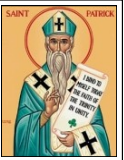


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 17th January 2021 ~ 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'

## What's in a Name? © Fr Michael Tate

**What's in a name?** A lot, if it is God who confers the name.

What is the name which God the Creator gives to human beings, to humanity, i.e. to you and me?

It is '**Adam**'. In the beautiful imagery of the Jewish scriptures, in the book of Genesis, God breathes into the nostrils of a figure made of clay, and names the first human being, '**Adam**', a name which means '**earth creature**'. So, there is something of the Divine breathed into each one of us, but the name '**Adam**' is a reminder to stay grounded in our earthiness.

We are stardust, earth creatures, loved into existence as human beings filled with the Breath of God.

**We are loved into existence, for what or for whom?**

Each one of us has a unique and irreplaceable role in the unfolding history of the universe. And there is a name which sounds that role, which the Creator desires each one of us to fulfil.

**Jesus of Nazareth knew the power of naming in relation to vocation and destiny.**

So, when Andrew brought his brother to Jesus, Jesus exercised the divine prerogative. We read: '[Jesus] looked at him and said: "**You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas.**"' '**Cephas**' is the Hebrew word for rock which in Greek is '**Petros**', which in English is '**Peter**'.

At one level, Jesus may be having fun at Simon's expense. Here is a man of such violent mood changes, that he is like shifting sand.

So, Jesus thinks of the polar opposite, rock solid, and nicknames him, '**Rocky**'!

Jesus would play on that nickname: '**You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church.**' (Matt 16:18)

This disciple is to be the solid, secure, rock-like foundation on which the Christian community will be constructed by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus knew the deep-down name of this man, '**Peter**', and pronounced that name which in fact identified his future role. This tradition continues with the successor of Peter. So, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio took the name '**Francis**' which indicates that he believes that God chose him to be Pope to follow in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi.

I love my name, '**Michael**', no doubt because it was the name first heard from my parents. It comes with all those wonderful associations of parental love.

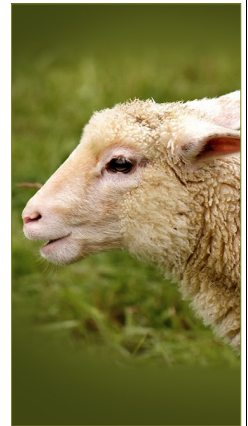
But, apparently I do have another name. We read in the Book of Revelations: The Spirit is saying to the churches: "**to those who prove victorious [after persecution] I will give the hidden manna and a white stone – a stone with a new name written on it known only to the man who receives it.**" (Rev 2:17)

This is the secret name by which God has known and loved me since the moment of my conception. It is the name which will reveal my true identity as desired by God just as Simon's true identity was revealed by Jesus calling him '**Peter**'.

All will then be revealed at the moment of death, but perhaps it is permitted to anticipate.

I hope to make a request of God when, with God's grace, I get to Heaven. I want the name to be hyphenated: '**Michael-[Heavenly Name]**', or if God prefers, I would naturally accept, '**[Heavenly Name]-Michael**'. But I hope to have the courage to ask God:

**'Please God, allow me to keep the name my parents gave me. It is through them that I am related to you. It is through them that I learnt to love you. It is Michael-[Heavenly Name] who will relate to them and to you in Heaven, who will love them and you in Heaven – forever.'**



Please remember: There is **only ONE Morning Mass** on weekdays up to and including **22 January 2021**. Masses will be celebrated as follows:  
9am at St Patrick's Asquith ~ Monday-Tuesday-Thursday AND 9am at St Bernard's Berowra Heights ~ Wednesday-Friday.

### PASTORAL CENTRE:

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

**Centre Hours:** 9am – 3.30pm. Phone: (02) 9456 2450; Email:

parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au; Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp

**Parish Priest:** Fr Shaju John, OSH;

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Joy Thomas, OSH;

**Parish Secretary:** Margaret Cooper;

**Bookkeeper:** Karen Price;

**Youth Ministry Co-ord:** Michelle Chahine

**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



The Pastoral Centre is **CLOSED** until

**Wednesday 20 January 2021.**

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 23 / 24 Jan – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 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	Garth Graham	Alex Jarominek	Mani Subramany	Sue Lum	Darrin Patterson	Keith Fone
Reader (1)	John Ryan	Jeanette Neary	Edwina Subramany	Vivienne Schreiber	Deborah de Voss	Simone Noel
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Isaac Tonkin	Paul Worthington	Russell Schreiber	Susie Gates	Fiona Fone
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favaloro	Moauli Griffiths	Chris Smith	Phil Daidone	Michael Halliday	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Ning Biyo, Reese Nguyen, Peter Nguyen, Cecilia Waite (f), Brenda Brooks (s)		Sue O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Sue & John O'Malley, Anthony Drake, Fiona Fone (f),			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		January: Milen Kurishingal, Grace Milen, Patrick Dias - <b>additional help always appreciated please</b>			



## Obligation to be present at the Sunday Eucharist **HAS NOW RESUMED:**

Our Bishop, Anthony Randazzo, has rescinded the Decree he made earlier this year and the Faithful are now called upon and encouraged to resume their obligation as part of the living Body of Christ. Under Canon 1247, the Faithful are now once more obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and the Holy Days of Christmas and the Assumption. Those who are aged or have health conditions, or are otherwise anxious about the risk of COVID 19, are free to remain at home, honouring the Lord's Day through the best way open to them. Eg: Watching live-streamed Mass, private prayer, reading the Scripture, praying the Rosary.



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Walter Ebenezzer, Margaret Treacy, Karin Wisniewski, George Thompson, Pedro Celso, Colin Kenny, Mary Kathleen Levy, Anita M Jimenez  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Stach Romanowski, Eliasz Maciejewski, Neil Mickelson, Mary Treacy, David Webster, Helena Noske, David Huntley, Assunta Fraietta, Maria Lombardo, Frank and Mary Jack, Bill McDonagh, Julia Healy, Alison Hinton, Nancy Gomez  
**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Tom Dawson, Barbara Jones, Brian Neary, Jean Cook, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Stephen C C, Dan Leavy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Antonia Alvarado, Terry Treacy, Margaret Acret, Peter Nguyen, Anne Brady, Sr Tincy Thomas, Nemia Camille Asiong, Marie O'Hare, Rodney Porter.  
**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 20th to reinstate a name.

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### Pope's intention for January:

**Human Fraternity** ~ May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**250 Club Results drawn between December 21 and February will be published in the bulletin of Sunday 7th February 2021.**



### 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.

**MOST IMPORTANT and No. 1 Rule**  
 follow ALL DIRECTIONS of the USHER/s & Warden/s

**Wear a mask**

**WE'RE COVID SAFE**

**Stand apart**

**Church Capacities:**  
 101 ~ St Patrick's, 61 ~ St Bernard's  
 If unwell ~ DO NOT come to mass ~ please see your doctor