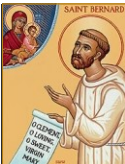


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 15th January 2023 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A  
Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



**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 I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

**Alleluia Verse:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. Alleluia!  
He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. 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'



## The Perfume of Holiness © Fr Michael Tate

I visited my mother quite often in the last years of her life and sometimes when she kissed me and gave me a big hug, I came away with the scent of 'Tea Rose' perfume lingering all over me. Mum loved that perfume and sometimes doused herself quite extravagantly. And some of it would rub off on me.

That is how we become 'holy'.

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of ordinary people who aren't quite up to the mark in doing the right thing. It certainly doesn't mean an unattractive superiority: 'holier than thou'!

It means being so close to God, so much of an intimate with God, so much one of the close family of God, that God's holiness rubs off.

In today's Gospel, John says of Jesus that He will baptise people with the Holy Spirit. At our baptisms, we were given an extravagant dousing of the Holy Spirit, we were plunged and immersed into Holy Spirit, we emerged smelling of Holy Spirit, we were made holy.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'you are my beloved son' or 'you are my beloved daughter'. We are family.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, he would use the same terms he used in writing to the Corinthians. This is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

Isn't that a beautiful understanding of who we are?

We are not a branch office of a multinational religious organisation with the Archbishop as the local manager. We have our own dignity. We are the church of God that is in this town made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.

But, we are not alone. There are many people gathering in a multitude of places around the world, people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. As St Paul would put it, we are **who** we are 'together with all who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every meeting place'.

St Paul recognises the bonds which link us. But, how is the 'togetherness' held together?

What quickly emerged in the early church was the need for strong bonds to develop between the leaders of those 'who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ' in Jerusalem and the leaders of those who did the same out on the missions in the pagan world. With the destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD, it was natural that the linchpin, the strongest link, should be the successor of St Peter martyred in Rome.

Yes, we are 'Catholic', i.e. worldwide, and 'Roman Catholic' because we are in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis.

So, at the base level, recall how St Paul describes us:

'Members of the Church of God that is in [this town], made up of those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.' That is who we are.

We are those to whom St Paul sends his greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'



## WEEKEND COLLECTIONS ~ How the funds 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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**RECONCILIATION:** Fridays: 9.30am at St Bernard's Berowra; Saturdays: 9.30 am at St Patrick's, Asquith  
**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  
**WEEKDAY MASSES:** St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: 9am Wednesday & Friday  
St Patrick's, Asquith: 9am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday



**The Parish Office is essentially CLOSED until Monday 30 January 2023.**

For **urgent assistance only** please E: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au (**monitored regularly 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 – 21st/22nd January 2023 - 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A - Is 8:23—9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23**

	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	Sue Lum	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
Altar Servers	Robyn Orr Harry Tod	Olive O'Keefe Bronte Tonkin	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Thomas Clarke Mia Nguyen	Volunteer now Volunteer now
Reader (1)	Donna Machado	Jeanette Neary	Paul Worthington	Vivienne Schreiber	Mary Stokes	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Genevieve Funk	Isaac Tonkin	Sue Watts	Russell Schreiber	Christine Vila	Volunteer now
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Cecilia Waite (f), Ning Biyo, Anne Bourke (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed)		January: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow			

**LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE**

**Rosary** After weekday Masses both Churches  
**Visits to Housebound** Dr Biju & Fr Joy - 9456 2450  
**Nursing Home Visits** By request  
**Emergency Priest** 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only)  
**Clergy Days Off** Dr Biju – Monday Fr Joy – Tuesday  
**Home Visits** For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests. Please phone the office 9456 2450.  
**HOSPITAL ADMISSION:** If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services.  
 Please notify the Parish Office, if hospitalised and would like our own priests to attend.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Dario Rossi

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Maria Lombardo, Assunta Fraietta

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Those suffering from Covid-19 - that it is contained and eliminated as a health risk.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Datoc, Ann Leslie, Georgina Hughes, Mary Burns, Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, Jean Cook, Barbara Jones, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Brian Treacy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Marie Haag, Elaine Longmuir.

**Please NOTE WELL:** It is our practise during January, to delete names from the Sick list whose situation hasn't been updated. To reinstate a name, please contact the office via email: [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au)



**Pope's intention for January:** For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all. brothers and sisters in the human family.



**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.



We the people of the **Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay and in Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish**, are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.

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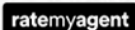
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