mass at Berowra (except First Friday)

Additional opportunities for Reconciliation:

* Wednesday, Thursday, Friday after morning Mass on request.

Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Bernard's Berowra Heights:

8.30am Friday mornings followed by 9am Holy Mass, except 1st Friday of the month ~ 1 April 2022



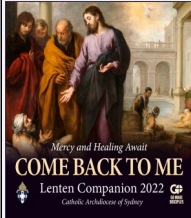
Stations of the Cross during Lent at Patrick's Asquith:

7.30pm every Friday evening

To help you prepare for Easter ~ Lenten Programme/s

"Mercy and Healing Await ~ Come Back To Me"

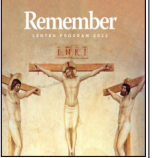
(Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney)



The PPC and I this year, encourage parishioners to do a private preparation during Lent as we journey towards Easter. In the current situation, the beauty of this Lenten Companion from the **Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney** 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>

"Remember"
(Diocese of Wollongong)



If you would like to join this Lenten reflection group please contact the parish office to provide your name, contact number and day/night preference. This will then be passed along to the organisers who will contact you. The Lenten Programme involves reading and reflecting on the Sunday Gospel and listening to a short reflection.

Project compassion boxes - available today

This years Project Compassion theme is: **'For All Future Generations'**



The good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop - 9 March 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



During this second week of Lent there has been a great deal to pray for throughout our communities.

Torrential and relentless rain has caused devastating flooding not only throughout the state but in our own parishes in the Diocese.

Suburban streets have become rivers, backyards turned into lakes. Dams have spilled as a result of the deluge and main roads and bridges inundated.

Huge swathes of our Diocese in the northern suburbs, northern beaches and Central Coast have been swamped causing landslides and extensive damage to homes.

Many of our churches, schools and community halls have been flooded.

Thousands of people have been forced to evacuate, and tragically lives have been lost.

Added to this, the escalating and destructive events in Ukraine with the ever-growing humanitarian crisis, and the words challenging and overwhelming just don't seem to convey the sadness and heaviness of heart.

However, it is exactly at times like this we should remember that we do have someone to guide us, give us the courage and strength to keep going.

We know prayer is a large focus during Lent as it is the main source of communication with God. While it is a time of reflection and renewed faith when we focus on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can also pray for those who have lost their homes and livelihoods, who are injured or anxious and despairing or are fleeing conflict, carrying very little except fear and uncertainty.

And despite our prayers if we think all we can hear and see is more rage and resistance, then it's also good to remember that when God is quiet, He is up to something.

He is watching and working.

With my prayers and blessing, + *Anthony*

Week 3: 28/02/22; Winning No: 875; Amount: \$25.00; Winner: Unsubscribed

Please call the office asap to pay your membership or to purchase one (or additional) 'block/s' of numbers.

Week 4: 07/03/22; Winning No: 666; Amount: \$25.00; Winner: Bill Hester



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@bbccatholic.org.au ~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Shaju.



Solemnity of St Patrick, one of our Patron Saints, Thursday March 17.

St Patrick's Primary School Students and Staff will be joining parishioners at our usual 9am Mass. All are very welcome to attend.

NB: Mass of the Solemnity of St Joseph will be celebrated on Sat. 19 March, 9am at St Patrick's.



We look forward to seeing you there in great numbers and celebrating with you. Fr Shaju & Fr Joy.

Sunday 10am Mass on 20 March 2022 Special Event

The 10am Mass on 20 March, will be a whole parish celebration of St Patrick. Students of the school will be participating in the Mass by reading the Prayers of the Faithful and the Offertory Procession.

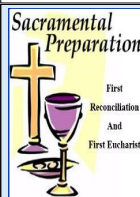
A celebratory morning tea will follow the Mass in the Fr McMaugh Hall.

Please bring along a plate to share and leave it in the hall before Mass begins.

A few interesting facts about Saint Patrick you may not know:

- ✿ Saint Patrick's name at birth was Maewyn Succat.
- ✿ Patrick was born in Britain.
- ✿ He trained and studied for years before returning to Ireland as a missionary.
- ✿ Patrick means "nobleman."
- ✿ Patrick introduced the Celtic cross, which included the sun. This helped the Irish adopt it as a national symbol of Ireland.
- ✿ Saint Patrick's Day did not become a major celebration until the 1970s.
- ✿ Saint Patrick's Bell ~ There is a bell in the National Museum of Ireland that was made around the time of Saint Patrick's life. The Irish have believed for 1400 years that the bell belonged to Saint Patrick. A high king of Ireland had a beautiful cover made out of gold and gems to preserve the bell and the names of the bishops of Ireland were engraved on the cover. The style of the letters on the cover were used to make the first typewriters.
- ✿ Saint Patrick and the Snakes ~ There are no snakes in Ireland but there is a legend that at the time of Saint Patrick there were lots of snakes and he chased them all into the Irish Sea. Some say that this legend came to be because pagans had tattoos of snakes and Saint Patrick got rid of the pagan religions by teaching Christianity and therefore drove out the snakes from Ireland.

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FIRST RECONCILIATION WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

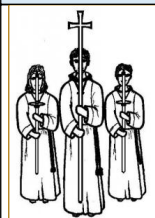
The workshops for our children continue this week with session two of four.

At all Masses next weekend (except the 6pm Sunday evening SPA), the children will be presented to parishioners and ask for your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

Reconciliation will be conferred on either April 5th (SPA) or April 6th (SBB).

Please keep the children, their families and our workshop leaders in your prayers.

For more information please contact our Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



Altar Server Training

St Bernard's Berowra Hts

Tues. 22 & Thurs. 24 March

3.15-4pm

Meet Mr Vince Hughes (trainer) inside St Bernard's Church

Parents/guardians will need to sign a consent form to take you to Mass when rostered to serve and you will be rostered for whichever weekend Mass you usually attend. This form can be downloaded from our website by copy and pasting this link into your browser:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/groups-ministries/ministries-at-mass>

then in the section 'Altar Servers, Assist at Sunday Masses',

please chose 'click here' for St Bernard's.

Please email the form to the parish office or hand to the trainer on the day, thank you.

Mr Hughes holds a current Working With Children Clearance. He is looking forward to meeting you.



The escalating violence in Ukraine has become a massive humanitarian crisis. While there have been an estimated 1500 civilian casualties, more than 2 million people – mostly women and children and the elderly – have been forced to flee their homes. Even as they seek safety and shelter in neighbouring countries they face constant air raids and attacks. They need water, emergency food including baby formula, shelter and hygiene support. Many organisations on the ground are providing these services. They include the organisations below and have appealed for support in helping those desperately in need.



Caritas Australia is currently raising funds to support communities impacted by the conflict in Ukraine.

Donate today at: www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.



Ukraine Emergency Appeal ~ <https://aidtochurch.org/ukraine>

Ukraine Emergency Appeal ~ <https://jesuitmission.org.au/ukraine/>

POSITION VACANT

Senior Facilities & WHS Officer:

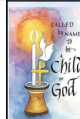
Permanent, full-time position. This role provides facilities and maintenance expertise for Diocesan owned assets, notably the Caroline Chisholm Centre. The role also has WHS responsibilities including providing WHS advice to Chancery staff and Parish personnel and working with Parishes to carry out building maintenance inspections. To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications close Friday, 1 April 2022.



Synod of Bishops "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission"

In Australia, submission dates have been extended until **Sunday, 13 March 2022.**

Find out more and have your say at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



Welcome to our Faith Family

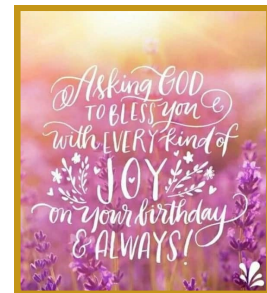
Baptism congratulations to

Carlisle Andrei Yadao

who is to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep him, his parents and Godparents in your prayers.

Someone special to us is having a Birthday on Tuesday!



May God bless you in a special way on Tuesday for the love and concern with which you minister to all those entrusted to your care.

May your life be filled with God's good gifts, abundant joy and heaven's peace.

Happy Birthday Shaju Achan

(that's Fr Shaju to us Aussies)



Children's Choir

@St Patrick's Choir is Back!

REHEARSALS WILL BEGIN IN TERM 2,

on Friday afternoons from 4-5pm in St Patrick's church. Before these practices can begin, we must have at least one adult helper rostered for every practice, to comply with diocesan Safeguarding procedures. Parents and carers, if you would like your child to attend Children's Choir, please volunteer to be on the roster and be aware that, **YOU MUST HOLD A CURRENT WWCC.**

Not sure how to get a WWCC? Contact the parish office for assistance. Meanwhile, all singers are welcome to sing at 10am Mass, starting now! Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for further details.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 19th/20th March 2022 — 3rd Sunday in Lent — Year C
Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11; Lk 13:1-9

	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	Paul Dryden	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Sophia Smith	Zinta Hartmann	Miguel Do Rego	Russell Schreiber	Chris Newnham	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Justin Berry	Alena Hartmann	Celia Cox	Vivienne Schreiber	Sue Newnham	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Marlene Moloney, Chichi Datoc (s)		Sue O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Sue O'Malley, John O'Malley, Anthony Drake,			
Maintenance	Team A & B — <i>additional help always appreciated</i>		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*.

COUNSELLING SERVICES

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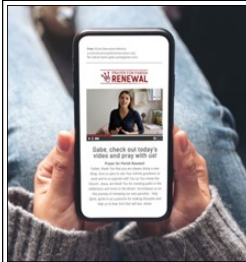
Accessing our counselling services is very simple. Simply call 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccareddb.org.au. We have Family Centres in Artarmon, Brookvale, Tuggerah and Waitara, and offer sessions in-person and online.



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

At KCCP we take Safeguarding seriously:

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.**



Prayer underpins every initiative we seek to undertake. This Lenten prayer initiative, offered by Divine Renovation Ministry, offers a short daily prayer and video each day until Easter.

It is a great resource to join people from all around the world this Lent to pray together for a renewed evangelising mission.

Register at <https://www.divinerenovation.org/prayer>.

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