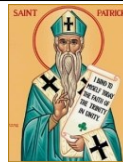
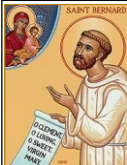


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 14th January 2024 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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'

HOMILY

In recent years we have all had to learn to live with 'voice mail' as a necessary part of modern life. Sometimes it can be hard to get a human being on the other end of the telephone. The endless repetition of options and reassurances can be frustrating. But let's think about what it would be like if God decided to install voice mail in Heaven. Imagine praying and hearing this: 'Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options: 1 for Requests; 2 for Thanksgiving; 3 for Complaints; 4 for All Other Inquiries.'

And, what if God used the familiar excuse, 'I'm sorry, we're busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us, so please stay on the line and we will attend to you as soon as possible.'

Worse still, imagine if we heard, 'Our computers show that you have already prayed three times today; Please hang up and try again tomorrow,' or, 'This office is closed for the Sabbath, please pray again on Monday at 12.01am. If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, contact your local Priest, Rabbi or Imam'.

The readings from the First Book of Samuel and the Gospel of John all involve call and response. The first reading plays out what many people think the call of God is like – a booming voice telling us what to do. John's Gospel is more subtle. The earliest apostles are called in two ways and neither of them involves loud voices with grand requests. Andrew follows Jesus because of what John the Baptist says. Simon Peter comes to Jesus through word-of-mouth, his brother Andrew's recommendation.

What these readings collectively indicate is the various ways in which people are drawn into the life and service of God. Sometimes, because we want certainty, we hope and long for a more dramatic indication of God's will. Some people get it. Mostly, however, the experience of Andrew and Simon Peter is the more common one. We follow our desires, play our hunches and pursue what intrigues us. As time goes on, our experience indicates the path that will lead to the most hopeful, faithful and loving choice. What is especially encouraging about the Gospel is that Andrew goes after whatever it is that Jesus has. He lives with, or experiences, Jesus' company for a day and then becomes his recruiting officer.

In so many ways, of course, things are different for us now. Rather than us seeking out where Jesus lives, we are given opportunities to experience his life, and invite him to come and make a home with us. But whatever the differences in the process, the end result is the same. Just as Samuel, Andrew and Peter could have no idea where their response to God's call would lead them, so we cannot either. All we know is that it will cost us something, maybe everything.

Responding to God's call in Christ is not for the faint hearted and we shouldn't pretend it is. It involves loving our enemies, working for peace, forgiving those who have wronged us, and making the world a just place for all God's children. If these charges make no claim on us in our daily lives, then, chances are, we are listening to voices that endlessly give us the runaround, rather than being hooked up to the source of life which makes sense and gives meaning to all our connections in this world and the next.

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"We have found the Messiah."



John 1:41

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, the Priests' cars & petrol etc, etc and is **ESSENTIAL** for our **PARISH** to **FUNCTION FINANCIALLY**

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WEEKDAY MASSES: St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: 9am Wednesday & Friday
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The Parish Office is essentially CLOSED until Tuesday 23 January 2024.

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.**



Rosters & Readings for W/end - 20th/21st January 2024 - 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time - Year B - Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

	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	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
Altar Servers	Martha Askew Volunteer needed	Olive O'Keefe Penelope O'Keefe	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Emma Daly Liam Daly	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Barbara McMullen	Sue Lum	Michael Halliday	Mary Stokes	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Denise Harant	Hayley Rodrigues	Jim Fitzgerald	Cora Cuasay	Miguel Do Rego
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Cecilia Waite (f)		Sue O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Sue & John O'Malley; New flower arranger needed, can you help?			
Maintenance	Team A & B - <i>additional help always</i>		January 20/21: John & Sue O'Malley			

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

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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.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Felice Daidone, Shelly Schreiber; O'Malley;
ANNIVERSARY: Patricia O'Malley;
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.
Please NOTE WELL: *It is our practise during January, to delete names from the Sick list whose situation hasn't been updated. Please send an email to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au to have a name reinstated.*



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 ~ School Holiday period. Enjoy your break away but please return to us safely.



Pope's intention for January: For the Gift of Diversity in The Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



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