

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 24th March 2019 ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent ~ Year C

The Lord is kind and merciful.

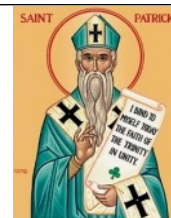
Yr C: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13: 1-9 (10am SPA: Yr A: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4: 5-42

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'



Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's **call to conversion and repentance**. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, **Jesus teaches and heals**. He must also

respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. ... today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to **ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered**. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. **Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.**

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the **barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner**. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. **If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.** Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. **In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom.** God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet **God is merciful**. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us. This, then, is our reason for **hope**: Not only does **God** refuse to abandon us, he **chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts.** (Loyola Press)



A Letter to the Grand Mufti from Fr David Ranson

Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamed,
Grand Mufti of Australia Thursday 21 March 2019

Your Excellency,

The events of 15 March 2019 in Christchurch are etched indelibly now in our minds and in our hearts. Through you, I extend the sympathy of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay to the Muslim people of New

Zealand (and Australia) who have been the target of this senseless brutality which we utterly reject and condemn. We stand with you in shock and in grief in the face of the evil that has been perpetrated.

As those who have died in such a callous way are now laid to their rest, we hear the cry of the agony of those who have survived, those who have lost their loved ones, those who have lost hope and now despair in the inhumanity that we have experienced. We hear the echoes of their distress and confusion in our own hearts as we remember in prayer all those whose lives will no longer be the same. We wish you to know that we are your brothers and sisters, and though our voice is feeble before such horrific events, we want to say to you that we stand with you in compassion and hope.

It has been my own privilege to be in personal dialogue with you on several occasions over the last years. On such occasions we have lamented together the emergence of a culture of suspicion and fear which can spawn the mindset that leads to last Friday's carnage. In no small way has this been fuelled by the demonisation of Islam. Again, I reiterate with you, at this sad time, the immorality and unacceptability of this. It creates ghettos of fear. It cuts us off from each other into

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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.
First Friday	—	St Bernard's
		10.30am Adoration
		11.00am Reconciliation
		11.30am Healing Mass
First Friday	—	St Patrick's
		Night Vigil 7.30pm
		RECONCILIATION
Every Saturday		9.30 am at St Patrick's
Every Friday		After 9am Mass at St Bernard's, (except First Friday—see above)

This year during Lent, why not try a little **Extra Spiritual Effort**, you might like to ...

- * Attend an extra mass
- * Pray the Rosary as a family at home,
- * Come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation or,
- * Attend the Stations of the Cross at least once.

Those who seek me diligently find me. Proverbs 8

This Week's Readings & Prayers

Lent 3rd Week

Monday 25/03

The Annunciation of the Lord
Mass of the Solemnity, Gloria, Creed
Preface of Annunciation
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday 26/03

Weekday, Mass of the day
Preface of Lent I-IV
Dan 3:25,34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday 27/03

Weekday, Mass of the day
Preface of Lent I-IV
Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 28/03

Weekday, Mass of the day
Preface of Lent I-IV
Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday 29/03

Weekday, Mass of the day
Preface of Lent I-IV
Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday 30/03

Weekday, Mass of the day
Preface of Lent I-IV
Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18: 9-14

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Carmelita Angeles Carino, John Goudie, Patricia Weatherby, Philip Kunnasserry, Anthony Vu

ANNIVERSARIES:

Thelma Burke (10th Ann.), Joe Treacy; Andrea, Conception, Gesmunde & Elde Daria; Max & Josie Buie; Paul Sliwka, Marino Utanes, Geoffrey Warren, Maurie Perrott

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Irena Fellmann, Jwona Nowak, Jennifer Hindmarsh, Elaine Longmuir, Paula McGaulley, Michael Quinn, June Eileen, Patricia Smith (Carlton), Jude Maatouk, Ramona Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Rosalinda de Ramos, Peter Todd, Jaz Pitts, Georgia Meyers, Angela Smith, Greg Cooper, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Maureen Sharpe, Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook, Morrie Ramsden, Betty Borg, Brian Neary, Darcy Green, Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones, Arlene Joson, Alfredo De Ramos, Kath Lock, Marcelina De Ramos, Cadia Maestri, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, John Macy, Narelle Cartwright, Dn Jim Caulfield, Tom Dawson, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr

(from front page) networks of defences. It renders us less than the truth of ourselves about which the French writer Louis Massignon wrote, "Only in exercising hospitality towards another (instead of colonising him), in sharing the same work, the same bread, as honourable companions can one understand the Truth that unites us socially . . . One can only find truth through the practice of hospitality." (Opera Minora III, 608-9)

In the face of the terrorism we affirm the pathway of love, rather than the pathway of fear. This can present as naively ridiculous, yet its power is manifest in the stories of heroism and forgiveness in the mosques of last Friday that display a light stronger than the darkness. Genuine love primarily is the decision to listen to the other with the premise that I may have something to learn from them. The way of love is the commitment to see always the other precisely as 'person' and not through the lens of categorisation. It is the practice of an open conversation which seeks to understand the other, to feel with the other, to listen deeply to them. We love the stranger by listening to them, by learning their names, rather than their labels, and by entering their story, often of incalculable pain and dislocation. For the eminent philosophy of 'the other,' Emmanuel Levinas, the "presence of 'the other' announces, commands, perforates, ruptures, unsettles. And that is their gift to us."

This conversation has yet to begin in Australia. If there be an invitation at the heart of our distress about last Friday, it is the imperative to commit to the critical importance of such dialogue. Our future lies in the conversion of a conversation about the other in our midst to one with the other.

I express to you on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay our readiness to work always with you in this endeavour. In the meantime, however, all of us in the Diocese reach out to embrace the pain you feel. May our solidarity and our shared hope for a better society represent a flicker of peace in the torment of this time.

With my sincere and personal wishes, Very Rev Dr David Ranson Diocesan Administrator



You are invited to the Chrism Mass at The Cathedral

Come and join together with our clergy and people across Broken Bay for the blessing and consecration of the Holy Oils for our parishes. Mass begins at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16 April 2019. Soup and bread will be served in the courtyard from 6.00pm with tea and coffee afterwards.



Christian Initiation of Adults -- perhaps you've wondered? - What are Scrutinies? During Lent, the Elect will take part in further liturgies called scrutinies where we pray in a special way for the elect and their protection from evil. At 10am Mass today and the next two weeks, we will use the readings of Year A, as we reflect with the elect on Christ the Redeemer who is the living water, the light of the world, and the resurrection and the light." "These rites, ... should complete the conversion of the Elect, and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ" *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults # 128*

Reconciliation Times during Lent: At our regular times of:
Each Saturday 9.30am, Asquith & each Friday after 9am Mass, Berowra (except First Friday)

Additional opportunities for Reconciliation:

- * Every Friday evening during 'The Light is On'
- * 2nd Rite: Tuesday 9 April 7.30-8.30pm at Berowra



The Light is On for You!
at Asquith, and will continue
every Friday night during Lent
from 7 to 8pm.

Lent offers us a privileged time to reflect on our faith and reorient ourselves more closely towards God. Again this year, our parish, will join with other parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay, in *The Light is On*, where every Friday evening during Lent, churches will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our Church at Asquith is open from 7pm—8pm for Reconciliation, each Friday night during Lent and you are invited to spend this time with

Each Friday	7-8pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation plus more—see below
29 March	7.30pm Select Choir – Reflection evening
5 April	7.30pm Stations of the Cross
12 April	7.30pm Stations of the Cross

God and to allow God's light to enter the circumstances of your life in a new way this Lent. Please join us at St Patrick's Church whenever you can.



Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Bernard's Berowra Heights:

8.30am Friday mornings followed by Holy Mass, except the 1st Friday of the month (5 April) when Stations will be at 10am followed by Adoration and Anointing & Healing Mass.

2019 Adult Faith Formation Series "The Mass" - Bishop Robert Barron Continues in Parish Hall at St Pat's every Thurs. at 7.30pm during Lent. *It's not too late, to please join us.*

Lenten lectio divina Resource 2019

Discerning the Way of Jesus.

Reflections of the Gospel, **still available at the back of our churches.**

It is a perfect resource for those wanting to work through a Lenten programme alone.



For the children's sake—please don't let our plea fall upon deaf ears— Catechists and Helpers Urgently needed

We need this to happen now, so that you will become familiar with being in a classroom setting. A Working With Children Check must be undertaken before entry to any school BUT this is NO BIG DEAL, Cynthia or Margaret can help you with this.

Right now we require help at: Mount Colah Public School - 13 Kindy students and Berowra Public School - eight Kindy students.

Please call the Parish Office on 9456 2450 or Catechist Coordinator, Cynthia Gilbertson on 9476 6215.



Two celebrations have taken place in our parish recently. On Friday 15 March, Fr Shaju celebrated a birthday with a very quiet lunch at one of our parish bulletin sponsors,

John & Moauli Griffiths

owners and operators of **King Tide Café/Restaurant** (where else would a priest go to eat on a Friday in Lent??) and what a meal it was, the fish was so fresh and the serving sizes without comparison. It's well worth the trip for a meal this delicious, even the tartare sauce is homemade! Please see their advertisement on the back page and support them if you can.



Then of course, we celebrated as a whole parish the Feast of St Patrick at Asquith Church last Sunday. Despite the very wet weather our wonderful parishioners braved the rain and joined in celebrating St Patrick's Day. Great food and great atmosphere. Thank you to all the people who brought food especially Medhi and Paul

who cooked all the meat on the BBQ. Thank you to all who helped with set up and clean up duties and *especial thanks* to Arco Trio who played so beautifully while we all enjoyed our lunch. *We hope to see you all in August when we will come together again to celebrate the Feast Day of our other Patron Saint, Bernard of Clairvaux.*



Cherubs Choir A new choir for Kinder to Year 2 children is starting at St Patrick's. We've had lots of interest already so grab this opportunity for your little ones to learn some fun songs and have their own special role in the Mass. Practices are on Tuesday mornings from 8.15 to 8.45am, and after an initial training period, the Cherubs will sing at 10am Mass once a month with the regular Children's Choir. Parents and other volunteers are urgently needed to help run this choir. Please contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or the parish office if you would like more information or if your child would like to join.

Children's Choir at St Patrick's sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, practising every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. New members from Year 3 and up are very welcome to join at any time.



Meditation at the Foot of the Cross - an evening of beautiful music, Scripture and reflection will be held next Friday night, 29th March at 7.30pm at St Patrick's church. Don't miss this extraordinary time of reflection and prayer presented by the parish Select Choir and friends, in the tradition of our well-loved annual Lenten Reflection evenings

Practice for music for Holy Week and Easter at St Patrick's will be held this Wednesday, 27th March, 7.30pm in the church. All singers and instrumentalists welcome - new people always welcome.



Our first Praisefest for 2019 and a CYBB World Youth Day Reunion!! Don't miss your chance to engage in vibrant Praise & honest Worship, listen to amazing and inspiring stories from the pilgrimage and catch up with old friends!

The night kicks off with PRAISEFEST Festival fun activities, free food, and great company! But be sure to stick around because the night will end with a kickin' Praise Party you will not wanna miss! So be there, invite your friends and prepare to have an unbelievable evening!

Note: This event is open to high school students through to young adults up to the age of 30.

Friday 29 March 2019, 6-9pm, Light of Christ Centre, Waitara

Every Christian has a vocation, a special invitation from God to become holy and whole, to walk a unique, earthly path that leads ultimately to heaven. Samuel Group participants are encouraged to bring their unique questions, desires, strengths and weaknesses to God, and to learn to respond to His loving voice. This discernment event is for young adults, who meet together once a month in order to pray, ask questions and discover their individual vocations or lifetime call from God. We invite you to set aside a few hours on Wednesday evening March 27 in order to learn more about God and yourself and investigate your vocation, a special call from God, to leave a mark in this world.

Dates: 27 March, 29 May, 24 July, 18 September, 20 November, 2019
Time: 5:30-7:30pm;

Where: In 'The Priory', Holy Name Parish, 35 Billyard Ave Wairoa



Pope's intention for MARCH
Evangelization - Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



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"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." - 1 Peter 4:10

KCCP Youth Group Easter Egg Raffle

Enabling young people to meet with their peers; socialise and become part of the community

Support our Youth Ministry
'A Church without Youth, is a Church without a future'

Tickets on sale from 30 March after all masses or from the Parish Office

Easter Egg-stravaganza!

We're skipping dinner

& going straight to dessert!

KCCP Youth Group

Join us on Sunday April 7 for 6pm Youth Mass at Asquith followed by Youth Group at 7pm in the hall.

Don't forget to bring your Easter Egg donation for the Youth Easter Raffle. For more info please contact Michelle @ michelle.chahine@bbcatholic.org.au

There is never an age limit on chocolate



URGENT NEED @ SPA

Altar linen cleaner

We are in urgent need of someone to take on the **washing of the linen used at our masses at Asquith.**

If you can help or want to know more *please* speak with either of our priests or contact the office on 9456 2450.



VOLUNTEER

St Bernard's Church Technology Volunteers

needed to operate the computer and data projector during weekend Masses, in particular playing recorded music, mp3s when no instrumentalists are available. All training given! You don't have to be a musician, just interested in helping out! Please contact the Parish Office, Peter Brooks (St Bernard's) or Patricia Smith (St Patrick's).



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ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 30/31 March—4th Sunday in Lent—Year C

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE

Yr C: Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32; (10am SPA: Yr A: 1 Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9: 1-41)

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904)			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
	Fr Joy Thomas	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Joy Thomas	Fr Joy Thomas	Fr Shaju John
Acolyte/Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Alex Jarominek	Malcolm Cross	Bill Martin	John Messina	Matthew Cross
Server	Kyrach McMahon Preston Nguyen(sub) Alex Rogers	Alena Hartmann Levi McLoughlin Bronte Tonkin	Aidan Hon Ambrose Hon	Nicholas Ward Lachlan Onslow Abbey McAdam	Jack Nilson Lachlan McCredie John Cosgrove Holly Harmon Pedro Rodrigues	Anika Campos Olivia Ratcliffe
Reader	Jerome Gomez AnneMaree Hurchins	Denise Harant Christina Hopwood	Henning Schneider Celia Cox	Vivienne Schreiber Russel Schreiber	Simone Noel Susie Gates	Don Low Ethleen Low
Children's Liturgy	April 7, 2019—Jackie T.		April 7, 2019— Karen P. & Kathleen Q.			
Communion to Sick	Jane Hunter		Millie Wong, Cynthia Gilbertson			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Paul Waite, Sarah Jane Sibelja, Gisela Muschal (s). N.B. NO FLOWERS in Lent		Marie Bright, Imm Lui, Jeanette Hester, Anthony Drake (Saturday) N.B. NO FLOWERS in the churches during Lent.			
Maintenance	Both teams A & B		March: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Filso Sebastian			
Counters	Ruth Maher, Philip Turner		Henning Schneider, Coral Thaddeus, Mary Stokes, Artemio Bulan.			

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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The 250 Club! RESULTS: Week 5: 18/3/2019 ~ Winning Number: 578 ~ Winner: Michaela De Souza ~ Amount: \$500!!!!!!

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