

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 22nd November 2020 ~ Christ the King ~ Year A Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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 my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

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'





Time to reflect and give thanks to Almighty God for His wonderful blessings upon the church of St Bernard, Berowra Heights.

50 years young this year.

The rolling stones have stayed in place and now form the foundations of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish

We thank and ask God to bless,
all who made this wonderful church with their own bare
hands and to those who gave freely of their skills, talents and
resources to realise this dream at Berowra, way back in 1970.
We wholeheartedly welcome our Bishop, Anthony Randazzo,
who joins with us to celebrate this important milestone.







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The metaphor of the Good Shepherd aptly characterises God's concern and personal intervention in the shepherding of the flock. God fulfils this role primarily in two ways: by caring for the sheep, particularly the most vulnerable; and by separating the good from the bad, for even those under the care of the shepherd will be judged. There is no intermediary here; God is immediately involved, because those formerly responsible for the sheep failed to carry out their responsibilities. The simple reference 'the day', along with characterisation of that day as one of gloom and darkness, and the final depiction of separation, suggest the eschatological day of the Lord, the day of final judgment. This responsorial psalm is one of the best-loved psalms of the entire psalter. It paints vivid pictures of carefree existence, peaceful rest, and abundant fruitfulness. Although 'shepherd' suggests a flock, here the focus is on the individual. In addition to this image, God is characterised as a host, one who supervises a banquet and within whose house the psalmist ultimately dwells. The guidance of the shepherd is more than provident; it is moral as well. The image of the shepherd securing nourishment for the flock leads into the metaphor of the host who prepares a lavish banquet for guests. It is clear that the psalmist has been under the loving guidance of the Lord. Several of Paul's most treasured theological themes are brought together here: the efficacy of Christ's resurrection; human solidarity in Adam and in Christ; the sequence of eschatological events; the victory of Christ; and the ultimate reign of God. As the first fruits of the dead, the Risen Christ is the most forceful expression of life after death, and his resurrection contains the promise of resurrection for all who are joined to him. Both Adam and Christ stand for the entire race, one in sin and death, and the other in eternal life. Having conquered death, Christ will bring the fruits of his victory to God so that at the final consummation, God will be all in all. The scene of the last judgment is one of apocalyptic splendour and majesty; a scene of separation of the righteous from the unrighteous; a scene of reward and punishment. The throng of people gathered at this eschatological event is judged according to their treatment of the disciples of Jesus. Since Jesus identifies with his disciples ('Whoever receives you, receives me' – see Mt 10:40), to reject the apostle is to reject him. The guilt of the people is not based on the wrong that they have done, but in their failure to accept those who were bringing the kingdom of God to them. To reject them is to reject the kingdom. Their sentences hinge on their openness to this kingdom.

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SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 4m² requirement] St Patrick's: 100 persons at St Bernard's: 60 persons

Physical Distancing - people from the same household may sit together in the church. Couples and families can be seated together however, social distancing is to be maintained between family groups.

Additional restrictions are at the discretion of the Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.

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 and Thurs.
9am Wednesday and Friday
St Patrick's 8am Wednesday and Friday
9am Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat.

RECONCILIATION

Every Friday 9.30 am at St Patrick's
Every Friday After 9am Mass at St Bernard's

Emergency sick calls 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only) - HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

ORDINARY TIME

Monday 23/11

Mass ad libitum Apoc 14:1-5; Lk 21:1-4

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

Mass of the Saint Preface of weekday or Saint Apoc 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday 25/11 Mass ad libitum

Apoc 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19 Thursday 26/11

Mass ad libitum Apoc 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9; Lk 21:20-28

Friday 27/11

Mass ad libitum Apoc 20:1-4,11- 21:2; Lk 21:29-33 Saturday 28/11

Mass ad libitum Apoc 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Kathleen Levy, Anita M Jimenez, Michael Carney, Maryanne Weri, Kerrin Enright, Lance Roper, Anna Schiavo, Maureen Brophy, **Kevin Carmody**

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill McDonagh, Julia Healy, Alison Hinton, Nancy Gomez. GJolanta Uchman, Stach, Bronia I Wladek Peiprzyk, Elizabeth Cleland, Bill Wilson, James Treacy, Victor Hinton

Please also pray for those record in the Rook of Remembrance

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Terry Treacy, Margaret Acret, Peter Nguyen, Anne Brady, Sr Tincy Thomas, Nemia Camille Asiong, Marie O'Hare, Stephen C C, Rodney Porter, Araceli 'Chichi' Datoc, Craig Sequeira, Shirley Kelynack, Judy Farrell, Dan Leavy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Pam Cosgrove, Alfredo R De Ramos, Doug Hawkins, Felicity Fone, Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Graeme Kachel, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Penny Rigor, Jaz Pitts, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann, Elaine Longmuir, Michael McGaulley, Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Georgia Meyers, Rosalinda de Ramos, Angela Smith, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook, Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Kath Lock, Arlene Joson, Sam Calacoci, John Macy, Barbara Jones, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, Tom Dawson, Narelle Cartwright, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak, Alfredo De Ramos Sr, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski

RIP Ann Drake:

Parishioners are advised the 9am Mass this Monday at St Patrick's, will be offered in memory of Ann Drake who passed recently. All who knew Ann are invited to attend.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November: Artificial **Intelligence** ~ We pray that the



progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Charitable Works Fund November Appeal NEXT WEEK ~ 28 / 29th November

The November appeal highlights the spiritual need of about 21,000 Catholic students who attend State Schools across Broken Bay.

Giving to CWF supports the wonderful work of

Catechists, nourishing our children and young people with solid faith education. Raising them up to be passionate young people who love Jesus Christ and His Church.

HARITABLE WORKS FUND November 2

Scan and Donate

Nurturing faith in our children and young people is one of the most powerful things we can do to support our parishes. Next week at our Masses, we will be showing a short film of Christine Jap - former student and current Catechist - who shares what SRE means to her, or you may prefer to watch the film now at your leisure ~ https://youtu.be/qs3C P0DxVA

CWF envelopes are at the back of our churches today for those who wish to contribute **OR** you can scan the QR code, **OR** visit <u>www.bbcatholic.org.au/give</u> to donate. All donations are tax deductible and contribute towards our parish quota. Please come prepared for the appeal next weekend. Thank you.

📖 Baptism bookings between now and January 2021 are now closed.

During Covid-19 we have never stopped offering the Sacrament of Baptism here in KCCP. The only changes made were in compliance with Covid-19 restrictions and as such, we have only allowed a single family baptism on any given date (normally up to 4 families are booked).

Naturally, our Sunday dates filled quickly and for many months now, Fr Joy and myself have Baptised little ones on both Sunday's and Saturday's (and occasionally mid-week) to keep up with demand. There are no available dates between December 27th and January 24th. Baptism bookings will continue,

however, please note the next available dates are on the weekend of January 30/31st, 2021. Details of available dates and churches for 2021, will be found on our website once final details have been decided. With thanks for your understanding, Fr Shaju.

COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE (provided by the Diocese of Broken Bay on Tuesday 17.11.20)

We have sought clarification around the current COVID-19 restrictions for Places of Public Worship and Religious Services. This interpretation of the Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gatherings and Movements) Order No.5 is disappointing, particularly for those who have been making preparations for outdoor Christmas Masses. This interpretation (Clause 22, Subclause e) has been confirmed by NSW Health officials. As it currently stands the restrictions are interpreted as follows:

Places of Public Worship (defined as a premises/building)

The Minister directs that the occupier of a place of public worship must ensure -

- For a place of public worship with more than 1 separate area, the maximum number of persons in each of the areas is the lesser of-
 - 1). The number of persons that is equivalent to 1 person per 4 square metres of space in the area, or
 - 2). 300 persons, and
- Or any other place of public worship, the maximum number of persons on the premises is the lesser of -
 - 1). The number of persons that is equivalent to 1 person per 4 square metres of space on the premises, or
 - 2). 300 persons.

The Minister directs that the occupier of a place of public worship comprised of more than 1 separate area must ensure that a religious service, activity or event conducted in 1 separate area does not commence or end at the same time as another religious service, activity or event in another separate area in the place.

Outdoor Public Gatherings (including Outdoor Religious Services)

The Minister directs that a person must not participate in an outdoor public gathering of more than 30 persons.

This clause does not apply to the following -

a gathering for a wedding, a funeral, a memorial service or a religious service or a gathering immediately after a wedding, a funeral, a memorial service or a religious service,

NOTE: this subclause is specifically in relation to the gathering that takes place outside a Place of Worship, before and after a Religious Service and is NOT an exception to hold Outdoor Religious Services for more than 30 people.

Significant questions are being asked by the NSW Bishops about these current restrictions. They are also working closely with our Ecumenical and Interfaith counterparts, to advocate for equity across sectors. We hope to update you as soon as possible if these restrictions or their interpretation change.

Week 12: 16/11/2020 ~ Winning No.: 745

Amt: \$25 ~ Winner: Thomas & Imm Lui



OUR BANK DETAILS

KCCP BANK **ACCOUNT DETAILS:** Dear all.

during the last weeks, several parishes of DBB and the Sydney ArchDiocese have had attempts made to defraud them of funds.

As a result, we have been instructed by the Diocese of Broken Bay to no longer publish our BSB and Acct No's. For those who wish to donate by directly depositing into our bank account, please contact the parish office on 9456 2450.



Asquith is set to \$5 per tap and the other is set to \$10 per tap. Our single machine at Berowra Heights is set to \$10 per tap. Thank you for your generosity.

Donations made help to cover ongoing church maintenance costs.



Join the Team at Broken Bay Diocese: New positions vacant Are you keen to be part of a renewed vision for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Broken Bay?

After celebrating one year as Bishop of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randazzo is announcing a call out to enthusiastic, faith filled and appropriately skilled people who might help implement his dynamic vision with the following invitation:

"As the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, I am shaping a team of people who can meet the challenges of our time with a bold and authentic vision to accomplish the will of God,"

There are six new roles available in the Chancery at Broken Bay:

- Team Leader Catholic Youth;
- Team Leader Life, Marriage & Family;
- Sacramental Life, Liturgy & RCIA Coordinator;
- Executive Assistant (job share / part time 2 days); and
- Diocesan Pastoral Project Facilitator.
- Diocesan Director, Communications

To apply for these roles or for more information go to www.bbcatholic.org.au/jobs



Candela Mission Appeal

As you can imagine things are very desperate in Peru and with no government assistance the families are doing it very tough. In Candela about 35% of the families have been affected by the epidemic. The Women's House and the Children's pre-school are closed. The Sisters of Mercy are sending money for food and medicines - they have also set up soup kitchens.

During emergencies the poor and vulnerable suffer the most. I received the beautiful handicrafts that the women made back in February but have not had many opportunities to sell the goods due to Covid restrictions. Unfortunately I can't sell at church this year but will have a stall at my home - 12 Nyara Road Mount Kuring-gai on Sunday December 13th from 9am - 12 noon.

Morning tea will be provided!

If you would like to support the families Sr Patricia McDermott's Commonwealth Bank details are: BSB: 062009 A/c 10326743 Ref: Kuring-gai Parish

Any enquiries please ring me on 0405188547. Thanks for your ongoing support, Mary



Bibles for our Year 6 State School Students

As is the tradition at Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish, we annually gift the Year 6 students of our State Primary Schools a Graduation Bible. This is done with hearts full of hope that these students will have a way to keep in touch with the Word of God as they enter High School, where sadly for many, their exposure to our faith (through the amazing work of our Catechists) will no longer be available to them.

This year we are gifting Bibles to over 70 graduating students and just like last year, we are looking for parishioners to possibly contribute the \$14 cost of a single Bible.

If this is something which appeals to you, please give the office a call on 9456 2450.

2021 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS—available from this weekend at St Bernard's also.

These calendars have arrived at last at Berowra. But, there is a mystery to be solved! Did you happen to buy a calendar recently at the back of the Church? Someone has bought the last 3 (or so) but unfortunately they were the 2020 version. If you did, please return it / them to the Parish Office, where a replacement 2021 Calendar can be provided.

The price is unchanged at \$9.00 per Calendar. Thanks for your support, Natasha.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS & VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS: SVdP Society Asquith Conference have the 2021 Columban Art Calendars and St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Cards in stock. Prices are unchanged from last year at \$9.00 per Calendar and \$7.00 per pack of 10 Christmas Cards. Please place money in the box provided.



A crafty idea ~ Christine (Berowra Baptist) & Amanda (Berowra Uniting) have come up with a great idea to do something simple and lovely for the local community. They are making macramé Christmas tree decorations and would love to have trees made by 'we Catholics' as well. Once made they will have a tag attached to them with a Christmas message of hope for all from the combined churches of Berowra and then, they will be popped into peoples letter boxes across Berowra on the second weekend in December. This really is a very simple idea to spread some joy in a very difficult year

and it is easy to get on board with. If you like craft you will be sure to enjoy making these. Would you like to make some?? All you need are the materials in the following clip which shows you exactly what to do - https://

www.youtube.com/watch?v=DlpBHvMxAbI&feature=share

The tags will be printed by the parish office and we'll work out a way to get them to you. Any questions, please call the office on 9456 2450.



An **OUTREACH GROUP** has been established in our parish to build upon the existing community feeling and make it even better!

This group will be known as "RECONNECT"

It's motto is ...

"We are here for you!"

It's aim is ...

to listen, to talk, to care, to share. So one of these days you may receive a call just to say 'G'day'.

What we want to know is ...
"Is there anything "Reconnect"
can do for you?" eg ...

* Assistance with meals * A lift to Mass * A regular chat etc,

To quickly get in touch with "Reconnect" just call the office on 9456 2450.



Mass of Inclusion This annual Mass, will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony

Randazzo at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Sunday, 6
December 2020 at 11.00am. This Mass marks the International Day of Disability (Dec. 3) and recognises the ability and dignity of all. This year, we encourage all to join via the live stream at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlff7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ Need more information? Please call Nicholas Weir on 8379 1632.

Personal Participation of the Eucharist

It is good to see the increasing number of our parishioners for the participation of our daily masses and weekend masses. Vatican calls for a "necessary and urgent" return to in-person Mass. Very recently, Cardinal Robert Sarah, the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship has sent a letter to world's Episcopal conferences which says, "Broadcast liturgies can never replace personal participation in the Eucharist". He has encouraged them a return to the "normality of Christian life," in particular to the resumption of regular participation at Mass. He continues to say that "As soon as circumstances permit, it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist as the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed..."



ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 28th / 29th Nov – 1st Sunday of Advent - Year B

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; IS 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Justin Berry	Alex Jarominek	Sandra Sparkes	Sue Lum	John Messina	Robert Pesavento
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Paul Maher	Edwina Subramany	Jim Fitzgerald	Sub Requested	Kerri O'Neill
Reader (2)	Donna Machado	Barbara McMullen	Celia Cox	Rosemary Pendlebury	Sub Requested	Paul O'Neill
Usher / s	Jackie Favaloro-Tod	Paul Dryden	Chris Smith	Phil Daidone	Milen & Grace Kurishingal	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning/	Paul Waite, Marlene Moloney (f) Sarah Jane Sibelja, Gwen Wood (s)		Pat Smith, Ellen Downey, Marion Pahalawatta, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		November: Malcolm Cross, David Chui - additional help appreciated please			

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.

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Covid Caretaking ~ Caring for our Community & each other

You have most likely heard that 'Places of Worship' can now have up to 300 people in attendance.

What isn't heard often enough, is that the 4 square metre per person rule still determines the upper limit within a Church and it

DOES NOT INCLUDE THE GROUNDS SURROUDING THE CHURCHES.

We can officially accommodate 101 people at Asquith and 61 people at Berowra.

Once the inside capacity of the church is reached additional parishioners will need to vacate the perimeter of the parish boundaries. To avoid disappointment, it is MUCH PREFERRED that you BOOK IN ADVANCE please. This will make entry into the Church much quicker as ushers simply "tick" your name & don't have to "take" details. Mass will not be disrupted either. Thank you, Fr Shaju.

