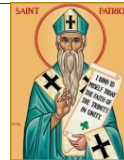


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 26th February 2023 ~ **1st Sunday of Lent** ~ Year A

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11



Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Alleluia Verse: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

'Seek God,

Find God,

Embrace God in Jesus'

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

Until further notice there will be
ONE Morning Mass only
on weekdays

St Patrick's 9am:

Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat

St Bernard's 9am: Wed ~ Fri

(except 1st Friday of the month when
Mass is at 11.30am @ St Bernard's)

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.



Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop - 23 February 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Just the other day I heard someone parroting the tired old line that we have to become a "new Church". This monotonous tune included the call to cast off acts of devotion and piety that have held Catholic Christians steady in the faith for generations.

Our vocation is not to "become a new Church", it is to be faithful to our baptism which calls us into communion with God and with others. Rather our vocation and mission as priests, teachers, parents, families, and witnesses of God's love and mercy, is to probe the mystery of a relationship with God, which is made possible through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It is not a "new" Church that is needed but a faithful and renewed one. The People of God – priests and people – all the baptised, living life to the full in the Spirit of God.

My sisters and brothers, the holy season of Lent provides us with many opportunities to embrace and live life in the Spirit by turning away from sin and believing in the Good News.

What we do in Lent will hopefully impact upon who we are for the rest of the year.

Perhaps we can rebuild some of our Lenten practices from the past, look at new ways of fasting and penance, consider works of mercy that brings our communities of faith together to work for peace and justice, embrace our [Lenten Program](#) in Broken Bay with family and friends to open pathways for genuine conversion to Christ.

My dear people, the invitation this Lent is not one to replant ideals and practices from the past into our time. That would be far too simplistic. Rather, I would invite you to ask one question: *Who is Christ for the world of this time?*

Having asked that question, we then must ask: *what must change in my life, so that others will see and know Christ in me?*

Considering these two questions will keep most of us busy during the forty days of Lent. This is our Lenten work. Might we undertake this work with cheerfulness and joy so that we will become holy, to become people who love God and our neighbour more and more.

+ Anthony

Catechists ~ those we have but more needed!

At last Sunday's 10am Mass at St Patrick's Asquith, our Catechists publicly renewed their commitment to this most important ministry, and held an exhibition about the catechetical ministry after Mass.

Today, they will host a morning coffee at **St Bernard's Berowra Heights** and again exhibit and speak about **taking the Word of God into our NSW State Primary Schools**. Our parish is in desperate need of new Catechists and helpers, so please, stop and have a coffee and chat with our Catechists about **'having a go'** at this rewarding ministry.



19-2-2023
Renewal of
Commitment
by KCCP Catechists



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Diocese of Broken Bay Australia

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Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper / Bookkeeper: Karen Price

Vol. Office Assist: Jan Favaloro / Vol. Sacramental Team: Peta & Phill

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'Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic parish acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.'

Pope's intention for February: For parishes:
We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Ordinary Time ~ Year A
Monday 27/02
Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday 28/02
Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday 01/03
Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday 02/03
Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Mt 7:7-12
Friday 03/03
Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday 04/03
Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:
Agnes Yoon, Jean Dorahy, Mark Formby, Bill Healy
ANNIVERSARIES:
Karen Fitzgerald, Lillian D'Souza, Mary & Frank Jack,
SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:
Those suffering from Covid-19 - that it is brought under control and eliminated as a health risk.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:
Maria Park, Anna Cho, Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham, Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Datoc, Ann Leslie, Georgina Hughes, Mary Burns, Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, Jean Cook, Barbara Jones, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Brian Treacy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Josef, Marie Haag, Elaine Longmuir.

 **Altar Society and flower volunteers please note:**
During Lent it is forbidden for the Altar to be decorated with flowers. GIRM #305, (: thank you :)



Some welcome news from our Vicar General ~ Our churches are once again free to return to the availability of holy water in fonts at the entrances to our churches. however, common sense should prevail. As we seek to maintain the fonts in the most hygienic way possible, the final choice rests with the individual ~ to use or not to use the holy water ~ is therefore a matter of personal consideration for your health and safety. For the time being, however, the Eucharist must only be distributed to the Faithful through the Body of Christ. The sharing of the Chalice amongst the people is not yet to be reintroduced. (VG 18-2-23)

What a Spirit filled way to begin Lent ~
All students of our Parish Primary Schools this week attended special



Ash
Wednesday Masses.



~ "Repent and believe in the Gospel."
The children remained reverent at all times and most especially

when they received the Ashes.



Planning ahead for LENT at KCCP 2023

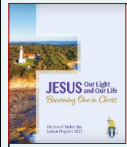
Reconciliation Times during Lent:
Every Saturday 9.30am at Asquith and Every Friday after 9am Mass at Berowra (except 1st Friday when they will be at 10.30am)
Additional opportunities for Reconciliation:
* Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, after morning Mass on request.



Advance Notice to Mark your Diary:
Easter Reconciliation 2nd Rite
Tuesday 28 March 2023, 7.30pm
St Patrick's Asquith only



Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Bernard's Berowra Heights:
8.30am Friday mornings followed by 9am Holy Mass, except the 1st Friday of the month (3 March) when Stations will be at 10.30am
Stations of the Cross during Lent at Patrick's Asquith: 7.30pm every Friday evening



PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME 2023
Jesus: Our Light and our Life, Becoming One in Christ,
commenced last Thursday **But** it's never too late to join in ! Every week is unique!
Please gather at **7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, in the Fr McMaugh Hall, St Patrick's, Asquith.**
This programme will continue over all Thursday nights during Lent.
I warmly invite you to attend this group, however, if you would be more comfortable working through this Lenten preparation programme on your own (or in a smaller group, perhaps in your home), then please contact the office who can provide you with the booklets. Fr Biju.



KCCP Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner 2022 (even though it happened in 2023 !).

On the evening of Friday 17th February we (the few) finally had the opportunity to thank you (the many) Volunteers of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish. Around 70 parishioners came together to share a meal and beforehand many joined together in prayer gratitude at our Thanksgiving Mass. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Committee, Staff and Clergy alike were very appreciative of the opportunity to thank you for all you do for the parish.

We hope that each and everyone of you enjoyed the evening.



Project compassion boxes - available today from the back of our churches.

This years Project Compassion theme is: 'For All Future Generations'
Please take home a Project Compassion box to help support vulnerable people around the world now and **For All Future Generations.**
Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to a build better future for all.



We're back and the first win for 2023 can now be announced !
Week 1 - 20/2/2023; Winning Number: 184; First Winner for 2023: Anne Bourke; Amount: \$25
We still have 'number blocks' available so why not be part of the fun?
Your investment of just \$20 offers gives you 80 chances to win ! being and 64 chances to win \$25 and a whopping 16 chances to win \$500!!
Please call 9456 2450 or email parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au



Tap n Go donation points available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10. Thank you for your support through these devices.



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



World Day of Prayer: THIS Friday 3 March 2023, 7pm Uniting Church of Berowra, Alan Road, Berowra.

The World Day of Prayer is celebrated annually on the first Friday in March.

It is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year.

In 2023, the host country is **Taiwan**, and the theme will be **"I have heard about your faith."** Ecumenical services involving our parish will this year be held at the **Uniting Church of Berowra**.

Gen Funk has kindly offered to be the reader representing the Catholic Faith this year, and she would love to be joined by as many Catholics as possible.

Next year it is our turn once again to host this evening (which is quite simple to do), so please let us know NOW if you can co-ordinate the evening for us by calling 9456 2450.



Prayers for Ukraine ~ This week marked the first anniversary of Russia's devastating invasion of Ukraine. More than 7,000 have been killed, nearly 8,000 injured and an estimated 12 million people driven from their homes during and following missile, tank and ground attacks. The resilience of the Ukraine people is amazing, however let us

keep up our prayers for those who have lost their lives, the injured and homeless and those here who have family suffering in their own country or who are now refugees across borders.

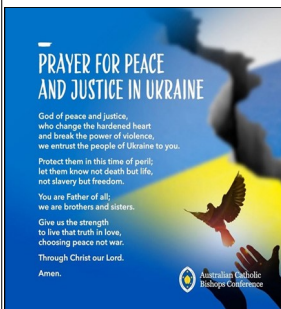
Let us pray for the People of the Ukraine:

That by our Lenten Prayer and Penance they may

know that we are in solidarity with them;

That those suffering because of the injustices imposed on them may persevere in faith and the practical support of other nations;

For the gift of peace in the Ukraine, that the support of the world's nations may bring a peaceful end to the war with Russia. *Amen.*



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Hearing the story of Adam and Eve in today's first reading reminds me of the little boy who opened the large family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely.

It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mummy, look what I found', the little boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: 'I think it's Adam's suit!'

The Genesis story about the origins of sin in the world rewards very careful reading. The serpent promises Eve two things: that her eyes will be opened to know good from evil and that this will make her like God. Such a temptation was irresistible and nothing has changed.

Knowledge is a gift given us by God. I am always grateful for being a Catholic because, along with other long-standing Christian denominations, we highly value scholarship, rational thought and inquiry. As anxious as the Church has sometimes been about scientific investigations, our best traditions are to see God revealed in human thoughts and scientific achievements that ennoble our human family. It is the application of knowledge, or the way it is abused, that can be harmful.

On the domestic front, many families have a 'know-it-all', the relative who has an extraordinary ability to retain facts and figures and who seems to gain a sense of self-worth by correcting us mid-sentence when we get a number, place or fact wrong. He or she can be very irritating. On the world stage we have seen how scientific knowledge can try and seduce us into believing that all scientific achievements are good no matter how unknown the consequences of these choices might be for future generations. Every new piece of knowledge brings with it wonderful potentialities and serious responsibilities.

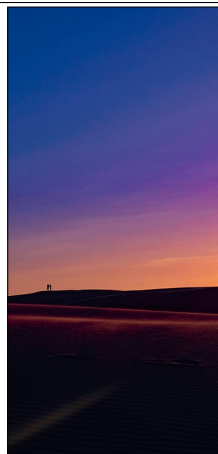
As this story demonstrates, the temptation to know as much as God has never been more real than it is right now.

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. The scientists walk up to God and say, 'God we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and get lost.'

God listened patiently and after the scientists were finished, said, 'Very well! How about this? Let's have a woman-and-man-making contest.' To which they agreed. However God added, 'How about we do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam?' The scientists said, 'Sure, no problem', and bent down and grabbed some dirt. God just looked at them and said, 'No, no, no. You go and get your own dirt!'

Today's Gospel is about knowledge too. Satan knows who Jesus is. His temptations are an attempt to get Jesus to betray his humanity and not endure the limitations of his daily life. Jesus knows that the only way to be true to his divinity is allow us to see it shine in and through his human life. The rejection of the temptation to compromise his frail human frame gives us the hope that we, too, can glimpse the power of God's greatness in every moment we reject the desire to be directors of our own destiny and to see good triumph over evil in the choices we make.

It's a relief to know we don't have to be God! May this Lent see us do what we are created for: to use all our knowledge to praise, reverence and serve the Loving One who willed us into being.



PADDY'S KIDS PLAYGROUP IS BACK!

MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY
Parish Meeting Room
9am - 10:30am

Register here:

Paddy's Kids Playgroup is back! Returning Monday 27th February, please join us in the **Parish Meeting Room at St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School between 9am and 10:30am.**

If you are interested in attending our first session back for the year, please register using the QR code or visit:

<https://forms.gle/D6U1vq6Kk9vHEpH77>

All are welcome! If you have any questions about Playgroup, please don't hesitate to email the school at spa@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Register here:



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

is hosting the parish Coffee Corner after 10am Mass this weekend.

Come and have a chat to other mums and dads about how much their kids have gained from being in the Choir, musically, spiritually and personally, and how your own child can become involved.

Children's Choir is open to:

Anyone from Year 3 to Year 12, from any school in the parish.

Children's Choir sings at:

10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

Children's Choir practises:

Every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church

Interested? Further inquiries:

Patricia Smith 9482 7935

Are you the face of St. Patrick's Hospitality?

This volunteer position is quite simple ...

- Keep the coffee cupboard stocked
- Keep the cupboard clean
- Organise only some parish occasions such as St. Paddy's Day, etc. **Interested? Please call the office 9456 2450.**



Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 4th/5th March 2023 - 2nd Sunday in Lent Year A - Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

	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	Paul Dryden	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
Altar Servers	Robyn Orr	Verity Hartmann	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Oscar Braga	Volunteer needed
Altar Servers	Volunteer needed	Olive O'Keefe	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Mia Nguyen	Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Donna Machado	Peter Collins	Edwina Subramany	Michael Halliday	Chris Newnham	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Jeanette Neary	Sub requested	Jim Fitzgerald	Sue Newnham	Gabriel Henao
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers*	Natasha Steele; Gen Funk; Ted Cook; Annette Shapter (s)		Sue O'Malley; Mary O'Malley; John & Sue O'Malley; Fiona Fone (f). * During Lent - No Flowers - just greenery pls.			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		March: Malcolm Cross & David Chui			

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*.

Information Session
Does working with people living with a disability appeal to you?

Is 2023 the year you pursue a career in the Community Services sector?

Do you want to help to create a world where people living with a disability are valued equally, listened to and included? Then register for the upcoming info. session on **Wed. 1 March in Waitara** and find out why working for CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay is so rewarding. We have a number of exciting roles available and can offer you an interview on the spot if it's a good fit! Register here <https://catholiccaredbb.expr3ss.com/jobDetails?selectJob=511>.

Mount St Benedict College OPEN DAY Sunday 5 March 10am-2pm



Families with a daughter in Year 5 should apply now for Year 7, 2025. Online Expression of Interest forms should be lodged by the end of Year 4.

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WYD23 Registration update ~ The excitement is certainly building as we continue to plan and prepare for WYD23. All places on the **FULL** pilgrimage have reached capacity. We have a number of spaces available, for young adults (over 18's) on the **DIRECT** pilgrimage 29 July to 11 August. Young adults are invited to consider journeying with us, by joining the Direct option, please register your interest by visiting <https://bbwyd.org.au/register-for-wyd/> to secure your place on the pilgrimage.



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