

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 21st March 2021 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent ~ Year B



Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12: 20-33

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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'



We want to see Jesus © Fr Michael Tate

In recent months, there have been a couple of young mothers with their newly born infants at Mass. I see the baby, observe that it is there, watch it somewhat, but the mothers (and the fathers) 'see' the baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into that nascent personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response. This Gospel passage begins with a request from 'some Greeks', i.e. non Jews, 'to see Jesus', surely in all the senses I outlined concerning those new parents, not simply to observe him. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus of Nazareth was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future – hoping for a response. And there was a response, a response full of allusions to the future. An insight into who he was and what he must endure and the purpose of it all.

'Amen, Amen, I say to you;

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies it will bear much fruit.'

Jesus is that grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. But, Jesus faces this dying with some apprehension, some anxiety: 'Now is my soul troubled.' Why? Because Jesus can see the awful prelude to his being buried in the ground: 'And when I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' What was the 'lifting up'? He was laid on the cross beams and nailed to them in the cruellest manner by the soldiers of the Roman occupying army, and then the cross was lifted up and dropped upright into a hole in the ground. Imagine the agony. No wonder his soul was 'troubled' at the prospect. And yet, our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' He didn't appear to on the day!

According to this Gospel, all but one of the male disciples had fled. This disciple, along with some women including Mary, the mother of Jesus, stood huddled at the foot of the cross. This was the beginning of the new family of God. Animated by that Holy Spirit, it immediately erupted into the Roman Empire and Jews and non Jews in large numbers were attracted, drawn to, the One lifted up on the cross. Why? Because it showed the length to which Jesus of Nazareth was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission. That mission was to proclaim and live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and compassion and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. Sticking to that mission led to Jesus' being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life, an abundantly fruitful life, fruitful for you, me, and potentially for the whole of humanity.

That is what we will shortly 'see' with the eyes of faith in the unfolding of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day.

Let us look forward to joining in those rituals and ceremonies.

Let us allow ourselves to be drawn to the One lifted up, buried, the fruitful source of our life: Jesus of Nazareth, our Saviour and the Lord who draws all humanity to himself.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation in our Parish This Monday 22nd March 2021 ~ 7.30pm ~ St Bernard's Berowra Heights and this Tuesday 23rd March 2021 ~ 7.30pm ~ St Patrick's Asquith

'At a minimum, Catholics must make a confession of sins when they are conscious of mortal sin before the reception of Holy Communion. The precept of the Church says that Catholics ought to confess their sins in the sacrament of *Confession at least once a year during the Easter Season.' [Archdiocese of Adelaide].* Please take the opportunity to come along to this beautiful sacrament.

PASTORAL

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Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.

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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

4th Week of Lent Monday 22/03 Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; In 8:1-11 Tuesday 23/03 Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30 Wednesday 24/03 Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; In 8:31-42 Thursday 25/03 ~ Solemnity Annunciation of the Lord ls 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 Friday 26/03 Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42 Saturday 27/03 Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joaquim Victor D'Souza, Marie Napoli, Jose Morales, Irene Berry, Eleanor Kent, Carmelita Avecilla Evangelista, George Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES: Karen Fitzgerald. Winifred & William Colman, Joseph Treacy, Ray Longford, Hilda, Francis & Terrence Conlon, Neville Nicholson, Mary Treacy, Kevin Harant, Stach Romanowski, Maria

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy, Elaine Longmuir, Sr Mary Treacy, John Gallagher, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Sr Tincy Thomas, Marie Haag, Tom Dawson, Felicity Fone, Barbara Jones, Jean Cook, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Dan Leavy, Terry Treacy, Stephen C C, Anne Brady, Marie O'Hare, John Cosgrove (Snr), Antonia Alvarado, Peter Nguyen, Nemia Camille Asiong, Rodney Porter



Week $4 - \frac{8}{3}/21$ Winning number: 743 Winner: Nicholette Steptoe Amount: \$25.00



Week 5 - 15/3/2021 31 Winning No: 488 Winner: Carlos Barros Amount: \$500.00

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March: Sacrament of Reconciliation ~ Let us pray that we

may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.





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What's on off	er at Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish during Lent 2021	Musicians needed for Easter liturgies at St Patrick's, Asquith
Stations of the Cross	Berowra: 8.30am Friday mornings followed by Holy Mass	Interested in singing for
Stations of the Cross	Asquith: 7.30pm Friday evenings	Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday?
Reconciliation	Berowra:Fridays after 9am Mass (on request);Asquith:Saturdays 9.30am	All welcome!! No congregational singing is allowed,
Lenten Prog. Option 1	Bishop Robert Baron's ~ 'Priest, Prophet, King' - Continues at St Patrick's Hall, every Thursday 7.30pm to 25 March	so this is your chance if you love to sing!
Lenten Prog. Option 2	Diocese Programme – small groups or individual journey undertaken with booklet and audio – contact office from more information	<u>Practices</u> : Holy Thursday 6.30pm; Good Friday 1.45pm;
Lenten Prog. Option 3	'Altaration' ~ Why do we have to go to mass? The mystery of the mass revealed. Continues at St Patrick's Hall, every Sunday 4.30pm to 21	Easter Vigil 5.30pm; Easter Sunday 9am. No previous experience necessary!

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Time and Location 7.30pm Monday March 22nd St Bernard's Berowra Heights, **Tuesday March 23rd** St Patrick's Asquith 7.30pm

Holy Week Schedule

Mass Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Time and Location Saturday 27 March 2021 5pm St Bernard's // 6pm St Patrick's Sunday 28 March 2021



9am St Bernard's // 8am St Patrick's & 10am St Patrick's & 6pm St Patrick's Please return **Project Compassion boxes** & gifts for the poor on Holy Thursday

	Holy Thursday	Thursday 1 April 2021(No morning Mass)	
	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.30pm St Bernard's // 7.30pm St Patrick's	
	Washing of the feet	followed by Exposition/Adoration till 10.00pm at both churches	
	Good Friday	Friday 2 April 2021 Solemnities	
y	Solemn Stations of the Cross	10am St Bernard's // 10am St Patrick's	
	Passion of the Lord	3pm St Bernard's // 3pm St Patrick's	Please Note:
	Easter Vigil	Saturday 3 April 2021 (No morning Mass)	There is
		7pm St Bernard's // 7pm St Patrick's	NO Evening Mass
	Easter Sunday	Sunday 4 April 2021	in the Parish on
		9am St Bernard's // 8am St Patrick's & 10am St Patrick's	Easter Sunday

SEEKING ~ PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Two members of our current Parish Pastoral Council are coming to the end of their term and so nominations are now invited from the Parish community to join the PPC - one from the Berowra end and one from the Asquith end of the Parish.

Nomination forms can be found at the back of each church and require the agreement of the nominee and the names and signatures of 2 endorsements of others in the Parish who: • Regularly affiliate with the Parish and • Are not family members of the nominee.

Nominations will remain open until Wednesday 24th March 2021. QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL MICHAEL HALLIDAY (PPC CHAIR) ON 0414 095 373

Saint Patrick's Church Asquith

Restoration Work

Notwithstanding any more unforeseen mishaps, work on St Patrick's Church restoration should begin on Monday. Please remember the workers will begin their day between 6.30-7am; stop during Mass; and resume as soon as Mass is finished; so please leave the church as quickly as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Contributions towards this much needed restoration would be very much appreciated. Please see opposite for the variety of ways to contribute ...

Please consider donating to any of the below as ... we still have quite a way to go to achieve our "TO DO LIST" and "WISH LIST" for KCCP in 2021 ...

To contribute your options are:

1. Your contribution to restore St Patrick's can go directly into the collection box at back of SPA Church.

2. Place an envelope on the plate marked with "TO DO LIST" OR "WISH LIST"

3. Use BPoint via our websiteselect the drop down option "Others (Including 1st Collection) and use "TO DO LIST" OR "WISH LIST" in the 'Purpose of Payment' area.

4. You may call the office to make payment over phone with a credit card.

Our "TO DO LIST"

- Restoration of St Patrick's Church - est. cost \$42,000 - Working towards
- New telephones in the office \$4,691.16
 - Working towards

Our "WISH LIST"

New computer/projection combo in St Bernard's Church - a bit over 50% there

[it turns out we may not need to replace the computer, so we are investigating a way to keep the it and replace the projector with a big screen TV instead and.... it will potentially cost less, yay!]



BB35 - Celebrating 35 years of the Diocese of Broken Bay

Thirty five years ago, the Diocese of Broken Bay was established and this anniversary is an opportunity to look back and remember the story of our Diocesan journey with hearts of gratitude, so that we might look forward to the future in hope. In the Universal Church, Pope Francis has also proclaimed a year for St Joseph and the Family for 2021.

The combination of these three themes allow us to approach our activities and mission this year with renewed depth of faith in what God is calling us to be in the community of the Church of Broken Bay.

A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay ~ [16 March 2021]

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, The community of the Church has been present in our part of the world since the early settlers explored the Aboriginal lands to the North of Port Jackson in the late 18th Century. They eventually crossed the Hawkesbury and ventured further North beyond the area that is said to have been named Broken Bay by Captain Cook in 1770.

This year we will celebrate 35 years as the Diocesan family of Broken Bay. Compared to over 200 years of European settlement, and thousands of years of Indigenous life and culture, 35 years sounds miniscule. And of course, as a chronological timeline, it is. However, our community of the Church is not merely defined by Chronos or chronological time, as a community of disciples of Jesus Christ, we are primarily people of the Lord's time or Kairos. As such, I am delighted to call us together as one community of the Church so that we might reflect upon the past, celebrate the present, and look with hope to the future. (...) BB35 also incorporates the universal themes of Saint Joseph and the Family, established by Pope Francis for this year. Our BB35 logo, which you will see on flyers and banners throughout the year, draws together the local and universal dimensions of our Catholic community and emphasises that there is one Body of Christ, one Church.

I have been delighted to receive feedback regarding our Broken Bay Lenten program. The feedback has not just been about the content, it has extended also to the positive and inclusive way that people around the diocese have been able to participate. Again, the creative genius of many of our communities has meant that a vast variety of people have connected with each other and with the community of the Church. Thank you to all who have taken up the program as a way of probing the mystery of faith this Lent. I am pleased also that the Lenten program has allowed so many to discover more about the six priorities for our community of the Church that I wrote about in my Pastoral Letter.

The Season of Lent is a marvellous time to discover and rediscover the forgiveness and mercy of God. Our priests have ensured that the sacrament of Reconciliation is available during Lent, and they will be offering opportunities for the sacrament in these weeks leading up to Holy Week. The sacrament of forgiveness is a great way to prepare for Easter, and I would encourage men and women, young and old, to prepare for and celebrate this sacrament.

Some people, for one reason or another, are so burdened by memories of sin that they lose themselves in the shadows of darkness. The consequence is that they find it difficult or traumatic to approach the sacrament. It can play out in their scrupulosity, and consequently they can repeatedly confess the same sins, always hoping but never really believing in God's merciful love. I would like to offer this short prayer that I have written and hope that it may be of assistance to anyone who carries the burden of fear or sin.

Prayer for Healing of Memory

God, the Father of mercies, with confidence, I pray,

that in your love you would heal and purify the memory of my sin.

Free me from the distraction of past sin and the burden of guilt,

and in your mercy pour your Spirit into my mind and heart

so that with dignity I may live life to the full as your (daughter or son).

Through Christ Jesus, your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

now and for ages unending. Amen.

Being reconciled to God, to others and with ourselves, is a joy made real in the Holy Spirit. I would like to encourage all members of the faithful, brothers and sisters of the Lord, to approach our celebration of Easter with this joy and with a deep trust and hope in God.

Last Easter we were unable to gather as we normally do for the Paschal Feast. It is my hope that we will be able to gather more 'normally' this year, after last Easter and the Christmas restrictions which we all felt so acutely. By a separate letter I share guidelines as to how best we might enter our liturgies through Holy Week and Easter. We give God thanks for the way in which we have been spared the trauma of so many other places and that the situation is as controlled here as it is. Whilst it is important that we retain our sense of COVID responsibility, it is also important now that we return to a liturgical and pastoral practice as close as possible to 'normal'.

This week is full of important markers and feasts: 500 years of Christianity for the Filipinos, St Patrick's Feast Day, St Joseph's Feast Day. On Friday, 19 March this week, I will be installing and blessing a timber statue of Saint Joseph in our Cathedral. I commissioned this statue as my gift to you and I offer it in memory of my parents, Colin Randazzo and Caterina Di Losa, who are both recently deceased. I hope that you will find the image of Saint Joseph, which will be placed alongside Mother Mary and the child Jesus, a source of spiritual strength and devotion as well as an inspiration for Christian virtue and family life.

May these final days of Lent be rich in blessings for you and your families. Saint Joseph, pray for us. + Authony



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community. Through your generosity and by aspiring to "Be More", you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable Toted Compassion 2021 people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. Thank you for being more!





we need more Volunteers & we need them now!!

We really, really, need... **Eucharistic Ministers** to take the Eucharist to our Parishioners in

* Ku-ring-gai Gardens (Regis) Asquith *Christophorous House

Asquith * Mt Wilga Rehab. facility

This is such an important ministry ~ taking our Lord in the Eucharist to fellow parishioners who are unable to join us physically at Mass and they just love to see you.

Maintenance group members at St Bernard's ~ the members at St Bernard's are now overwhelmed as there are so few left to maintain the large grounds around this church property. What would take a group of say 4-5 to knock over in 1 hour is taking 2 fellas 4.5 hours...please lend a hand.

For more information *please* speak to Father or the office.





	St Bernar	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am		10.00am	6.00pm
colyte / Snr Server	Garth Graham	Paul Dryden	Darrin Patterson	Bill Martin		Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
leader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Denise Harant	Hayley Rodrigues	Russell Schrei	ber	Sue Lum	Kerri O'Neill
Reader (2)	Francesca Parrino	Peter Collins	Celia Cox	Vivienne Schre	iber	Elizabeth Fernandes	Paul O'Neill
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