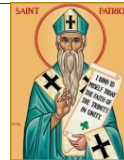


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 19th February 2023 ~ 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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

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

**Until further notice there will be
ONE Morning Mass only
on weekdays**

St Patrick's 9am:

Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat

St Bernard's 9am: Wed ~ Fri

(except 1st Friday of the month when Mass is at 11.30am @ St Bernard's)

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.

Today is Catechist Sunday

At the 10am Mass today at St Patrick's Asquith,

our Catechists will publicly renew their commitment to this most important ministry, and will hold an exhibition about the catechetical ministry on a display table outside the church after Mass. They will also be hosting 'Coffee Corner' for the parish community after Mass. Our parish (and many others) are in desperate need of new Catechists and helpers. Please, stop and have a coffee and chat with our Catechists about **'having a go'** at this rewarding ministry.



Dear Catechists, I sincerely greet you all on this Day of the Catechist!

St Paul says, "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you..." (1 Cor 11:23). From the very beginning when Jesus handed the faith to the Apostles, there has been a "handing down" of faith from generation to generation. Now, it is our responsibility to "hand down" this faith, faithfully, to the next generation—our young children and youth.

Catechists have an integral role in handing on the faith. Our young children and youth need proper guidance and knowledge in their journey of faith throughout their lives. The Church provides this leadership through catechism. The goal of catechists is to teach and to form Christians in faith, leading them into fellowship with Jesus Christ and the Church community.

Today, we all thank you, our dear catechists, for saying 'yes' to God's call and becoming transmitters of our faith. Thank you for all the time, effort and sacrifice you put into teaching our kids and youth. You show them by your example the true face of Jesus in our everyday lives. This ministry is so very important, beautiful, sometimes difficult but always incredibly rewarding, and we sincerely thank each of you.

To all other parishioners here today, I wholeheartedly invite you to speak with our catechists after Mass and please consider joining this ministry and remember (and I use a typical Australian turn of phrase here) ~ **"If you never have a go, then you'll never, never know"**.



Fr Biju Jose ~ Parish Administrator of KCCP.

Sacramental Programme dates and new enrolment details

Parents Talk on Sacraments (mandatory) ~

THIS Thursday 23 February 2023, St Bernard's Church, 7.30pm to 8.30pm

First Reconciliation (Confession):

SPA Wednesday 29 March, 6.30pm / SBB Thursday 30 March, 6.30pm

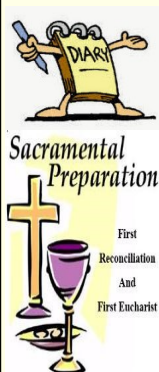
First Eucharist (First Holy Communion):

Sunday 25 June 2023

During 9am Mass at St Bernard's // During 10am Mass at St Patrick's

ENROLMENTS are now OPEN:

for FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST EUCHARIST



All children in Year 4 or above who have been both Baptised and Confirmed are eligible to enrol for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Those who made Confirmation last year should have received an email outlining the new process for enrolling, which this year will be done as much as possible online (hence, no enrolment weekend this year).

If you are new to the parish or did not receive an email, forms can be downloaded from our website.

Please go to: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/sacraments/reconciliation>

Our Sacramental Team can be contacted via: kccpsacraments@gmail.com

PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

Opening Hours: 9am – 3.30pm, Mon-Fri only.

Phone: (02) 9456 2450 / Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp

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

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KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay Australia

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Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper / Bookkeeper: Karen Price

Vol. Office Assist: Jan Favaloro / Vol. Sacramental Team: Peta & Phill

Sacramental Team Email: kccpsacraments@gmail.com

'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.'

Pope's intention for February: For parishes:
We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Ordinary Time ~ Year A
Monday 20/02
Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday 21/02
Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday 22/02
Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday (after Ash Wed) 23/02
Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday (after Ash Wed) 24/02
Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday (after Ash Wed) 25/02
Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Agnes Yoon, Jean Dorahy, Fr John de Luca, Mark Formby, Bill Healy
ANNIVERSARIES: Lillian D'Souza, Mary & Frank Jack, Samuel Fuda
SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Those suffering from Covid-19 - that it is brought under control and eliminated as a health risk.
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Maria Park, Anna Cho, Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham, 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, Josef, Marie Haag, Elaine Longmuir.

 **Altar Society and flower volunteers please note:**
During Lent it is forbidden for the Altar to be decorated with flowers.
GIRM #305, thank you :)




Hi! I'm Christine - I am a Catechist! For 7 years now, I have had the greatest pleasure of being a catechist/Catholic SRE teacher/scripture teacher. Being a catechist is an extremely rewarding ministry that brings immense joy, and I invite you to consider joining us.

Why should you join our team of catechists?
Opportunity to serve God and share God's love. Each week we look forward to teaching the enthusiastic children who are eager to learn from us about our infinitely loving and merciful God, and about how to walk with Jesus as we go about our day. **Opportunity to enrich your faith.** You learn more about our Catholic faith from the teachers' manual and from connecting with the students. Your faith will also be strengthened as you witness the Holy Spirit working through you and your students. **Opportunity to make new friends and receive plenty of support from our team.** Collaborate with our friendly and supportive team of catechists. We have regular meetings to discuss issues and ask for advice. **Opportunity to have lots of fun.** The students will delightfully surprise you with their questions, comments, and ideas. It is such a joy to nurture the faith of the beautifully unique personalities of God's children in the classroom. **We have a big shortage of catechists,** and we can't let these students miss out on their scripture lessons. For many of them, the short half-hour scripture lessons are the only time they are exposed to our Catholic faith. We need YOU to join us in telling them that they are infinitely loved by God.
What it involves: For primary schools, the lessons are just half an hour each school week. You will begin as an assistant helping another SRE teacher, and only if you want, you can transition to being the main SRE teacher. You won't even need to design your own lessons or know everything about our faith because you will receive a teacher's manual containing very detailed lesson plans and background information that corresponds with the student workbooks. You will receive plenty of support, and we have plenty of visual resources you can borrow, like posters, big books, and puppets. As catechists, we are instruments of God, **planting seeds of faith** in the young students. We are praying for them and inspiring them to grow in their personal relationship with God and as disciples of Jesus. Indeed, I am so grateful for the SRE teachers who taught me when I was in school and inspired me to likewise share God's love in the classroom. If you're thinking "I'm too scared" or "I'm not ready", or "I'm not sure", sign up anyway and give it a go. Ecclesiastes 11:4 **"If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done."** Contact your parish SRE coordinator to join our team of catechists for this beautiful opportunity to share God's love as you plant seeds of faith in the students.



Planning ahead for LENT at KCCP 2023




Ash Wednesday Mass Times 22 February 2023

Berowra: 9am & 11.30am (whole school mass)
Asquith: 8am & 9.45am (whole school Mass) & 7.30 pm

Reconciliation Times during Lent:
Every Saturday 9.30am at Asquith and Every Friday after 9am Mass at Berowra (except 1st Friday when they will be at 10.30am)
Additional opportunities for Reconciliation:
* Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, after morning Mass on request.

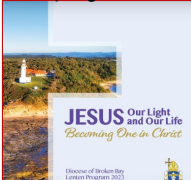
Advance Notice to Mark your Diary:
Easter Reconciliation 2nd Rite- Tuesday 28 March 2023, 7.30pm
St Patrick's Asquith only

Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Bernard's Berowra Heights:
8.30am Friday mornings followed by 9am Holy Mass, except the 1st Friday of the month (3 March) when Stations will be at 10.30am
Stations of the Cross during Lent at Patrick's Asquith: 7.30pm every Friday evening



PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME



Our 2023 Lenten Programme ~ *Jesus: Our Light and our Life, Becoming One in Christ*, will commence on **Thursday 23 February in the Fr McMaugh Hall.**
Please gather at **7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, concluding at 8.30pm.**
This programme will continue over 6 consecutive Thursday nights in the same location. *I warmly invite you to attend this group, however, if you would be more comfortable working through this Lenten preparation programme on your own (or in a smaller group, perhaps in your home), then please contact the office who can provide you with the booklets.* Fr Biju.



Both our Paschal Candles for 2023 have been unexpectedly sponsored!

We extend our **amazed thanks** to the anonymous parishioners and their relatives overseas! ... who have sponsored both of our 2023 Paschal Candles.

We cannot thank you enough for this unexpected but greatly appreciated and unasked for act of generosity.

Project compassion boxes - available today from the back of our churches.
This years Project Compassion theme is: 'For All Future Generations'
Please take home a Project Compassion box to help support vulnerable people around the world now and **For All Future Generations.** You can help vulnerable communities tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

The 250 Club!

Recommences THIS WEEK. We have 'number blocks' available now so why not be part of the fun ~ \$1 per week paid in advance for the 20 week series means your investment of just \$20 offers you **the chance of winning \$25 each week and one chance in every five weeks of winning \$500!**
Please call 9456 2450 or email parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au



Tap n Go donation points available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10. Thank you for your support through these devices.



OUR BANK DETAILS

Bank Account Number: To obtain the details of our bank account (for regular or ad hoc donations), please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or via email to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au
~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Dr Biju.



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Season of Lent is a most important time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is an annual pilgrimage of grace whereby we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council taught that the Lenten liturgy has a twofold means of preparation. By remembering their own Baptism and undertaking penance, the liturgy assists in the renewal and ongoing formation of the *faithful* (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 109). The formation of catechumens via the various stages of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is equally an important part of Lent (cf. GIRM 27).

For both the local community of the faithful and the elect, Lent is a time of grace and mercy whereby the Holy Spirit greets and renews those who seek to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus, who is our light and our salvation (cf. Psalm 27).

The Season of Lent commences on **Ash Wednesday**. Given the continued challenges of the past few years, Lent 2023 will once again be a particularly useful time to reconnect with our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ; to reflect upon our spiritual pilgrimage both as individuals and as one community of disciples.

In our Catholic tradition, Lent is commemorated as a time for conversion, repentance, and renewal. Marking our foreheads with ashes in the sign of the cross on Ash Wednesday is an outward sign of internal conversion. It is also an invitation to *"Turn away from sin and believe the good news"*. In this annual invitation, we acknowledge our human vulnerability, and we pray to be strengthened by God's grace, mercy, and love. In imitation of Jesus our teacher and master, we also fast (cf. Matthew 4: 1-11). Like Our Lord, we will journey into the desert places of our life. Where the Lord has gone, we hope to follow, and so we must expect some challenges and temptations because the Gospel reminds us that this too was the plight of Jesus. Christians are people of hope, so during these moments of vulnerability, let us take shelter in God's mercy and compassion.

On Days of Penance to be observed and the common practices of penance as well as Paschal Precept, please see your parish bulletin or visit <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/bishop>

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I pray in these weeks ahead that our community of the Church of Broken Bay will be open to encounter new life in Christ. This Lent, may we humbly confess our sins, prayerfully perform our penance, and joyfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through words and deeds of charity, mercy, and compassion. *+ Anthony*



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

is currently welcoming new members.

As we begin choosing sporting and cultural activities, don't forget your child's creative and spiritual side.

Music, prayer, taking an active part in the liturgy, and giving a wonderful gift to your community: Children's Choir covers all these!

Children's Choir is open to:

Any young person from Year 3 to Year 12, from any school in the parish.

Children's Choir sings at:

10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

Children's Choir practises:

Every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church



Sycamore

Unfortunately, this initiative has been cancelled for the time being. Our apologies to any who were considering attending.

Are you the face of the new St. Patrick's Hospitality?



This volunteer position is quite simple. All you need to do is:

- Keep the coffee cupboard well stocked (bulk buying, could be just once every 3 months)
- Maintain the cupboard so it is clean and organised
- And organise the broader parish occasions for holding a cuppa such as St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Christmas and special requests by our priests

Interested? Please call the parish office, 9456 2450.



Next Serra Vocations

Mass & Dinner

Thursday 23rd

February 2023

celebrated by

Fr Aldrin Valdehuesa AP of Epping/Carlingford Parish and Serra Chaplain at Sacred Heart Church Pymble at 6pm.

A light meal and short meeting will follow, then Fr Aldrin will speak to us about our Lenten journey. To attend call or email Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295 /**



What a fabulous inaugural "Thankyou for your Ministry" Junior Altar Servers ~ Sausage Sizzle!

Last Friday evening a very happy and *energetic* group of our Junior Altar Servers gathered at the home of Fr Biju for a couple of hours of fun, a Sausage Sizzle and more, so we could thank them for their service to the parish.

From our youngest servers in primary school to those in the senior years of High School, the afternoon was deemed a wonderful success. Junior Servers were joined on the afternoon by other members of their families and our dedicated priests who were in the thick of all the games on offer.

It was a truly lovely afternoon.



	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Justin Berry	Paul Dryden	Volunteer needed	John Messina	Malcolm Cross	Darrin Patterson
Altar Servers	Archie Tod Harry Tod	Annalise Cottrell Sophia Cottrell	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Lucy Henao Vila Joshua Telford	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Volunteer needed	Jeanette Neary	Celia Cox	Sue Lum	David Massa	Kerri O'Neill
Reader (2)	Genevieve Funk	Paul Maher	Paul Worthington	Jim Fitzgerald	Cora Cuasay	Paul O'Neill
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Ning Biyo, Cecilia (f), Gwen Woods (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo (f).			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed)		February: Luke Massa & David Mooney			

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*.



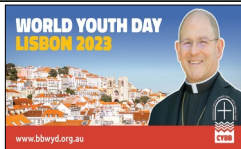
St Patrick's Primary School Asquith



Opening School Mass 2023



WYD23 Registration update ~ The excitement is certainly building as we continue to plan and prepare for WYD23. All places on the **FULL** pilgrimage have reached capacity. We have a number of spaces available, for young adults (over 18's) on the **DIRECT** pilgrimage 29 July to 11 August. Young adults are invited to consider journeying with us, by joining the Direct option, please register your interest by visiting <https://bbwyd.org.au/register-for-wyd/> to secure your place on the pilgrimage.



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