

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

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

21st November 2021
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe—Year B
Dan 7:13-14;
Apoc 1:5-8;
John 18:33-37

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.



Not from, but for, the World.

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What are we to make of the famous reply of Jesus to Pilate: **'My kingdom is not of this world'**? Left there, it sounds as though Jesus is talking about a realm which is far removed from terrestrial concerns. Perhaps our task as his followers is to meditate into a blissful nothingness, certainly to live other-worldly lives.

And yet, every time we pray the Our Father, we rather bluntly petition the Father: **'Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'** We are praying that the divine plan for humanity be put into effect here and now. We are praying that this earthly sphere of existence should be transformed, and we know from the Gospels that we have a role, an arduous role, in bringing that about.

So, what are we to make of **'My kingdom is not of this world'**? It is a poor translation, and usually it is not finished off the way our Lord completed his reply. It should read: **'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would have fought to stop my being handed over.'**

Of all the ways in which our Lord could have contrasted his realm with all the other ways in which societies are ruled, he chose a contrast about the use of force.

His reign does not proceed from the way in which the world is organised around violence, Caesar's way, and therefore Pilate's way. No, his reign springs from his Father's will that humanity should live together in a realm of non-violence.

That is the truth of the matter and Jesus states that he is wholly committed to personally earthing that truth in and for the world, to bear witness to the truth. Indeed, his whole ministry had emphasised and embodied non-violence as God's way for the world.

Of course, St Peter had not grasped that. Instead he grasped a sword to try to prevent Jesus' arrest a little earlier. He slashed at the ear of the High Priest's servant.

Have the successors of St Peter always grasped that?

Pope John Paul II has grasped that in a way which set the modern Church on a new period of reflection in listening to the voice of Jesus in his confrontation with Pontius Pilate. His encyclical, 'The Gospel of Life', speaks in anguished terms about the Christian morality of waging war. And the relevant passages in the Catechism continue to restrict the 'Just War' theory.

ISIL's blasphemous use of barbaric violence in the supposed service of religion is the most extreme opposite of Our Lord's teaching which He embodied in his practice. But, even for us, the challenge is there to restrain too-ready resort to armed violence and to humanely moderate its exercise where it is used to protect the innocent.

God's kingdom is not to be delayed as an **'out of this world'** experience at the end of time. To be authentic citizens of the kingdom we must help to bring about what we pray for in the Our Father: **'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'**

It is a liberating challenge to be subjects of the King of Peace.

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

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Phone: (02) 9456 2450 / **Email:** parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp

Parish Priest: Fr Shaju John, OSH

Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

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

Bookkeeper: Karen Price / **Sacramental Team:** kccpsacraments@gmail.com



SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 4m² requirement]

St Patrick's: 101 persons / St Bernard's: 62 persons

Physical Distancing - people from the same household may sit together.

Couples and families can be seated together however, social distancing is to be maintained between family groups.

Additional restrictions may be made from time to time at the discretion of the Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS**

ORDINARY TIME ~ Year B

**Monday 22/11 ~ Memorial
St Cecilia, virgin, martyr**

Dan 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday 23/11

Dan 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday 24/11 ~ Memorial
Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and
companions, martyrs**

Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday 25/11

Dan 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28

Friday 26/11

Dan 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday 27/11

Dan 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Thomas Kunnasserry (Fr Joy's
uncle), Jess Formby, Francisca
Aloysius, Kevin Murphy, John Kitchen

ANNIVERSARIES:

All Souls in Purgatory with no-one to
pray for them.

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:

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,
Fr Thomas Philip OSB, Sr Tincy
Thomas, 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.

**YEAR of
SAINT JOSEPH**
"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

**Pope Francis' Prayer
Intention for
November: ~ People
Who Suffer from**

Depression ~ We pray that
people who suffer from
depression or burn-out will find
support and a light that opens
them up to life.

The 250 Club!



Week 18 - 15/11/2021

Winning #: 756

Winner: *Karen Price*

Amount: \$25.00



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available in both Churches.
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support through these devices.

Top Reasons to Become a Catechist

- † You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
- † Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
- † Children more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus and need to encounter good role models of faith.
- † You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
- † The Walking With Jesus resource offers interesting lessons, relevant background information for the catechist and modern PowerPoint presentations with stories and songs to engage the students.
- † You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.
- † You'll be helping the children deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelising!)
- † You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
- † You will receive training to give you the necessary knowledge about how Special Religious Education is organised and a chance to develop your teachings. This training is presented locally, online or via Zoom by the friendly CCD staff offering training sessions.
- † It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations"



There are opportunities for people who like working with children to be a catechist assistant in the public schools in our parish. All the children will have their own Walking with Jesus student workbook and you, as their teacher, will have a teacher's manual with all the lessons planned for you.

Are you willing to become a catechist assistant and announce the Good News of Jesus Christ to the children of our parish? If you are, or would like to know more about this ministry, contact Cynthia Gilbertson on cinders51047@hotmail.com

Congratulations to the 70 children who were Confirmed
in our parish churches on Friday 19 November 2022 by Fr Shaju & Fr Joy.
The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. (1 Corinthians 12:7)

Maximilian Allende	Zoei Fontbuena	Cael Lynch	Gabriella Rice	Hayden Taylor
Oscar Barga	Blayre Gibson	Joshua Mathew	Otis Rice	Joshua Telford
Miguel Blanco	Catherine Grant	William McCubbin	Jack Robertson	Harrison Thrum
Jacob Bowden	Thomas Haron	Andrew McLoughlin	Bodhi Robinson	Ava Tinacci
Malachy Byrne	Oleg Hart	Elissa Melia	Thomas Schokman	Riley Turner
Daniel Caruso	Jade Hawes	Emeline Mendoza	Alexander Seifert	Skye Villavicencio
Charlise Cetinic	Harper Hegarty	Luke Mezgec	Brody Shapter	Jonah Wagland
Luca Ciampi	Charlie Holm	Talita Mitchell	Otto Slavkovsky	Miles Waugh
Emma Condon	Ava Hutchings	Mia Nguyen	Kim Sooji	Nathan Way
Estelle Creek	Clara Knight	Riley Nguyen	Charles Southan	Sienna Westwood
Taya Creek	Harry Lawson	Jack Noble	Chelsea Spurrett	Robert Wilsmore
Liam Daly	Joshua Lim	Jackson Oakes	Zoe Swain	Holly Wilson
Gabriel Dy	Madeleine Lim	Francheska Pasoquen	Adam Tan	Maxwell Worrall
Charles Facal	Melissa Loccisano	Joseph Reyes-Cullen	Gordon Taylor	Jaime Yi Wong

As a parish we would like to thank:

The wonderful workshop facilitators who gave their time to prepare the children
at SPA ~ Bec, Arnel, Gaston, Mark, Kristine, Paul

at SBB ~ Amy and Natasha

The artistic helpers who prepared the churches and the musicians who shared their talents.

Our Senior Servers who anticipate the needs of all,

**BUT Special thanks go to our "new" Sacramental Team of
Peta Tonkin ~ Phill Clarke ~ Grace Milen**

This newly formed team of 3 parishioners, have been instrumental in finding an effective way to
prepare these children (and facilitators) under very difficult circumstances.

It almost leaves one in state of ... "awe & wonder" !

Previously untested educational tools, such as Zoom classes, have proven that
The Holy Spirit does indeed work in mysterious ways.



**And of course, our wonderful children,
who were very reverent and humble throughout the celebrations,
may the Good Lord Bless you always and the Holy Spirit never be far from your side.**

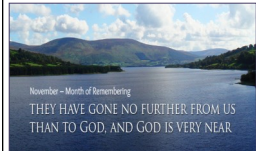


NEW Bank Account Number: To obtain the details of our new bank account (for regular or ad hoc donations), please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or via email to: parishkcp@bbcatholic.org.au ~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish.



Oblates of the Sacred Heart Bi-annual Appeal:

- Fr Joy and myself belong to the Oblates of the Sacred Heart Congregation of missionary priests, we serve God in many countries across the globe going wherever we are sent without question or hesitation.
- The Diocese of Broken Bay & the OSH Congregation have a Memorandum of Agreement allowing parishes with OSH Priests to hold two appeals per year to assist in their missionary works back home.
- This year I have decided to hold just a single appeal as I am fully aware that many of you may be under financial hardship.
- The appeal will be held next weekend **ONLY** when envelopes will be found in the pews. If you wish to take home an envelope this weekend so you are prepared for next weekends appeal, they can be found at the back of our churches today.
- All donations are spent on missionary works of the OSH including the training and formation of Seminarians; Education for the disadvantaged and disabled; Building schools; Building/renovating/restoring homes for the poor; Counselling; Health care; Community development and Social Services. Thank you for any support you can give to those less fortunate. *Scared Heart of Jesus, pray for us.*



NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ~ REMEMBRANCE

Remembering all those who have been born to Eternal Life
The Month of November is traditionally the month in which the Catholic Church remembers and prays for our departed loved ones who have been called to Eternal Life.



As in previous years a **Book of Remembrance** has been placed in each Church for the month of November. **November Envelopes** are now available in each church. Please **print** names **clearly** and **place** your **offering** inside the envelope then place **on plate** at Mass. The names of your deceased family members and friends will then be placed into the books on a weekly basis, where they will be remembered in a special way during November.

We're inching our way forward ... in our churches we can now ...

- † Welcome all **vaccinated and unvaccinated** alike;
 - † **ALL attendees are required** to use either: **QR Code** or your **Covid Check-in Card** to sign in;
 - † **The 2sqm rule now applies** – allowing up to **124 individuals in St Bernard's Church** and allowing up to **202 individuals in St Patrick's Church** at any one time;
 - † **ALL attendees are required to wear a mask** – as per State Government regulation;
 - † **NO congregational singing** allowed;
 - † **Mass / Reconciliation / Baptism schedules** have resumed as they were before lockdown;
- If you have any questions regarding the above please E: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au or P: 94562450*



THIS COMING WEDNESDAY is Red Wednesday — an annual event to remember and pray for all who are persecuted and oppressed for their Christian faith. Churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need.

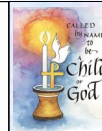
The Diocese of Broken Bay will mark this occasion with a Red Wednesday Mass. Details are as follows:
Date: Wednesday 24 November 2021; **Time:** 7:30pm Mass; **Celebrant:** Fr David Ranson VG
Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St Chatswood
Registration essential by going to: www.bbcatholic.org.au/redwednesday
The Mass will also be live streamed from this webpage: www.bbcatholic.org.au/redwednesday



† **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes** ~ **PLEASE RETURN YOUR SHOEBOXES THIS WEEK** to ensure delivery to the children by Christmas.

Please return your filled shoeboxes to Louise Dryden at 7 Dunoon Street, Berowra Heights **no later than FRIDAY 26 November** as they are being taken to the warehouse on Saturday 27 November in the morning. You can contact Louise on 0405 556 887.

- † **COLUMBAN ART Calendars** available at both our churches for \$10 each.
- † **SVdP CHRISTMAS CARDS** ~ available at St Patrick's **Asquith:** \$7.00 per pack of 10 Christmas Cards produced by SVdP and proceeds go towards assisting those in need in our Parish.
- † **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.



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to
Kyla Ali
~
Isobel Cheng
~
Gallery Espino

who are to be baptised this weekend.
Please keep them, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

PLEASE REMEMBER IF VISITING THE PARISH OFFICE:

There are still a number of requirements surrounding Covid-19 restrictions which need to be adhered to if you wish to visit the office. To enter the building you must:

- Be double vaccinated (for the moment);
- Wear a mask and;
- Electronically sign in.

Alive in the Spirit will be sharing one more workshop video via zoom on Tuesday evening, 30th November at 8pm, on the theme of awakening the Spirit in each of us to renew and rejuvenate our parish. If you would like to know more, or you feel called to act to make your community a more connected, Spirit-filled place, please join us with the zoom link below, to watch and share your thoughts in the discussion that follows.

<https://redlands.zoom.us/j/94921710989?pwd=dEVJVTFIQ1BOcGYyWnliTm5aUENiQT09>

Meeting ID: 949 2171 0989
Passcode: 096695

Prego Scripture reflection and prayer - join this group gathering via zoom this Sunday, 21st November at 8pm.

A beautiful way to end our liturgical year! Join us on

<https://redlands.zoom.us/j/92356509307?pwd=SFVWVWdNWGt4M1VlNkNWVYNlNxdVM1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 923 5650 9307
Passcode: 893929

Carols Under the Star 2021

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

WHO: Anyone 18yrs +
WHEN: Photos must be uploaded by midnight 26/11/21
WHAT: There are 3 categories:
Patterns in nature
Hope
Looking up
You can enter 1 photo in each category.
PRIZE: A Hamper Prize will be awarded to First Place in each category. Winners will be announced during the screening of Carols Under the Star on 17/12/21
ENTER: You can enter by filling in this Google form with your details and uploading your photos.
You will need a google account to allow you to upload your photos, and you will be prompted to log in when you follow this link. You can log into an existing account (which may be a personal Gmail account, or possibly a work account) or create a new account for free.



ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND - 27th/28th November 2021 - Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
First Sunday of Advent— Year C



	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr	Justin Berry	Barbara McMullen	Sue Lum	Bill Martin	Malcolm Cross	Keith Fone
Reader (1)	Mark Dunkley	Denise Harant	Miguel Do Rego	Michael Halliday	Jo Quinlan	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Donna Machado	Isaac Tonkin	Helen Chui	Mary Stokes	Simone Noel	Volunteer needed
Usher / s	Natasha Steele Jerome Gomez	Freda Alaalatoa Paul Dryden	Chris Smith Volunteer needed	Jim Fitzgerald Sub requested	Peter Daly Susie Gates	Les Fogden Volunteer needed
Sacristy Care/	Cecilia Waite (f), Ning Biyo, Gwen Wood (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith, Mervyn Soares, Liz Soares, Maria Hon (f)			
Communion to	Mt Wilga Rehab. Hospital	Unable to visit at the present time	Regis (KRG Gardens)	Unable to visit at the present time	Christophorus House	Unable to visit at the present time
Maintenance	Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated		November: Malcolm Cross, David Chui - additional help always appreciated			



Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop - Thursday 11 November 2021 Feast of Saint Martin of Tours

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Debate by the NSW Assembly on the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill (2021) commenced last Friday in the State Parliament. The discussion that will ensue over the coming weeks, and most likely into early 2022, will be both personal and passionate as Members of Parliament speak from both their own perspective and that of their electorates. I have written to the Members of Parliament of the electorates in our Diocese to express my grave concern about development and to urge them to consider carefully its implications. In respect to this sensitive matter, the social mood has clearly continued to evolve in a way that the language of personal rights has achieved considerable dominance over concern for the common good. All who are engaged in this question are committed to the alleviation of unbearable human suffering. We are united in this common endeavour. It is the question of how such suffering might be mitigated that forms radically different perspectives in the debate. It has long been the understanding in the Catholic Tradition that extraordinary means are not a moral requirement for the preservation of life. Each person must have the right to determine to withdraw from such treatment if the consequences are not for the benefit of a quality of life. The direct termination of life, however, is a different matter. As a form of palliation, termination, though technically achievable in a sterile and controlled manner, is an unacceptable solution to the problem of suffering. It is not how we may be able to eliminate those who suffer that makes for a genuinely human society but rather how we care for them. "Voluntary Assisted Dying" is a failure of humanity. Where doctors are free to destroy life, rather than to protect it, there eventually society accepts the sanction of the State to determine who lives and who dies. In the debate that unfolds over the coming weeks, much weight will be given to the testimony of personal experience, the pain of watching loved ones die. Such deeply moving stories, however, must be heard in the context of what makes for a truly compassionate society. The therapeutic termination of life is not an acceptable form of compassion; it is the avoidance of genuine care and the obligation of the State to provide the necessary resources for its exercise.

Legislative change in other Australian jurisdictions should not be the basis for the same in the State of New South Wales. It would be commendatory for this State to propose a different strategy to the problem of human suffering – one that is not based on the technical capacity of controlled termination but on the much more humane mystery of human care for the vulnerable. This is particularly the case in regional and rural NSW in which it is known that the lack of access to palliative care and general health services are driving factors in people's desire to seek euthanasia as an option. The Catholic community stands against this proposed legislation. Its institutions will not participate in an act that they consider abhorrent, nor allow their sites to be used in a way that violates religious conscience and for those acts contrary for which authentic medicine stands. I encourage our people to ring, write or email their own local Members of Parliament to register their objection to the passing of Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill (2021). Your voice will be critical throughout the parliamentary debate. Let us address the problem of suffering. Let us do so, however, in a way that promotes a culture of life within our society rather than which insinuates a culture of death, sanitised though it may be.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD, JCL Bishop of Broken Bay

POSITION VACANT

Parish Facilities/Operations Coordinator: Epping/Carlingford Permanent—part-time role. The Epping/Carlingford Parish is seeking to recruit a part-time Parish Facilities/Operations Coordinator. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing facilities, operational and administrative services to the Epping/Carlingford community. For further information, including to request a copy of the position description please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. Closes Friday 3 December 2021.

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