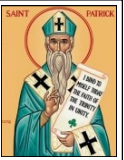


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 24th January 2021 ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Teach me your ways, O Lord.

**Alleluia Verse:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

**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'



## Pope's intention for January:

### Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**Morning Masses return to normal scheduling tomorrow, [Monday 25 January 2021] see below for details.**

This week, the office will open **ONLY** on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** [27th to 29th January]



Normal Office hours resume fully on Monday 1st February 2021.

## The Eyes Have It © Fr Michael Tate

For the Jewish people, the greatest enduring memory is of their liberation from slavery in Egypt, from their subjection to the despotic rule of the Pharaoh.

Thereafter, any oppressor or despot who used political or financial power to lord it over others, to enslave them in a hundred different ways, could be referred to as a 'Pharaoh'.

I would like you to listen for a moment to a dramatic passage from the Jewish scriptures with which Jesus would have been familiar.

Ezekiel is inspired to proclaim:

'The Lord Yahweh says this:

Now I set myself against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, you great crocodile wallowing in your Niles, you have said: My Niles are mine, I made them.'

And then God takes on the role of a fisherman!

'I am going to put hooks through your jaws, make your Nile fish stick to your scales, and pull you out of your Niles with all your Nile fish sticking to your scales. I shall drop you in the desert, with all your Nile fish. You will fall on open ground and not be taken up or buried.' (Ez 29:3-5)



So when the Jewish Jesus says to the Jewish Simon and Andrew 'I will make you into fishers of men', then, amongst the many levels of meaning, they would have heard the allusion to Ezekiel.

Jesus was telling them that he was setting them on a course of confrontation. He was creating a society of liberated human beings, called the 'Kingdom of God'. That will involve struggle against the powerful elites who oppress and enslave people. It will be as dangerous and demand as much energy as required to haul a crocodile out of the Nile.

This is an awesome summons, and yet we are told that 'straightaway' these men abandoned their nets. These were not recreational fishermen. They were key members of family fishing operations with employees. They were being called to abandon all the familiar structure to their lives. They were being called to break with 'business as usual' and to move into a situation of peril.

And yet they did so, 'straightaway'. Generation after generation, century after century, followers of Jesus have done the same.

Martin Luther King is a prime example. He fought for an end to racial discrimination and denial of civil rights by the pharaohs of white supremacy in the United States. He was assassinated, killed by the threshing of the tail of the great crocodile of segregation.

**Why did Martin Luther King take that risk? Why did the early disciples take that risk?**

**Because of the call of Jesus? No. At least, not that alone. Let us look at the Gospel again. We read:**

'As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake. . . .

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John . . .'

I think they were responding not to His voice alone, but to His eyes.

**St John of the Cross said 'for Jesus, to see is to love'. [repeat]**

When Jesus looks at potential followers he is not merely observing or staring. His is the attentive gaze such as that of a loving parent gazing at a newborn, loving the baby into a beautiful future.

That is how Jesus looked at Simon and Andrew and James and John on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

That is how the Risen Lord Jesus Christ looks at you and you and you and me.

**The fact is: He can't take his eyes off us. He loves us unreservedly and wants to love us into a barely imaginable future.**

So when the call comes in some situation, when He says 'Follow me', will it be **Yes or No? Aye or Nay? ... 'The eyes have it!'**

**PASTORAL CENTRE:** 1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082; P.O. Box 335, Berowra Heights

**Centre Hours:** 9am - 3.30pm. 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; **Bookkeeper:** Karen Price; **Youth Ministry Co-ord:** Michelle Chahine

**WEEKEND MASSES:** St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: Saturday Vigil 5pm and Sunday 9am

St Patrick's, Asquith: Saturday Vigil 6pm and Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: 8am Monday, Tuesday & Thursday; 9am Wednesday & Friday

St Patrick's, Asquith: 8am Wednesday & Friday; 9am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

**RECONCILIATION:** Fridays: 9.30am at St Bernard's Berowra; Saturdays: 9.30 am at St Patrick's, Asquith



**Emergency sick calls**  
(Out of office hours URGENT only)  
**0468 341 841**

**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**

**ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday 25/01 ~ Feast**  
**The Conversion of St Paul,**  
apostle  
Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18  
**Tuesday 26/01**

**Australia Day**

Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11 or  
Rom 12:9-13; Mt 5:2-12 or Lk 12:22-32

**Wednesday 27/01**

Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday 28/01 ~ Memorial**

**St Thomas Aquinas,** priest, doctor  
Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

**Friday 29/01**

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday 30/01**

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

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

**Recently Deceased:** Arlene Josen,  
Kevin Henderson, Rocco Castelnuovo.

**Anniversaries:** Stach Romanowski,  
Pauline Bass, Jan Seage.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Sr Tincy Thomas, Marie Haag, Tom Dawson,  
Felicity Fone, Brian Neary, Barbara Jones, Jean Cook, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Dan Leavy,  
Terry Treacy, Stephen C C, Anne Brady, John Cosgrove (Snr), Marie O'Hare, Antonia Alvarado,  
Margaret Acret, Peter Nguyen, Nemia Camille Asiong, Rodney Porter.

**Attention please:** During January, names are deleted from the Sick list names of those whose  
situation has not been updated. To have a name reinstated, (or to add a new name) please contact  
the parish office having first obtained permission from the person allowing their name to be included.

**WE ARE NOW USING QR CODES TO ENTER OUR CHURCHES**

**BOOKINGS are NO LONGER BEING TAKEN**

so please consider coming early to Mass to ensure you gain admittance to the Church.

**QR Codes are not only a directive of the NSW State Govt, but they also make entry into our Churches quicker and quieter and Mass will not be delayed or disrupted.**

**USHERS/WARDENS have a vital role to play to ensure we remain compliant with regulations, THEREFORE YOU MUST**

- ◆ Show the Usher/Warden the QR Registration on your phone prior to entering the church, which will allow them to keep an accurate record of the total number of persons inside the church (\*)
- ◆ Sign in with the Usher/Warden if you do not have a mobile phone or yours does not have QR capability
- ◆ Wear a Face Mask - this is now mandatory when inside the Church (for exceptions goto [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19))  
*Thank you, Fr Shaju.*

(\*) The current **upper limit rule** within a Place of Worship/Church is **4 square metres per person**  
We can officially accommodate **100 people at Asquith and 61 people at Berowra.**



*Congratulations to Margaret and John Mitchell* who last weekend celebrated their *50th Wedding Anniversary* with a Blessing. Married at St John the Evangelist Church in Dapto on January 16th 1971, the wedding had to be a morning one as the bride's father was a dairy farmer and had to be home for the afternoon milking!  
The reception, held at the local Community Hall, was catered for by the local CWA ladies - at the cost of \$2.50 a head!! Margaret & John have lived locally all their married life and for the last 46 years in Mount Kuring-gai. They have 3 wonderful daughters and 2 grandchildren.

**Keep Calm and Drink Tea**  
**on Tuesday the 26th of Jan-u-ar-y !**  
**Happy Australia Day one and all.**



*As the sun rises on Australia Day may we be one in prayer and give due thanks to our God for this beautiful land in which we are so lucky to live, Australia.*

Happy Republic Day to all our friends in India also :)

**ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 30 / 31 Jan – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

**IF UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28**

	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	Michael O'Neill	Sue Lum	John Messina	Malcolm Cross	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Natasha Steele	Paul Maher	Paul Worthington	Volunteer requested pls	Jo Quinlan	Sue Lum
Reader (2)	Alodie Wheeler	Barbara McMullen	Miguel Do Rego	Jim Fitzgerald	David De-Fina	Mary Stokes
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez	Freda Alaalatoa	Chris Smith	Tess & Francis Lizardo	Chris & Sue Newnham	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Paul Waite, Marlene Moloney, Sarah Jane Sibelja, Gwen Wood (s)		Lyn Vila, Angie Pulanco, Cynthia Gilbertson, Editha Palmer, Yovana Castro Guerrero, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray.			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		January: Milen Kurishingal, Grace Milen, Patrick Dias - additional help appreciated please			

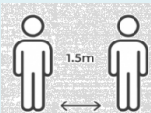


**MOST IMPORTANT**  
and No. 1 Rule follow  
**ALL DIRECTIONS**  
of the **USHER/s & Warden/s**



**Wear a Mask**

**Stand apart**



**Church Capacities:**  
**100 ~ St Patrick's,**  
**61 ~ St Bernard's**  
If unwell ~ **DO NOT** come to mass ~  
please see your doctor

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