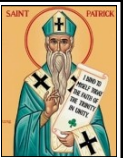
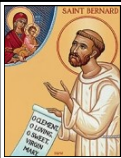


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 16th January 2022 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



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: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 © Richard Leonard SJ

Church architecture often tells in stone the story of theology. By the ninth century as Christian Churches in Europe became longer and higher, a shift was occurring in theology as well. Coinciding with the engineering abilities of the builders, theologians reinstated a more severe and distant theology about God.

God was **'immortal, invisible, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes'**.

Jesus had ascended his regal home in the tabernacle which over the centuries got further and further away from where the people stood or sat.

One of the extraordinary things that occurs in the layout of Churches of this time is that as the tabernacle goes back, the Marian altar comes forward, often half way down the church where people could have easy access to it.

Today's Gospel was used as the justification for this theological and architectural movement. Mary is seen to intercede on behalf of the bride and groom and ask Jesus to do what he can. This is the first sign in the Gospel of John and Jesus is reluctant to perform it, but because his mother asks, he does it.

The changing of the water into wine is not just a sign that Mary and Jesus like a good party! It is a sign of the Kingdom of God where joy and life are in abundance, where shame ends and all tears are wiped away. It is no accident that in John's gospel the mother of Jesus is present at this first sign and remains faithful until the end, right up to the culmination of all the signs: his being lifted up on the cross. Mary not only asks for a sign, she understands that it will cost something for Jesus to give it and for her to witness it.

So for us, the wedding feast at Cana is a taste of the fullness of life we celebrate here every Sunday. The Eucharist is always and everywhere a first course in the eternal banquet of heaven. But it is also an invitation to see beyond the signs, to the faithful relationships that require sacrificial love and years of fidelity.

All parents who sacrifice so much for their children, all spouses who remain faithful and good to their wife or husband, all friends who attend to their companions with devotion and care, share in the Kingdom of God and are the signs of Christ's presence in our world.

Every time we are kind, Cana occurs again.

Sometimes these actions can be very lonely and the cost can be high.

Today's Gospel, and the traditions of the Church that flow from it, tell us we are not alone, especially when the going gets tough.

What I like best about our belief in intercessory prayer, in the healthiest devotions in honour of the Mother of Jesus and in our belief in the martyrs and the saints is that they take seriously the companionship of God's family that transcends time and space.

Through our common Christian faith we are connected to millions of believers who have battled with similar, and sometimes greater, struggles than we endure and yet remained faithful to the end. Led by Mary, who never wants us to feel ashamed or embarrassed, they are our cheer squad in the stands of heaven willing us on in the race of life, giving us a few pointers on the best preparation, the pitfalls on the way and how to maximise our performance as we strive to do our best and be our best.

Welcome to Cana where one course is richer than the last.

And the wine only gets better with age.



Please remember: Currently there is **only ONE Morning Mass** on weekdays up to and including **Friday 21 January 2022.**

Masses will be celebrated at 9am as follows:

St Patrick's Asquith ~ Monday-Tuesday-Thursday AND

St Bernard's Berowra Heights ~ Wednesday-Friday.

PASTORAL CENTRE:

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Parish Priest: Fr Shaju John, OSH;

Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH;

Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper;

Bookkeeper: Karen Price;

WEEKEND MASSES:

Vol. Office Assistant: Jan Favaloro

St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: Saturday Vigil 5pm and Sunday 9am;

St Patrick's, Asquith: Saturday Vigil 6pm and Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm



**January
Office Arrangements**

**The Parish Office
Re-opens tomorrow
Monday 17 January 2022**

For urgent assistance email the office on:
parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

OR phone 9456 2450 and leave a message.

Please note: Phones will only be checked **WEEKLY** and **only urgent messages** will be responded to.

(Non-urgent emails & calls will be responded to after Jan. 20th)

REMEMBER: If in **URGENT NEED ONLY** of a priest, the emergency number is: **0468 341 841.**

**ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND - 22nd/23rd January 2022 - Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21
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	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	sub requested	Mani Subramany	John Messina	David Massa	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Justin Berry	Denise Harant	Hayley Rodrigues	Sue Lum	Cora Cuasay	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Isaac Tonkin	Celia Cox	Michael Halliday	David De-Fina	Mary Stokes
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favaloro & Jerome Gomez	Freda Alaalatoa & Peta Tonkin	Chris Smith	Jim Fitzgerald	Peter Daly & Susie Gates	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Cecilia Waite (f), Ning Biyo, Tina Manti (s)		Pat Smith, Ellen Downey (f), Marion Pahalawatta, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo			
Maintenance	Teams A & B -additional help always appreciated		Grace Milen, Milen Kurishingal, Patrick Dias			

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

Rosary After weekday Masses both Churches
Visit Housebound Fr Shaju & Fr Joy - 9456 2450
Nursing Home Visits By request
Emergency Priest 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only)
Clergy Days Off Fr Shaju – 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: Rodney Porter, Peter Paul Raj, Elizabeth (Betty) Borg, Fr Thomas Kunnasserry (Fr Joy's uncle)
ANNIVERSARIES: Eliaz Pieprzyk, Samuel Fuda, Assunta Fraietta, Maria Lombardo, Irena & Iwona, David Huntley
SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: For those suffering around the world from Covid-19 - that this disease will be successfully brought under control and eliminated as a health risk for all.
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK : Josef, Jean Cook, Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy, Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Felicity Fone, Barbara Jones, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, John Cosgrove (Snr)
Please NOTE WELL: It is now the practice of this parish (each January), to delete from the Sick list the names of those whose situation hasn't been updated. Please contact the office after January 17th to reinstate a name.

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 period. Enjoy your break, may it be relaxing and enjoyable but most important of all, 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.

Pope's intention for January: For true human fraternity:



We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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