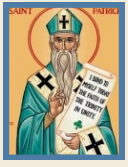


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 27th December 2020 ~ Feast of the Holy Family ~ Year B

Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3 **OR** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 **OR** Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

Entrance Antiphon: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

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'



Family harmony ~ This feast might set too high an ideal for families, if the homilist lauds the virtues of the Holy Family, without also showing that they had to face many issues not unlike those of our own households. Fortunately the Gospel tells us something quite different about the childhood of Jesus, in a down-to-earth way. Even though we honour them as the Holy Family, it does not mean they never had problems to face, as every family must. Just as every Christian has a share in the cross of Christ, the Holy Family also experienced the cross in their shared life. To mention just a few examples, we can imagine how misunderstood both Mary and Joseph must have been about the conception of Jesus before they came to live together. Joseph was even planning to divorce Mary privately before being assured that it was the work of God. Nine months later, the birthplace of Jesus was an animal shelter, since no better lodgings could be found.

Today's Gospel from **St Matthew** shows how the little family had to flee as refugees to Egypt because the child Jesus' life was in danger from king Herod, in much the same way as refugees from war-torn countries have to flee to save their lives. This prompts us to be more aware of, and show more empathy towards, those refugees in our own day who seek a safer life among us than they had in the countries from which they fled. **St Luke** has another story to illustrate what trials were faced by Mary and Joseph, in trying to understand the development of Jesus as a young person. When he was twelve, they were shocked to lose him for three days and then had to deal with the unsatisfactory explanation that he **"had to be about his Father's business."** Still, he returned with them to Nazareth and was subject to them, in the quiet rhythm of family life in their village. We do not hear of Joseph any more after that so we presume that he had died before Jesus began his public ministry. Then too, the public life of Jesus must have taken its toll on Mary. In the Temple when he was an infant, old Simeon had predicted that a sword of sorrow would pierce Mary's soul. How she must have been pained to hear his enemies say that Jesus was a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners, and at the end, when Mary watched her son die in public disgrace, on the cross. **What sustained the family of Nazareth through all of these trials and crosses?** What holds families together in times of difficulty is love and trust. Whenever families are happy, it is where love and respect are highly prized among them. We pray for an outpouring of those qualities in our families today. A major threat to family life nowadays is that we don't spend enough time together, in friendly conversation. We are so busy working, socialising, using our electronic gadgets or watching TV that we have no time to talk to each other.

A barrister, a busy career woman, was living just ten kilometres from her old, widowed father. But months often passed between her visits to him. When her father texted to ask when she might bring his grandchildren to visit him, she listed lots of reasons that kept her from doing so, court schedules, meetings, new clients, etc. Her father then asked her, sadly, **'When I die, will you come to my funeral?'** The daughter was indignant. **"Dad, how can you ask me that? Of course, I'll be there!"** He smiled and said, **"Aah! Then please forget my funeral and come to visit me now. I need you now more than I will then."** Message understood – and the daughter began to visit him regularly after that. © <https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2020/12/the-holy-family-of-jesus-mary-and-joseph/>

On this Feast of the Holy Family we take time to give thanks to and for our Faith Family

Under very trying and sometimes difficult and stressful circumstance, the talents and gifts freely given by so many in our community have brought about a bit of a Christmas Miracle, enabling all of us able to Celebrate the Birth of Our Lord in the very best way we possible could. You all deserve to be publicly acknowledged,

the only difficulty is where to begin and so, in no particular order, we thank God for His blessings of:

- * our maintenance teams and altar societies
- * our cleaners, decorators and flower arrangers
- * our senior servers
- * our readers, commentators and welcomers

- * our musicians and cantors
- * our collectors and counters
- * our intercession writers
- * our Ushers and Wardens
- * You ! our amazing congregation and visitors
- * Fr Shaju and Fr Joy & our office staff.

Lord,
we thank you for our family.
Bless each one of us in our uniqueness and let us use our gifts and talents to ensure unity and love within our family now and always.
Amen.

Please remember, there will be **only ONE Morning Mass on weekdays** in our parish **from tomorrow 28 December 2020 to 22 January 2021 (inclusive)**
Masses will be celebrated during this period as follows:
9am at St Patrick's Asquith ~ Monday-Tuesday-Thursday
9am at St Bernard's Berowra Heights ~ Wednesday-Friday.

[Exception] ~ **New Year's Day Mass Friday 1st January 2021**
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God when Mass will be celebrated at **8am at Asquith and 9am at Berowra Heights.**
Please consider starting the New Year with God and Our Lady on this very special day.

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



The Pastoral Centre is CLOSED until Wednesday 20 January 2021.

For urgent assistance email the office on: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au OR phone 9456 2450 and leave a message.

Please note, Phones will only be checked **WEEKLY**, and **only urgent messages** will be responded to. (Non-urgent emails & calls will be responded to after Jan. 20th)

REMEMBER: If in URGENT NEED ONLY of a priest, the emergency number is: 0468 341 841.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 2nd / 3rd Jan – (Solemnity) The Epiphany of the Lord - Year B

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Barbara McMullen	Darrin Patterson	Malcolm Cross	Sue Lum	Robert Pesavento
Reader (1)	John Ryan	Peter Collins	Hayley Rodrigues	Rosemary Pendlebury	Mary Stokes	Youth Reader (1)
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Sub Requested	Helen Chui	Michael Halliday	Sub Requested	Youth Reader (2)
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favalaro	Freda Alaalatoa	Chris Smith	Jim Fitzgerald	Susie Gates	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Natasha Stelle, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook		Pat Smith, Ellen Downey (f), Marion Pahalawatta, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo (f)			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		January: Milen Kurishingal, Grace Milen, Patrick Dias - additional help always appreciated please			

Obligation to be present at the Sunday Eucharist HAS NOW RESUMED:

Our Bishop, Anthony Randazzo, has rescinded the Decree he made earlier this year and the Faithful are now called upon and encouraged to resume their obligation as part of the living Body of Christ. Under Canon 1247, the Faithful are now once more obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and the Holy Days of Christmas and the Assumption. Those who are aged or have health conditions, or are otherwise anxious about the risk of COVID 19, are free to remain at home, honouring the Lord's Day through the best way open to them. Eg: Watching live-streamed Mass, private prayer, reading the Scripture, praying the Rosary.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Walter Ebenezer, Margaret Treacy, Karin Wisniewski, George Thompson, Pedro Celso, Colin Kenny, Mary Kathleen Levy, Anita M Jimenez
ANNIVERSARIES: Eliasz Maciejewski, Neil Mickelson, Mary Treacy, David Webster, Helena Noske, David Huntley, Assunta Fraietta, Maria Lombardo, Frank and Mary Jack, Bill McDonagh, Julia Healy, Alison Hinton, Nancy Gomez
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Tom Dawson, Barbara Jones, Brian Neary, Jean Cook, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Stephen C C, Dan Leavy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Antonia Alvarado, Terry Treacy, Margaret Acret, Peter Nguyen, Anne Brady, Sr Tincy Thomas, Nemia Camille Asiong, Marie O'Hare, Rodney Porter.
Please NOTE WELL: It is now the practice of this parish (each January), to delete from the Sick list the names of those whose situation hasn't been updated. Please contact the office after January 20th to reinstate a name.



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Pope's intention for December:

For a life of prayer ~
 We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Anniversary Congratulations, Fr Shaju & Fr Joy

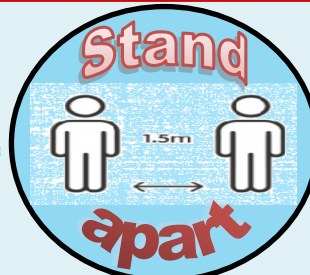
You are in our thoughts and prayers on this the 26th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood.

May the Eternal Priest, give you both more wisdom and strength to carry out His mission towards the people entrusted to your Pastoral Care.

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek" Hebrews 7:17



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



Church Capacities:
 202 ~ St Patrick's, 122 ~ St Bernard's
 If unwell ~ DO NOT come to mass ~ please see your doctor