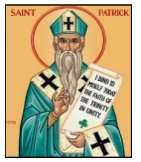


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'
KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth the Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will be done for me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

19th December 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Year C
Micah 5:1-4;;
Heb 10:5-10;
Lk 1:39-44:

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

St Bernard's	8am	Mon, Tues, Thurs
	9am	Wed and Fri
St Patrick's	8am	Wed and Fri
	9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs

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.

Prayers for Lighting the Advent Candles ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: As the day of the Lord approaches very near, we light the 4th candle. We pray that, like Mary, our hearts may be open to receive the Son of God, so that we may bring joy and peace to the world.

Reader: O Emmanuel, Lord of might, come and spread your kingdom of justice and peace.

Response: **Come, Lord, and do not delay.**

Reader: O Radiant Dawn, desire of nations, come and bring your peace to all nations.

Response: **Come, Lord, and do not delay.**

Reader: O Root of Jesse and Key of David, rescue your people from selfishness and sin.

Response: **Come, Lord, and do not delay.**



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The visitation is one of the moving scenes in the Gospel. On a human level, here are two cousins, unexpectedly pregnant in the most extraordinary circumstances, meeting and offering each other greetings and support. We can see the scene and feel the bond. In the Gospel of Luke this moment is pivotal. These women meet in the mountains where God has always been manifest to the Israelites. Elizabeth is the Old Covenant made to Israel and she carries John who will be the herald of the Messiah. Mary, literally, embodies the new, and final, covenant in Jesus.

Elizabeth recognises what is happening here and she embraces all that God is doing for the world. She has tasted the promise of God and now sees its fulfilment.

On a more mundane level, however, a meeting like this would have occasioned much comment and speculation from those outside the inner circle. We only have to imagine it happening today in any small suburb or country town for us to appreciate the human scale of the unfolding drama.

The Iona Community has explored the unwritten history in their story of Mmes Matthew, Mark and Luke, 'The village gossips'.

Narrator: In any small village, news travels quickly. Therefore it is only to be expected that the strange changes in the lives of Mary and Elizabeth might have been food for other people's thought.

Mrs Matthew: Well, ladies, you know how I'm not one for gossip, but wait until you hear this. You know that old woman Elizabeth, with the man who has not spoken for nine months?

Mrs Mark: Yes, what about them?

Mrs Matthew: They say she's had a little boy.

Mrs Luke: At her age? She's 88 if she's a day!

Mrs Matthew: Well, that's what I heard and it was on very good authority!

Mrs Luke: Are you sure you've got the right woman? You're not mixing her up with her cousin?

Mrs Mark: Who? Mary?

Mrs Luke: That's her! Now, I'm not one for talking about anybody but wait until I tell you this. She's pregnant!

Mrs Mark: Never! How do you know?

Mrs Luke: You can tell. You can just tell.

Mrs Matthew: Oh yes, you can tell all right. I heard her in the store last week asking for a dress eight sizes too big for her.

Mrs Luke: There you are. Draw your own conclusions. Now, I know that this will not go any further, but I hear that she and a certain young man are planning to leave the district.

Mrs Matthew: Who is the young man?

Mrs Luke: The joiner's boy, Joseph.

Mrs Mark: Never!

Mrs Luke: Well, that's what they say and I'm not one for gossip.

Mrs Mark: So, have you heard what they're saying about the so-called census?

[continues inside]



PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office) ~ Hours: 9am – 3.30pm, Mon-Fri only.

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SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES - no longer apply

ELECTRONIC SIGN-IN STILL REQUIRED - at all places of worship

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING - has at last returned

MASKS - are no longer mandatory, but you are strongly requested to consider doing so, especially when you cannot socially distance

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS

Fourth Week of Advent
Year C

Monday 20/12

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday 21/12

Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday 22/12

1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday 23/12

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Friday 24/12

Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Saturday 25/12

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16;
Lk 1:67-79

Christmas Eve,

Friday 24 December

Vigil. Is 62:1-5;

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

Christmas Day,

Saturday 25 December

Night. Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14

Dawn. Is 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20

Day. Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Paul Raj, Elizabeth (Betty) Borg,
Fr Thomas Kunnasserry (Fr Joy's uncle),
Francisca Aloysius, Jess Formby

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eliasz Pieprzyk, Samuel Fuda, Assunta
Fraieta, Maria Lombardo, Irena &
Iwona, David Huntley, Alfredo R, De
Ramos, Jack & Marie McNamara

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:

Irena Fellmann, Mary Park,
Sr Joel SVM, Mary John, Alex John,
Bindu Alex, Joseph Alex, Antonia
Alvarado, Dana Saleh, Chris Enright,
Tom Dawson, Sally Agnew, Jola & Stach
Uchman, Elaine Longmuir, Jean Cook,
Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy, Patrick
O'Donoghue, Sr Mary Treacy, Marie
Haag, Sr Tincy Thomas, Fr Thomas
Philip OSH, John Gallagher,
Dan Leavy, Felicity Fone, Anne Brady,
Barbara Jones, Peter Brooks, Marie
O'Hare, Brian Treacy, Stephen C C,
John Cosgrove (Snr), Antonia Alvarado,
Peter Nguyen, Nemia Camille Asiong,
Rodney Porter.



Pope Francis' Prayer
Intention for December:

~Catechists~ Let us pray
for the catechists, summoned to
announce the Word of God: may
they be its witnesses, with
courage and creativity and in the
power of the Holy Spirit.



WHOLE
PARISH

CAROLS EVENING

Tuesday 21st December,
7.30pm

St Patrick's Church Asquith



Please come and celebrate the imminent arrival of our Infant Saviour with us.
This is a whole parish event and we would like as many parishioners as possible to come
along, **from both ends of the parish**, to be united in solidarity and love of Our Lord and our
one true faith. Bring your family and friends and let's celebrate together!



Woo Hoo !! Things **DID** change and we can now **ALL SING ALONG TOGETHER** -
watch out Angels of the Lord, we might just put you out of a job!

Another change for the better is that there is no longer a limit on how many
people can enter our churches, **BUT, ... there's always a but isn't there! ...**

BUT, we still need to sign in electronically, and even though **Mask wearing** is no longer
Mandatory, it **is STRONGLY encouraged**, so please exercise personal precautions.

Please bring along a plate of **simple bite-sized morsels** to share with a cuppa afterwards.



'Keep Christ in Christmas'

Christmas Mass Times

JOY
LOVE.
PEACE
BELIEVE.
CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve
December 24:

St Bernard's Berowra

5pm ~ Children's Mass

(outdoor Mass, bring a chair
or rug to sit on please)

St Patrick's Asquith

6pm ~ Children's Mass

9pm ~ Youth Mass

Midnight
Mass

12

midnight

St Patrick's
Asquith

Christmas Day
December 25:

St Bernard's Berowra

9am ~ Family Mass

St Patrick's Asquith

8am ~ Family Mass

10am ~ Family Mass

NB: There is **NO evening Mass**
in KCCP on Christmas Day

NATIVITY PLAY

Christmas Eve
Children's Mass 5pm

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ST BERNARD'S CHURCH

(well, the schoolyard
actually - see above for details)

Actors
Needed

Would like your child
to be involved in the
Christmas Nativity Play at
the 5pm Christmas Eve mass
at St Bernard's?

Then, please bring them
along to a rehearsal on
Tuesday 21st December.
We will meet at the gates to
St Bernard's School at 9am.

Parents, please come along and
stay with your child for this
rehearsal.

Jackie Tod—REC@SBB

Christmas Eve Children's Mass 6pm -
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

We are inviting children to take an active part in the
celebration and are looking for children who like to sing, read
and/or act (Shepherds, Wise-Men, Sheep, Angels) for the 6pm
Christmas Eve Kid's Mass. Children can be in the choir, short
Gospel play or both.

Rehearsals at St Patrick's Church

Singers/ choir only: Wed 22 Dec. 9am - 11am

Gospel play actors only: Wed 22 Dec. 10am - 11am

Both choir and Gospel play: Wed 22 Dec. 9am - 11am.

Those wishing to be angels please bring white outfit to rehearsal, or
wear to Christmas Eve Mass. Those playing sheep please wear all
white to Christmas Eve Mass. (We have shepherd & wise men outfits).

Musicians who would like to play instruments including adults, are
welcome. We already have a keyboard player for this Mass.

Any children not participating in any of the above are invited to dress
in Christmas theme for the mass.

PS: Any parents who would like to assist with the rehearsal are more
than welcome. Please let us know in advance if you can help out.

To register your interest of if you have any questions please contact
Lisa P. 0414 414 567 or Pat Smith 9482 7935

Come and take part in the Celebration of Christmas.
The more the merrier!



CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the pews from this weekend.

Donations can be placed on either plate at any Mass and these donations go to
the Diocese for the Clergy Retirement Fund.



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



NEW Bank Account Number:

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

[continued from front page] **Mrs Matthew:** No. Tell us.

Mrs Mark: Well, I happened to hear that the reason the Romans want our names is not to send us birthday cards.

Mrs Luke: Well, why are they having a census?

Mark: To register us for a 'poll tax'.

Mrs Matthew: I heard it was a 'community charge'.

Mrs Mark: 'A rose by any other name.'

Mrs Luke: They wouldn't do that, would they?

Mrs Mark: Well I'm just warning you. Mind, I'm not one for gossip.

Mrs Luke: Nor me.

Mrs Matthew: Nor me.

The story of the visitation keeps the rumour going that just when we think we can figure God out, predict how God will enter our lives and our world, he does something none of us can imagine. And the best thing about this rumour is – it's true.

As we wait for Christmas to come again into our lives, let's make room for Jesus Christ who turns our expectations upside down and always gives the gossips plenty to talk about.



**Welcome
to our
Faith Family**

**Baptism
congratulations to**

Emmanuel Deolaso

who is to be baptised this weekend.

*Please keep him,
his parents and Godparents
in your prayers.*

**Volunteer
Needed!**

Altar Linen launderer required at St Patrick's Asquith

After quite some time of having sole responsibility of laundering the Altar Linen at St Patrick's, Marion Pahalawatta has decided it is time to step back from this ministry so she can devote more time to her vital role as a Catechist ~ for which we are truly grateful.

Are you the person God is calling to launder the Altar Linen?

A job description can be provided and training is offered. Please speak to either of the priests after any Mass or contact the office for more information. We hope very much to hear from someone very soon.



St Vincent de Paul Asquith & Berowra Conferences

**Thank you the parishioners of KCCP for your
generous support of their Christmas Appeal**



The **Asquith & Berowra Conferences** of the St Vincent de Paul Society sincerely thank Parishioners for your generous donations to the recent Christmas Appeal. Funds raised will go towards assisting our clients suffering hardship for various reasons. We also extend a big thank you to our regular donors through the poor boxes throughout the year.

For those Parishioners who donated at St Patrick's Asquith and requested receipts, could you please collect them from the box at the back of the Church. Les Fogden - Treasurer

If you weren't in a position to donate to the appeal last weekend, it isn't too late: To donate please go to: <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/2021-svdP-christmas-appeal>

Vinnies will provide material and emotional support to families experiencing immense hardship and struggling to feed their families, pay their bills and put toys under the tree at Christmas time. Due to the Covid pandemic our funds are low as many fundraising activities have been cancelled. The need for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal is more pressing than ever this year as COVID support payments are being wound back, leaving many families behind.

If you or you know of anyone who needs assistance, please contact St Vincent de Paul office in Hornsby. They will then contact your local area conference. Telephone 9477 5010.

POSITION VACANT

Personal Assistant to the Vicar General, Office of the Bishop

- Permanent, part-time position (4 days per week, 9:00am to 5:00pm)
Role split between Pennant Hills and Chatswood locations.

We are seeking an experienced Personal Assistant to support the Vicar General. In this role you will provide personal and administrative support to the Vicar General, including providing support for his dual role as Parish Priest.

Your prior experience with providing high level administrative support for a senior executive or similar, with responsibility for diary and event management combined with an understanding of the level of personal support required to assist the Vicar General in balancing his busy work and personal commitments will be crucial to your success.

The Diocese of Broken Bay is committed to and promotes a culture of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our Diocese has no tolerance to child abuse and is committed to ensuring our staff and volunteers understand the joint responsibility to safeguard all those within our community.

The successful applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated experience working with senior executives with similar level responsibilities
2. A thorough understanding of priorities and expectations of a senior member of the clergy
3. Excellent organisational skills and an ability to reprioritise and reorganise priorities
4. Experience and comfort with working with minimal supervision
5. The right to work in Australia with no limitations, and
6. Will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working with Children Check.

To obtain a copy of the position description or further details, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au

If you are interested in applying please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required for this role to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au Applications close **Wednesday 22 December 2021. Contact to be made with candidates and interviews mid-January 2022.**

**Conditions of Entry
to our Churches**

† All are Welcome in our churches - **vaccinated and unvaccinated alike;**

† **ALL attendees are required to use either: QR Code or your Covid Check-in Card to sign in;**

† **Wearing a Mask is no longer Mandatory, however, you are strongly requested to consider doing so with the new Covid variant.**

If you have any questions regarding the above please Email:

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SVdP CHRISTMAS

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CHRISTMAS CARDS ~ available at St Bernard's Berowra: \$2.50 for a pack of 8 - but please note, these cards are not the SVdP cards offered at St Patrick's Church.



But it does have a positive outcome!

Our thanks are yet again extended to Denis Steiner, our resident handyman extraordinaire, who has this week mounted the newly purchased Defibrillators in each of our churches, just in case they should ever be needed in an emergency. We all thank you Denis.



ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND - 24th/25th December 2021 - CHRISTMAS EVE / CHRISTMAS DAY

Vigil. Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25; Night. Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14;
Dawn. Is 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20;



NB: Please bring a chair or rug to sit on at this Mass	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church				
	5.00pm 24/12 Children's Mass (outdoor)	9.00am 25/12 Family Mass	6.00pm 24/12 Children's Mass	9.00pm 24/12 Youth Mass	MIDNIGHT 25/12 Midnight Mass	8.00am 25/12 Family Mass	10.00am 25/12 Family Mass
Acolyte / Snr Server	Matthew Waite and Justin Berry	Barbara McMullen	TBC	Malcolm Cross	Vicente Sanchez Darrin Patterson	Sue Lum	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Zinta Hartmann	Francesca Parrino	Miguel Do Rego	Youth 1	Michael Halliday	TBC	TBC
Reader (2)	Alena Hartmann	TBC	Paul Worthington	Youth 2	TBC	TBC	TBC
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favaloro	<i>Be prepared you may be tapped on the shoulder on the day to help with this role</i>	Jim Fitzgerald & Peter Daly	<i>Be prepared you may be tapped on the shoulder on the day to help with this role</i>	<i>Be prepared you may be tapped on the shoulder on the day to help with this role</i>	<i>Be prepared you may be tapped on the shoulder on the day to help with this role</i>	<i>Be prepared you may be tapped on the shoulder on the day to help with this role</i>

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND - 26th December 2021 - Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—Year C

NB: There is NO VIGIL MASS on Christmas Night for the Sunday Obligation (of 26.12.21)

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	9.00am		8.00am		10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Paul Dryden		Phil Daidone		David Massa	Keith Fone
Reader (1)	Sub requested		Jim Fitzgerald		Cora Cuasay	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Denise Harant		Sub requested		Jo Quinlan	Sue Lum
Usher / s	Freda Alaalatoa		Cynthia Gilbertson, Tess & Francis Lizardo		Peter Daly & Susie Gates	Les Fogden
Sac. Care/Ch. leaning	Cecilia Waite (f) Ning Biyo		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Michelle Hwang (f), Leticia Wee, Michelle Blanco			
Communion to Sick	Mt Wilga Rehab. Hospital	Resumes in 2022	Regis (KRG Gardens)	Resumes in 2022	Christophorus House	Resumes in 2022
Maintenance	Teams A & B - <i>help always needed</i>		December: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow - <i>additional help always appreciated</i>			

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

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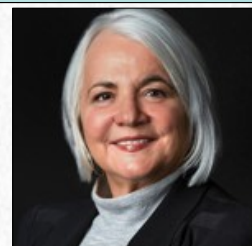
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