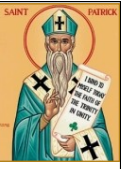


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 19th March 2023 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent ~ Year A

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Alleluia Verse:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

*'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

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(Out of office hours **URGENT** only)

## HOSPITAL ADMISSION:

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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.**



## Family Masses at both of our Churches last Sunday:

Fr Joy and I would like to thank all those who attended our Family Masses last Sunday at which we were joined by Kindy & Year 5 at St Bernard's and Kindy & Year 6 at St Patrick's.

We cannot express how wonderful it was to have both our churches "overflowing" with parishioners and we very much enjoyed the singing, dancing and morning tea's. Particular thanks to Mrs Lloyd-Jones (REC@SPA) & Mrs Cottrell (REC@SBB) for preparing the children so well.

**We hope to again see you all at Mass very soon.**

## Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On 19 March every year, the Catholic Church specially dedicated to St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and of families.

Since March 19 falls on a Sunday this year, we celebrate the solemnity on Monday March 20.

From the very beginning itself God constantly calls His people for a different purpose.

God called St Joseph to be a unique mission: to be the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the earthly father of Jesus.

He fulfilled his responsibility as a faithful husband and father. He provided the best he could for his family.

Joseph took Mary and Jesus into the safety of Egypt as refugees to flee the wrath of King Herod and later returned to Nazareth.

Here Joseph carried out his role as protector of Mary and Jesus.

Like Joseph, everyone has been entrusted with the role of protection—protecting all of creation and showing loving concern for each person. That is called safeguarding of the people.

We also have the magnificent call to provide an environment in which people can grow safely without fear and anxiety. May his exemplary life inspire us to be a good example to our family.

**I wish you all a very happy feast. Fr Biju Jose ~ Parish Administrator**



## St Patrick ~ a pilgrim himself still inspiring pilgrims in 2023 !

**As advised last week, following our 10am Mass at St Patrick's, Asquith,  
you are invited to join us for our  
"St Patrick's celebratory morning tea",**



Our World Youth Day Pilgrims from KCCP ~ Rebecca Price, Rachel Massa, Sophia Gomez and Michael Dalton ~ will be hosting the morning tea as part of their preparation to attend WYD Lisbon.

We are sure they will represent KCCP admirably as they travel through Italy and Portugal in July this year, so please come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat with these young pilgrims.

There will be a no-obligation donation box on the table to help with their expenses, so if you chose to and **perhaps if they smile really nicely at you,** you might like to pop in a coin or two to help fund this once in a lifetime faith enhancing pilgrimage.

**Over the next few weeks our bulletin will introduce you to each of our young pilgrims ~ watch this space!**



## PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

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

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

**Parish Administrator:** Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH


**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](mailto: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 March: For victims of abuse:** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

#### 4th Week of Lent ~ Year A

##### Monday 20/03 ~ Solemnity

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16;  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

##### Tuesday 21/03

Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16

##### Wednesday 22/03

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

##### Thursday 23/03

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

##### Friday 24/03

Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

##### Saturday 25/03 ~ Solemnity

The Annunciation of the Lord  
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10;  
Lk 1:26-38

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ligy Joy, Joseph George, Agnes Yoon, Jean Dorahy


**ANNIVERSARIES:** Catherina Elisabeth Reemst, Beni Viola, Denis Mulligan, Gregory Cooper, Kathleen Jones, Bernard (Pat) O'Malley, Karen Fitzgerald

**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:**  
Imelda Santillan, Maria Park, Anna Cho, Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham, Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Datoc, Ann Leslie, Georgina Hughes, Mary Burns, Rey Hilarlo, 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)

**The 250 Club!** Week 3 – 13/03/23; Amount: \$25

 Winning Number: 655; Winner: Unsubscribed



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



**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, Fr Biju.

### Important Notice: Permanent change to our weekday Mass Schedule.

Dear parishioners, I write to you all to let you know, that I have written to Bishop Anthony requesting a permanent change to the weekday Mass times and locations in the parish. As you are aware, for almost 10 months, the parish has been operating with just the single Mass per morning, always at 9am but with opportunities to attend Holy Mass available at both churches. It is my fervent wish to return to offering as many morning Masses as possible, however, this has its challenges when there is only the one priest in the parish, i.e. Mondays and Tuesdays, and in the case of illness of a priest.

To that end I now share with you my proposal to the Bishop.

Time	St Bernard's Berowra Heights	Time	St Patrick's Asquith
8am	Thursday	8am	Wednesday & Friday
9.15am	Wednesday & Friday (this time change allows school children of SBB to join morning Masses)	9am	Monday // Tuesday // Thursday & Saturday

I would welcome your thoughts on this change, so if you wish to proffer an opinion, please email me at: [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au) by 31 March 2023.

It is anticipated the change will take place from Easter Monday (10th April [earliest] or Monday 17th April [latest]). In the meantime a single morning Mass at 9am will continue in the parish under the current schedule.

When considering this change, I would ask that you remember, whilst our parish has two churches we are **ONE PARISH** and a morning Mass will continue to be offered every morning in **THE PARISH**.

Fr Biju Jose ~ Parish Administrator of KCCP.

Planning ahead for LENT at KCCP 2023

**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**  
**Tues. 28 March 2023, 7.30pm**  
**St Patrick's Asquith only**

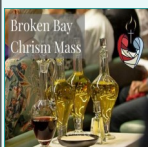


**Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Bernard's Berowra Heights:**  
8.30am Friday mornings followed by 9am Holy Mass,  
**Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Patrick's Asquith:**  
7.30pm every Friday evening (except March 31st—see opposite)



**Taizé Prayer Night ~ Friday 31 March 7.30pm St Patrick's Asquith.**  
"Everyone is welcome to join in this special opportunity to encounter God more deeply through spirit filled songs, prayer and silence, plus it's a great way to prepare for Holy Week."

### The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 4 April at OLOR Cathedral, Waitara.



The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment. During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. Parishioners are again most welcome to attend without restrictions.

**PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME 2023 ~ Jesus: Our Light and our Life, Becoming One in Christ,** continues this week and best of all ~ it's never too late to join in! Every week is unique! And the programme will continue over all Thursday nights during Lent.

Please gather at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, in the **Fr McMaugh Hall, St Patrick's, Asquith.**

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.



**EASTER CHURCH CLEANING**  
Many hands will make light work so please come armed and ready to help clean and beautify both our Churches for Easter.

**Saturday 25 March 2023**

**9am St Bernard's and after 9am Mass St Patrick's**  
**Please bring your own cleaning paraphernalia, thank you.**



**Anyone interested in making beautiful liturgical music for Lent and Easter?**  
**You are invited to Music Practice at St Patrick's each Monday evening in March, 7.30—9pm** in the church. All welcome - bring a friend, your voice and your instrument. Call Pat Smith 9482 7935.

**Lent and Easter Music Practice dates for St Bernard's** will be provided soon by Moauli Griffiths. Watch this space!





### POSITION VACANT ~ right here in your parish! ~ Ku-Ring-Gai Parish Youth Coordinator

The Ku-Ring-Gai Parish is seeking a casual **Youth Coordinator**. The role does allow for flexibility with the working schedule, approximately **6 hours per week** on administrative tasks including preparation of resources, communications including social media planning.

In addition to these hours, you will also lead parish youth activities with a requirement for availability for some weekends and evenings. This is an exciting role where you will build and maintain a parish youth group, encouraging young people to engage and participate in parish youth activities, ensuring a sense of fun, community, belonging and faith for the youth and young adults in the parish. The Youth Coordinator will work with the Parish team to build a strong youth network and collaborate with like groups and organisations as well as encouraging, supporting and assisting volunteers to assist in the youth ministry. To obtain a copy of the position description please email [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au) - Please apply by sending a CV and brief cover letter addressing role requirements via email to [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au) ~ Applications close **Friday 24 March**.



### POSITION VACANT ~ right here in your parish! ~ Ku-Ring-Gai Parish Part-time Admin Assistant

The parish is seeking a permanent, part-time Administration Assistant working two days per week.

The role plays an important part in the Parish team, with a wide range of responsibilities including general administrative tasks, working with the Parish team on Parish communications to profile and raise awareness of programs and ministries within the Parish, maintaining parish records including sacramental register updates, taking bookings for sacraments including baptisms and funerals, assisting with the setup of parish facilities for events and much more.

The ideal candidate will have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings, experience in an office administrative role, well-developed communication and interpersonal skills and time management skills and proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite.

There is some flexibility with the working schedule however the role does require a physical presence in the office, with a preference for the working schedule to be Wednesdays and Thursdays.

If this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au)

Applications close **Friday 24 March 2023**.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY - LISBON 2023 WILL HAVE 4 KCCP PARTICIPANTS !

The Parish is very excited that we have four of our parishioners attending World Youth Day this year.

World Youth Day is a 22 day pilgrimage where the youth will embark on the journey of a lifetime. They will begin their journey with 10 days in Italy, walking the path of many of our Saints including St Anthony, St Catherine and St Francis. From Italy they will fly to Lisbon Portugal, the World Youth Day Host city, where they will converge with millions of young pilgrims from all over the world. Here they will spend a week of faith, friendship and celebration including mass with the Holy Father, they then finish the trip in Fatima. It will be a celebration of culture, interest, ambitions and faith.



Embarking in July, these youth pilgrims will be holding fundraising events over the next few months to raise much-needed funds to help cover some of the cost for their trip (approx. cost of trip, \$5,000 each).

Our four pilgrims (from left to right) Rebecca Price, Rachel Massa, Sophia Gomez and Michael Dalton have been parishioners their whole lives and are quite involved in our parish especially through our music ministry via the children's choir and select choir.

It would be great if we as a Parish could show our support by backing their fundraising initiatives.

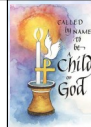
Should you wish to, donations towards their trip can be made via the parish website ([www.bpoint.com.au/payments/krgccparish](http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/krgccparish)) or contact the parish bookkeeper for bank transfer details via [karen.price@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:karen.price@bbcatholic.org.au)

**Please keep them in your prayers over the coming months as they prepare for their trip.**

## World Youth Day (WYD) Mother's Day Raffle Donations of Gifts appreciated, please.

We will be holding a Mothers Day raffle and selling tickets after Masses at both ends of the parish ~ but not just yet ! To have a raffle you need a prize, so we would appreciate any donations towards our prize/s by way of any new small gifts you would like to donate (local business voucher, candles, mugs, fancy stationery, hand cream etc) or maybe you have a gift you want to 'on-gift' (shhhh, it will be our little secret). Please place any donations in the clearly marked boxes at the back of our churches.

The raffle itself will be drawn on Sunday May 14th after the 10am Mass at St Patrick's, Asquith. Many thanks your WYD pilgrims.



## Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to

**Jaxton William Kolo**

who is to be baptised  
this weekend.

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

## Congratulations to a humble servant of the Lord

Last year, our own Mr Vince Hughes, celebrated a remarkable and somewhat rare milestone but couldn't celebrate due to Covid. Vince was called by his Bishop (Bernard Flanagan), 41 years ago on 7 March, 1982 to the Ministry of Acolyte, when he and his young family were parishioners of St Anthony de Padua Parish, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, USA.

Upon their return to Australia, Vince proudly brought with him a letter from his Bishop to ours, thus enabling him to continue this ministry in the Diocese of Broken Bay which he has done worthily ever since.

At 9am Mass this Sunday, Vince will receive a special blessing from Fr Biju in honour of his ministry.



**Congratulations Vince, you are not only a faithful servant of The Lord, you are a much valued member of our parish community.**



## Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

If your child is in Year 3 and above and would like to

join this outstanding group, it's easy: just come to a practice! No fees! No entrance requirements,

**Children's Choir is open to:** Anyone from Year 3 to Year 12, from any parish or local state 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.

**Interested?** Please call Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

# Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 25th/26th March 2023 - 5th Sunday in Lent Year A - Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

	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	Paul Dryden	Sue Lum	Phil Daidone	Malcolm Cross	Sue Lum
Altar Servers	Olive O'Keefe	Verity Hartmann	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Oscar Braga	Volunteer needed
Altar Servers	Archie Tod	Bronte Tonkin	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Joshua Telford	Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Jerome Gomez	Zinta Hartmann	Celia Cox	Michael Halliday	Mary Stokes	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Alena Hartmann	Miguel Do Rego	Jim Fitzgerald	Simone Noel	Volunteer needed
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers*	Cecilia Waite, Ning Biyo, Anne Bourke (s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Michelle Hwang, Leticia Wee, Michelle Blanco * During Lent - No Flowers - just greenery pls. .			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		March: Malcolm Cross & David Chui			

**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*.



## SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!



The Pope has dedicated his March prayer intention to victims of abuse. In his prayer intention for March 2023, Pope Francis prays for victims of abuse, and says the Church must serve as a model for safeguarding and must offer safe spaces for victims.

To see the video, please visit <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-03/pope-s-march-prayer-intention-for-victims-of-abuse.html>



## Blessing of The Atrium (Catechesis of the Good Shephard) last Tuesday (14th March).

Wearing a beautiful stole with a picture of Jesus embroidered on one side, Fr Biju Jose, our Parish Administrator, blessed The Atrium last Tuesday in its new location in the presence of around 20 people.

Those attending included Elaine D'Souza (whose daughter Zinta Hartmann was the very first child to come to the Atrium in 2010) and Cecilia Waite who has been providing flowers every week since The Atrium's first session in 2010. These flowers are used by the children to decorate the Atrium during

their time of faith formation before taking them home to remind them of the Good Shephard during the week.

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