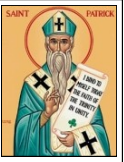


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

20th March 2022

Third Sunday of Lent
Year C

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9

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.

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Death stares out at us from our newspapers and TV screens. Apart from natural deaths, somewhere in the world there's always some natural calamity, a terrorist attack, ethnic brutalities, murder for gain, epidemics, tsunamis, earthquake or famine. Death does not predict its calendar, but is a certain fate for us all. People who were expected to live to old age die suddenly while others whose childhood was marked by illness often survive to a remarkable age.

Our reactions to other people's death can be either a philosophical acceptance like,

"Maybe it was his/her time to go"

or a more shocked sense of loss:

"It should not have happened so soon!"

When people told Jesus how some Galileans died, victims of Pilate's anger, they wondered how God could have let this happen; but instead of explaining it, Jesus asks

"do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?"

He goes on to warn about the need of repentance, **"unless you repent, you will all perish as they did!"** and illustrates this with the parable of the fruitless tree.



Real repentance is a reflection about whatever is unfruitful in our lifestyle. Jesus' words

"Repent or you will perish" remind us of what Socrates said at his trial, after he had opted for death rather than exile: *"The un-examined life is not worth living."* The parable of the fruitless fig tree is thought-provoking. It is not about doing wrong but about failure to do what is positively right. The fig tree that bore no fruit is like a Christian who attempts no good work and lives a purely selfish life.

Francis of Assisi once invited a young friar to go with him into town to preach. Francis and the young friar spent all day walking through the streets and then came home. When the day's journey was done, the young friar was disappointed and asked **"Weren't we supposed to preach today?"** Francis replied, **"Son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many and our behaviour was noted. It is of no use walking anywhere to preach unless we preach wherever as we walk!"** He summed up his idea in these words **"Preach the Gospel everywhere, and if necessary, use words."** To him witnessing to Jesus wasn't merely quoting some words out of the Bible from time to time but one who lives by the word of God each day.

The gardener in the Gospel asked the owner of the vineyard to give the barren fig tree another chance to produce fruit. He promised to dig around it and manure it, to give it one last chance to prove itself. It suggests that we too need to nurture our faith and commit ourselves to being helpful to the lives of others. Are we nurturing our faith and trying to love, so as to bear the kind of fruit God wants from us?



Lectionary Art © Jenny Close

There is a tough but fair Lenten message in the parable of the fig tree: before it is chopped down and reduced to dead wood, the tree is given one more chance to be fruitful. There is a 'be warned' side to this story and a 'take heart' aspect as well. Yes, be warned because every one of us has to be fruitful in our own way, and yes, take heart because God is on our side. What is the dead wood in your life and what needs nourishment?

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'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.'

<p>THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS</p>	<p>Reconciliation Times during Lent: Saturdays 9.30 am at Asquith and Fridays after 9am Mass at Berowra (except First Friday) Additional opportunities for Reconciliation: * Wednesday, Thursday, Friday after morning Mass on request.</p>			<p>Advance Notice to Mark your Diary: Easter Reconciliation 2nd Rite Thursday 7 April 2022 7pm-8pm St Patrick's Asquith only</p>	
<p>Third Week of Lent Year C Monday 21/03 2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30 Tuesday 22/03 Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35 Wednesday 23/03 Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19 Thursday 24/03 Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23 Friday 25/03 ~ Solemnity The Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Lk 1:26-38 Saturday 26/03 Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14</p>	<p>Planning ahead for LENT at KCCP 2022</p>	<p>Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Bernard's Berowra Heights: 8.30am Friday mornings followed by 9am Holy Mass, except 1st Friday of the month ~ 1 April 2022</p>			<p>Stations of the Cross during Lent at Patrick's Asquith: 7.30pm every Friday evening</p>
<p>To help you prepare for Easter ~ Lenten Programme/s ~ It isn't too late to start !</p>					
<p>Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish Remembers & prayers for...</p>		<p>"Mercy and Healing Await ~ Come Back To Me" (Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney) This Lenten Companion can be done privately, as a family unit. To access the programme please go to: https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/A4-Square-Lenten-Resource-2022-Web.pdf</p>		<p>"Remember" (Diocese of Wollongong) To join this group which reflects on the Sunday Gospel and listens to a short reflection, please contact the office to connect you with the group.</p>	
<p>RECENTLY DECEASED: Felicity Fone, Patricia (Pat) Davies, Sam Calacoci, Harry Hwang, James Randle, Phil Duggan, Minerva Santos, Bob Nicholls, David Ledlin</p>		<p>Project compassion boxes - available today This years Project Compassion theme is: 'For All Future Generations' The good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.</p>			
<p>ANNIVERSARIES: Gregory Cooper, Denis Mulligan, Joaquin Victor D'Souza, Matthew & Linda Ho, Michael Leong, Bill Colman, Karen Fitzgerald</p> <p>SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: <i>For those suffering from Covid-19 - that it will brought under control and eliminated as a health risk for all.</i></p> <p>PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Mary Burns, 'Roy', Rey Hilario, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy, Barbara Jones, Jean Cook, Patrick O'Donoghue, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef, Tom Dawson, Marie Haag, Elaine Longmuir, Sally Agnew.</p>	<p>Vox Populi - The Voice of the People—17 March 2022</p>				
<p>Pope's intention for March: A Christian response to Bioethical Challenges: We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.</p>	<p>During the season of Lent we pray and reflect on the last hours of the Passion of Jesus Christ. Originally begun as a Roman Catholic devotion we call this devotion Stations of the Cross.</p> <p>The 14 devotions or stations focus on specific events of the Passion of Christ and are used as a pilgrimage often on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially Good Friday. At each station we recall, meditate and recite prayers before moving to the next station. The devotion is sometimes referred to as the Way of the Cross or the Via Crucis. The stations are representations of imitations of the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, which is a traditional processional route symbolising the actual path Jesus was taken on His way to Mount Calvary.</p> <p>This devotion has evolved over time. Tradition holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, set up stone markers at her home outside Jerusalem to prayerfully retrace the steps of her son's Passion, but the origin of the devotion in its present form is not clear.</p> <p>After Constantine legalized Christianity in the year AD 313, this pathway was marked with its important stations. St. Jerome (342-420), living in Bethlehem during the latter part of his life, attested to the crowds of pilgrims from various countries who visited these holy places and followed the Way of the Cross.</p> <p>In the fifth century, an interest developed in the Church to "reproduce" the holy places in other areas so pilgrims who could not actually travel to the Holy Land could do so in a devotional, spiritual way in their hearts.</p> <p>In 1342, the Franciscans were appointed as guardians of the shrines of the Holy Land. The faithful received indulgences for praying at the following stations: at Pilate's house, where Christ met His mother, where He spoke to the women, where He met Simon of Cyrene, where the soldiers stripped Him of His garments, where He was nailed to the cross, and at His tomb.</p> <p>When the Moslem Turks blocked the access to the Holy Land, reproductions of the stations were erected at popular spiritual centres throughout Europe.</p> <p>At the end of the 17th century, the erection of stations in churches became more popular. In 1686, Pope Innocent XI, realizing that few people could travel to the Holy Land due to the Moslem oppression, granted the Franciscans the right to erect stations in all of their churches and that the same indulgences would be given to the faithful for practicing the devotion as if on an actual pilgrimage. Pope Benedict XIII extended these indulgences to all of the faithful in 1726. Five years later, Pope Clement XII permitted stations to be erected in all churches and fixed the number at 14. In 1742, Pope Benedict XIV exhorted all priests to enrich their churches with the Way of the Cross, which must include 14 crosses, and usually accompanied with pictures or images of each particular station.</p> <p>The continued importance of the stations in the devotional life of Catholics is attested by all the Popes - although the Stations of the Cross are often referred to as either the Traditional Stations or Scriptural Stations. Only nine of the fourteen stations are directly biblical.</p> <p>The First Station in the Traditional Stations of the Cross depicts Jesus condemned to death and the Fourteenth Station being laid in the tomb.</p> <p>In the Scriptural version, the First Station is the Last Supper and the Fourteenth Station concludes with Christ being laid in the tomb and His Resurrection.</p> <p>However the placement of the stations, exactly what is included in images or not, isn't the most important aspect of the Stations of the Cross. The most important part is remembering Jesus' love, sacrifice, and forgiveness and drawing closer to Him.</p> <p>(Resources for both Stations of the Cross: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/evangelisation/stations-of-the-cross)</p>				
<p>The 250 Club! WINNER Week 5: 14/03/22; Winning No: 353; Amount: \$500.00; Winner: Michael Halliday ~ What a worthy winner and so close to St Paddy's Day! ... he must be Irish!</p>	<p>OUR BANK DETAILS 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 ~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Shaju.</p>				
<p>Tap n Go donation points available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10. Thank you for your support through these devices.</p>	<p>OUR BANK DETAILS 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 ~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Shaju.</p>				



Congratulations to our new Altar Servers at St Patrick's ~

Niall Collins, Emma and Noah Daly, Thomas Clarke and Catherine Mooney who will receive a special blessing and be installed at the 10am Mass. Congratulations to each of you. We pray that God will bless you abundantly each time you serve at the Table of the Lord.



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to

Pascal Murray Guiang

who is to be baptised this weekend.

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



Altar Server Training at St Bernard's THIS WEEK !

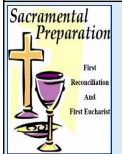
Tues. 22 & Thurs. 24 March 3.15pm - 4pm Mr Vince Hughes (trainer) will meet you in the church)

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. This form can be downloaded from our website by copy and pasting this link into your browser:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/groups-ministries/ministries-at-mass> then in the section 'Altar Servers, Assist at Sunday Masses', please chose 'click here' for St Bernard's.

Please email the form to the parish office or hand to the trainer on the day, thank you.

Mr Hughes holds a current Working With Children Clearance and he is looking forward to meeting you.



FIRST RECONCILIATION WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

The workshops for our children continue this week with session three of four. Reconciliation will be conferred on either April 5th (SPA) or April 6th (SBB). Please keep the children, their families and our workshop leaders in your prayers. For more information please contact our Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com

APPEALS FOR HELP:

Many people here in our own country and overseas continue to need our prayers and support. In Ukraine, the war is entering its fourth week with ever-increasing civilian casualties and more than three million people – mostly women and children – forced to flee their country, while two million others are internally displaced. It is a growing humanitarian crisis. Many aid organisations on the ground in Ukraine or in neighbouring Poland and Romania have appealed for support.

On our doorstep, those who have been affected by the devastating floods also need our continued support. While the rain may have stopped, the clean-up and re-build will take many months. Whatever we can do to help, no matter how small, will help in that process.



Vinnies Flood Appeals ~ In response to the devastating floods impacting across NSW the St Vincent de Paul Society has launched an emergency flood appeal to assist residents with their immediate needs as well as longer-term recovery. Donate at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswfloodappeal>
Catastrophic floods in particular have impacted Lismore and many towns across north-eastern NSW. To help those affected in the Diocese of Lismore from the unprecedented disaster, Bishop Greg Homeming OCD has launched a fundraising appeal for support. For more information on how to donate go to <https://www.lismorediocese.org/>

Caritas Australia, Aid to the Church in Need and Jesuit Mission are currently raising funds to support communities impacted by the conflict in Ukraine. **Donate today via:**



Caritas: www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 to provide much needed support.

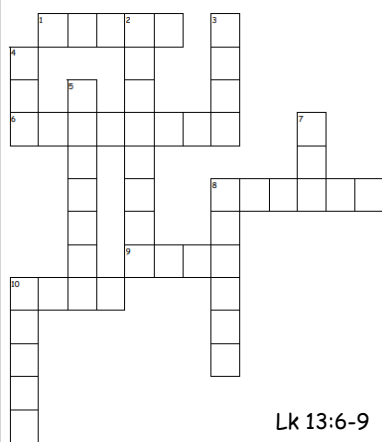
Aid to the Church in Need: Ukraine Emergency Appeal ~ <https://aidtochurch.org/ukraine>

Jesuit Mission: Ukraine Emergency Appeal ~ <https://jesuitmission.org.au/ukraine/>

A little bit of fun for our young, younger, youngest parishioners, and our young at heart parishioners !

CROSSWORD

God will help us bear fruit



Lk 13:6-9

Across

- 1: go away or depart
- 6: someone who works in a garden
- 8: a servant's boss
- 9: the opposite of up
- 10: the vineyard owner couldn't find any ____

Down

- 2: a plantation of grape vines
- 3: a long measure of time
- 4: turn over and remove earth or dirt
- 5: getting bigger
- 7: to slice with a sharp tool
- 8: used to help fertilise plants
- 10: past tense of 'find'

Can you spot the eight differences between these two pictures?



Children's Choir @St Patrick's Choir is Back!

BEGINNING IN TERM 2, on Friday afternoons from 4-5pm in St Patrick's church. One adult helper who has a Working With Children Clearance (WWCC) must be rostered for every practices to comply with safeguarding requirements.

Want to volunteer but don't have a WWCC? It's easy! Please contact the office for assistance and easy to following instructions. Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for further details.

- Across answers:**
 1: Leave; 6: Gardener; 8: Master; 9: Down; 10: Figs
- Down answers:**
 2: Missing branch; 3: Spade/fork; 4: Colour of masters tunic; 5: Colour of slaves collar; 6: Colour of slaves belt; 7: Missing line on masters tunic; 8: Eyes looking different ways; 10: Found
- Differences:**
 1: Missing clump of grass; 2: Missing branch; 3: Spade/fork; 4: Colour of masters tunic; 5: Colour of slaves collar; 6: Colour of slaves belt; 7: Missing line on masters tunic; 8: Eyes looking different ways; 10: Found

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 26th/27th March 2022 — 4th Sunday in Lent — Year C
 Joshua 5:9-12; Ps 33: 2-7; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Sub requested	Denis Steiner	Sue Lum	Francis Lizardo	Sue Lum	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Alodie Wheeler	Paul Maher	Helen Chui	Jim Fitzgerald	Jo Quinlan	Christine Vila
Reader (2)	Natasha Steele	Jeanette Neary	Paul Worthington	Michael Halliday	Sandra Maloney	Gabriel Henao
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Cecilia Waite, Ning Biyo, Tina Manti (s)		Cynthia Gilbertson, Editha Palmer, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray			
Maintenance	Team A & B — <i>additional help always appreciated</i>		Malcolm Cross, David Chui — <i>additional help always appreciated</i>			

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*.

POSITION VACANT **Personal Assistant to Director, Diocesan Safeguarding Office:**
Newly created role which is a permanent, part-time position.

This role provides high level administrative support to the Director, including administering the Diocesan Child Protection database and collating, scanning and storing safeguarding case files, as well as providing administrative and meeting support to the Diocesan Strategic Safeguarding Advisory Panel and Diocesan Safeguarding Executive. The role also has responsibilities for diary management & prioritizing schedules, general administration for the Director, including the coordinating of expenses and credit card reconciliation, document management, filing and preparing, editing and proofreading safeguarding materials. The successful candidate will have solid experience in administration with an exceptional eye for detail, knowledge or experience of Board or management committee administrative process as well as contemporary filing and database management processes, coupled with experience working in a sensitive and highly confidential environment. This role requires interaction with members of the Safeguarding Offices teams across the Diocese so an excellent ability to operate with discretion, maintain boundaries and strict confidentiality are crucial.

For further information including to obtain a copy of the position description, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au or contact Kathryn Pike on 0456 661 759.

If you would like to apply for this role, or know anyone within your network that might be suitable, please apply sending a CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillset and experience required for this role, via email to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

Applications close **Friday 25 March 2022**.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

At KCCP we take Safeguarding seriously:

The Diocese of Broken Bay strives to promote a culture of safety and care for all people and especially for children, young people and vulnerable adults in its care and is committed to maintaining a pastoral community that models the essential qualities of ethical and moral behaviours. The principles upon which these behaviours are founded include; Integrity, Commitment, Presence, Servant Leadership, Truth, Compassion, Wisdom and Dignity. The Diocese invites its entire people to embrace and contribute to a culture of safeguarding children and vulnerable people.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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