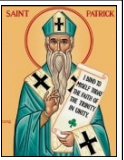


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'



# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

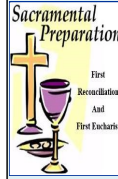
**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Alleluia Verse:** Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. 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.

**20th February 2022**  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year C**  
**1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**  
**1 Cor 15:45-49**  
**Lk 6:27-38**



**FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST**  
The **MANDATORY** Parent Information Talk will be held on  
**Wednesday 23rd February, 7.30pm-8.30pm at St Bernard's Church Berowra Hts**  
For your child to proceed to making the Sacraments, a parent **MUST** attend the talk.  
**Workshop Books** will be distributed on the night of the talk.  
*See website for full details or contact our Sacramental Team: [kccpsacraments@gmail.com](mailto:kccpsacraments@gmail.com)*

**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.*

## Learning the Language of Heaven

Imagine going to a foreign land and finding yourself amongst a people whose language you don't know, and whose customs you don't understand. You don't even know how to greet them, to eat with them politely, and so on.

And let us suppose that you had been born with a good ear for other languages, but had resolutely refused to cultivate it. You had spent your life in such a way that you never learned to speak that language.

Now, how unhappy you would be, how unfulfilled, how empty. Where you are might be a paradise, you might be surrounded by the most wonderful people, but there is no way you could share their life.

Some people say: **'Everyone will get to Heaven.'** But I say: **'What would be the point for someone who could not speak the language, who couldn't live the life, who couldn't share the companionship of the other inhabitants?'**

He or she might *be* there, but would be reduced to muttering to themselves, which would be hellishly miserable.

So, the task of life is to learn the language of heaven before we get there.

Jesus, in today's Gospel, challenges us to unlearn the language of the world – the everyday clichés and expectations and reactions, and to learn a language which is counter-cultural, paradoxical, perplexing.

**'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.'**

**'To the man who slaps you on the cheek, present the other one too.'**

**'Lend without any hope of return.'**

**'Do not condemn.'**

**Etc, etc.**

Are such attitudes and actions possible?

Our Lord is the best model, which is why we keep reading the Gospels.

Jesus *is* the language of Heaven spoken in a human life. Jesus *is* the Word of God in human history. When men prepared to stone to death a woman taken in adultery, he refused to condemn her, and saved her life.

When others kept prostitutes and collaborators at a distance, he shared a meal with them.

When he was tortured and crucified, he cried out:

**'Father forgive them for they know not what they do.'**

*That* is embodying the language of Heaven.

*That* is the person with whom we have to be able to talk at the moment of death.

When we become aware of language malpractice, i.e., sinning, and if we become *really* tongue-tied, i.e., seriously sinning, we can come to the Sacrament of Confession and emerge articulate and conversant with Christ again.

We can talk with Our Lord again. We are singing the same tune.

Then, when at the moment of death we are on the borders of Heaven we won't be filled with trepidation as though we are entering a foreign land whose dialects and customs are so peculiar that we are utterly alone in the crowd – which is Hell.

**Our intended destiny is not incommunicado, but comunicado, holy comunicado, holy conversation with God and with every creature.**

If you want to be a conversation partner with God after death, practise the language of Heaven and **'walk the talk'** every day. © Fr Michael Tate



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

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

**Parish Secretary:** Margaret Cooper / **Vol. Office Assist:** Jan Favalaro

**Bookkeeper:** Karen Price / **Sacramental Team:** [kccpsacraments@gmail.com](mailto:kccpsacraments@gmail.com)

## CONDITION OF ENTRY TO OUR CHURCHES



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

**You must Wear a Mask  
for the moment  
this is still Mandatory**

*'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.'*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS  
and PRAYERS

Seventh Week of  
Ordinary Time  
Year C

**Monday 21/02**  
James 3:13-18;  
Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday 22/02~ Feast**  
**The Chair of St Peter, apostle**  
1 Pet 5:1-4;  
Mt 16:13-19

**Wednesday 23/02**  
**~Memorial**  
**St Polycarp, bishop, martyr**  
James 4:13-17;  
Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday 24/02**  
James 5:1-6;  
Mk 9:41-50

**Friday 25/02**  
James 5:9-12;  
Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday 26/02**  
James 5:13-20;  
Mk 10:13-16

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Phil Duggan, Minerva Santos,  
Bob Nicholls, David Ledlin,  
Paul Bishop, Virginia Calacoci,  
Lorna Bensley.

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Karen Fitzgerald, Bill Colman,  
Milagros Apostol Manongdo,  
Irene Berry, Neville Nicholson,  
Mary Treacy, Kevin Harant, Mary  
Ann Weir, Mary & Frank Jack,  
Milagros Apostol Manangdo,  
Aurora Apostol Santos.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE**

**SICK:** For those suffering from  
Covid-19 - that it will brought  
under control and eliminated as  
a health risk for all.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

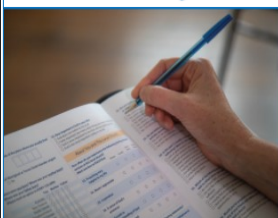
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Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy,  
Felicity Fone, Barbara Jones,  
Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas  
Philip OSH, Peter Brooks, Brian  
Treacy, John Cosgrove (Snr),  
Josef, Tom Dawson, Marie Haag,  
Elaine Longmuir, Sally Agnew.



**Pope's intention for  
February:**

**For religious sisters and  
consecrated women:**

We pray for religious sisters and  
consecrated women; thanking  
them for their mission and their  
courage; may they continue to  
find new responses to the  
challenges of our times.



**2021 National Church Life Survey will take place in our parish on  
THIS weekend and NEXT weekend: 19/20th & 26/27th February 2022**

Due to Covid resulting in the closure of churches last year, this 2021 survey was delayed in rolling out. Our parish (as one of a select number of parishes from the Diocese of Broken Bay) has been asked to complete this survey.

At Masses this weekend and next,  
you will find survey forms at the back of the churches.  
Your assistance would be appreciated by completing the survey before or after  
the Mass you attend, or take it home and return it the following weekend.  
There will be a box provided for completed surveys at the back of each church.



**Ritual for the Burning of old Palms**

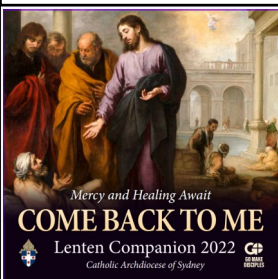
Traditionally, this ritual involves the burning of the previous years (or even older) blessed palms to become the Ashes used in the current year on Ash Wednesday. This year, the Ritual will take place

**next Thursday 24th February**

- Immediately **after the 8am Mass** at St Bernard's and
- Immediately **following the 9am Mass** at St Patrick's

If you have old (blessed) palms at home which you do not wish to keep, please bring them along to the churches and leave in the box provided BY WEDNESDAY (23rd) or drop them off to the parish office.

*I invite all of you to come along to this beautiful (but small) ritual, especially if you have not been before.*  
*Fr Shaju*



**To help you prepare for Easter ~ Lenten Programme**

For many of our parishioners coming back to Mass in the current pandemic situation, is still a daunting prospect. That is why this year, the PPC and I have decided to encourage parishioners to do a private preparation during Lent as we journey towards Easter. The following Lenten Companion offering, comes from the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, and is entitled

**"Mercy and Healing Await ~ Come Back To Me".**

The beauty of this programme in the current situation is that it can be done privately, as a family unit, or if you are comfortable with a small gathering of like minded parishioners in your homes.

**To access the programme please go to:**

<https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/A4-Square-Lenten-Resource-2022-Web.pdf>

*"During this Season of Lent I encourage you to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—  
to consider His suffering and His sacrifice, His life, death, burial and resurrection.*

*Please use these days to strengthen your faith and deepen your relationship with God as you prepare  
your hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter.*

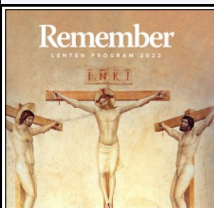
*Lent is a rich tradition of our Church, a time of prayer, fasting and abstinence and preparation.*

*Pope Francis reminds us that "Lent is a favourable time to make room for the Word of God.*

*It is time to switch off the television and open the Bible.*

*It is a time to separate from mobile phones and connect to the Gospel."*

*Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney*



**Another Lenten Programme for you to consider (Diocese of Wollongong)**

If you would like to join a Lenten reflection group meeting weekly either during the day or evening, or open your home to host a group, please contact the parish office to provide your name, contact number and day/night preference. This will then be passed along to the organisers who will contact you. The Lenten Programme involves reading and reflecting on the Sunday Gospel and listening to a short reflection.



**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 from vulnerable communities to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for

**Why are there no flowers on the Altar during Lent? An explanation and reminder**

*[Altar society members and flower volunteers please take special note]*

The General Instructions of the Roman Missal (GIRM) # 305 states:

**During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers.**

Exceptions, however, are *Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts (so St Patrick is a bit lucky - he must have the luck of the Irish lol).*

**Of course, our Altars will burst back to life with magnificent displays  
of flora for our Easter Sunday Celebrations of the Risen Christ.**



**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 new bank account (for regular or ad hoc donations), please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or via email to: [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au)

~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Shaju.



## LIGHTENING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS ~ As of Friday 18th February 2022:

- \* Masks REMAIN MANDATORY this week
- \* No cap on parishioners in our churches;
- \* QR Codes are NO LONGER required;

### Before we became Catechists we were not qualified but God doesn't care.

No matter where you are in your life with God,

**HE** is qualifying you for his service because you are **CALLED**.

He can help you overcome your worries, and even use them to help others.

**Just allow Him to use you.**

Don't miss an opportunity to serve the Lord because of insecurity.

Moses was called by God to deliver the Israelites out of Egypt, but said

**"Who am I (to bring the Israelites out of Egypt)?"** and God told him **"I will be with you."**



#### Let's look at some of our role models in the bible.

- Jacob was a cheater
- Peter had a temper
- Noah got drunk
- Jonah ran from God
- Gideon was insecure
- Miriam was a gossip
- Martha was a worrier
- Thomas was a doubter
- Sara was impatient
- Elijah was moody
- Moses stuttered and
- Abraham was quite elderly

#### Loving God,

*Help us to focus on what we have,  
not on what is removed or changed.*

#### Strengthen us,

*when we feel discouraged or overwhelmed.*

#### Embrace us,

*so that we know your loving presence*

*within us and among us.*

*Walk with us as we bring your love,  
and carry your light into our world.*

*Amen*

For information on how to join the Catechist Ministry, **please** contact me, Cynthia Gilbertson, your Catechist Coordinator, on 0407 650 208 or the Office on 9456 2450 / parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

*Please keep the Catechists and the students in your prayers.*

### CCD Annual Mass

Catechists of the diocese, their family, and friends are invited to attend the postponed 2021 Annual CCD Mass & Presentation of Awards.

It will now be held on Saturday, 26 February 2022, commencing at 11:30am at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Please make sure you send your RSVP to Sharon da Roza on **02 8379 1638** or email [ccdadmin@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:ccdadmin@bbcatholic.org.au).

**Due to Covid-19 safety protocols, light refreshments will not be served.**



Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. (Gen 1:3)

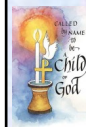
### Things are looking a whole lot BRIGHTER at St Bernard's!

Late last year, after a protracted process, we were successful in being awarded a Govt. Grant under the Powering Communities Programme in the Berowra Electoral Area.

The Grant was for \$8,800 and our go-to-electrician and parishioner, Justin Berry, of Just Electrical Berowra P/L, has this week had his team (Matt, Mitch, Cooper and himself) hard at work improving the lighting in the church and office. We are sure that you will be "enlightened" the next time you visit.

One component in the office requires a plumber so (in advance) we thank Paul Bourke, (another parishioner) of Paul Bourke Plumbing Berowra, for making himself available to us.

*(NB: St Patrick's is in Bradfield electorate so none of the Grant monies could not be utilised there, but rest assured we are always on the lookout for opportunities ~ we are after all "One Parish" ).*



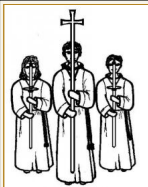
### Welcome to our Faith Family

**Baptism congratulations to**

**Valentina Khloe Tessari**

who is to be baptised this weekend.

*Please keep her, her parents and Godparents in your prayers.*



**Altar Server Training:** Have you made your First Holy Communion? **Yes!** That's great news because it means that **YOU can become an Altar Server!**

**Altar Server Training will take place at**

**St Bernard's Berowra Heights on**

**Tuesday 22 March & Thursday 24th March from 3.15- 4pm**

(children must attend both sessions at St Bernard's).

**Dates for St Patrick's Asquith will be advised next weekend.**

Parents/guardians will need to sign a consent form to take you to Mass when rostered to serve and you will be rostered for whichever weekend Mass you usually attend.

Mr Vince Hughes will be training you for St Bernard's and Mr Malcolm Cross for St Patrick's.

Both gentlemen hold current Working With Children Clearances and look forward to meeting you.

**Can you help to bring a Berowra Heights Parishioner to Sunday 9am Mass?**



An elderly female parishioner is looking for a regular lift to Sunday 9am Mass. She lives on Turner Road (near the shops) and lately has not been able to attend Church as her children are no longer able to bring her. Do you have room in your car? Would like to help? Please call the office.



### Bishop Anthony Randazzo Thanks Supporters of Pastoral Works Broken Bay ~

Thank you to all who support Pastoral Works as we endeavour to reach further and wider in helping our community. Every gift makes a real difference to someone in hospital, a school for students with special needs, the deaf community or our catechists sharing the gospel with State school students. Bishop Randazzo sincerely thanks all who support our Pastoral Works as we endeavour to reach further and wider in helping our community. To watch the Bishop's message please copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/bishop>



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday, March 4 @ 7pm.

This year, the theme or country being celebrated during World Day of Prayer is the United Kingdom. **England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland**

There will be songs, stories, food etc from England, Scotland, Wales & Ireland.

**This year the host church is:**

St Marks Anglican Church, 18 Berowra Waters Road, and everyone is invited.

It is hoped that Ku-ring-gai Chase will be well represented this year, so you are asked to keep the date free. We are also seeking some volunteers from KCCP to take on perhaps a reading. Our parish liaison person, Gen Funk, is happy for any volunteers to contact her after 5pm on 0418 866 250.

*This ecumenical day of prayer is a wonderful example of Christian Churches of various faiths, coming together in shared love of God.*

### SYNOD OF BISHOPS:

People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>.

**ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 26th/27th February 2022 — 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C**  
**Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45**

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Matthew Waite	Denis Steiner	Mani Subramany	John Messina	Malcolm Cross	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Zinta Hartmann	Helen Chui	Russell Schreiber	Cora Cuasay	Kerri O'Neill
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Alena Hartmann	Hayley Rodrigues	Vivienne Schreiber	David De-Fina	Paul O'Neill
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favalaro & Jerome Gomez	Peter Collins & Paul Dryden	Chris Smith	Phil Daidone & Jim Fitzgerald	Sue Newnham & Chris Newnham	Substitute requested
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Cecilia Waite (f), Ning Biyo, Chichi Datoc (s)		Pat Smith, Ellen Downey (f), Marion Pahalawatta, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo			
Maintenance	Team A & B—additional help always appreciated		Ronnie Tan, John Hajduk—additional help always appreciated			

**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*.




**Community Seminar**  
**Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney**

A free seminar for the Catholic community of the Central Coast featuring an expert legal advisor to answer your questions.

**Date:** Tuesday 15 March 2022  
**Time:** 11.00am – 12.30pm  
**Venue:** Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish, 239-243 The Entrance Road, The Entrance 2261  
**Catering:** Light refreshments provided  
**Register:** [www.bbcatholic.org.au/willsday](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/willsday) or contact David on 02 8379 1664 / [david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au)

**Presenter**  
**Cecilia Castle**, principle of Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 30 years. Cecilia is a regular speaker and writer on legal topics, Catholic and parishioner in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!**

**Community News**


The NSW 10 Child Safe Standards (The Standards) were enacted into legislation on 1 February 2022 which provides a framework for organisations to create and maintain environments that support children and young people to feel and be safe and for organisations to meet their legal obligations of the Scheme.

If you would like to watch a 7 minute video which briefly explains the Child Safe Standards Scheme, please copy and paste this link into your browser:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vExwN-u2Abw>.

**Learning Hub:** Helplines, telephone and online counselling services for children, young people and adults.

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to download a list of national and state/territory agencies.



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