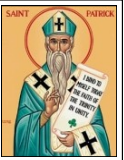


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

27th February 2022

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Sir 27:4-7

1 Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45

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

St Bernard's	8am	Mon, Tues, Thurs
	9am	Wed and Fri
St Patrick's	8am	Wed and Fri
	9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs

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.

HOMILY © Richard Leonard SJ

At Rome, during the 16th Century, the most famous confessor in town was St Philip Neri. Popes and paupers sought his counsel and spiritual direction. One day a famous Duchess came to him and confessed the sin of gossip. Philip Neri told her to go home and get a feather pillow and return to the steps of the Church. Some time later he met her there and produced a small knife. He told the noblewoman to rip open the pillow. As she did, the swirling wind in the square picked up the loose feathers and they danced around the square and down the lanes.



St Philip and the Duchess watched in silence as the feathers went everywhere. He then turned to her and said, "Now, go and collect all the feathers." To which she protested, "They have gone everywhere, I couldn't possibly find and regather them." "So too with your tongue, Madam," St Philip scolded her, "You have no idea where your gossip goes and you can never unsay it."

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us that our words reflect the state of our hearts. (...)

Jesus does not tell us today that there is no place for criticism, challenge, confrontation and correction in the Christian life. Just that we have the responsibility to very careful about what we say about others and how we criticise and condemn them. Jesus reminds us that most of our condemnation of others, is what we now call, "projection", where we ignore similar failings in ourselves, but roundly condemn them in others.

May this Eucharist, then, help all of us let go of the need to be powerful, the deadly sin of envy and be more creative with what we do when we are bored. May it help us make better choices about how we speak, to whom we speak and what we say.

St Philip Neri knew it all too well:

most times we cannot know the consequences of what we say and we can never unsay it.

TODAY IS CATCHIST SUNDAY ~ At the 10am Mass at St Patrick's our Catechists will come forward to renew their Pledge to the SRE Ministry and receive a special blessing at the beginning of the school year. *Please keep all Catechists and the students in your prayers.*



Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of Broken Bay ~ Letter to the people of Broken Bay

Throughout our Diocese of Broken Bay, hundreds of women and men generously and enthusiastically carry out their mission on a weekly basis as catechists. Their participation in this mission is not to be underestimated. These women and men of faith are called and commissioned to be spiritual guides, teachers of the faith, and leaders in the community.

They work with the priests and deacons of the Church. Under my episcopal oversight and care, they are engaged in the mission of evangelisation and catechesis – which is first and foremost a work of faith.

For the children's sake, please don't let our plea fall on deaf ears.

Our parishioner **Mary Elizabeth Gomez** has answered the call because she knows that without Catechists to teach them some children won't know that God exists. *Thank you Mary Elizabeth.*

The precious gift of faith in God and the knowledge of God is given to every child in the Public School system, by Catechists in our Parish but sadly we don't have enough Catechists. Many people sit back and wait for others to volunteer or say

"I couldn't do that, it isn't for me" but how do you know what you are capable of if you haven't even tried!

All lessons are prepared for you. They are simple and training is provided.

Can you help us to help them?? We still need eight more Catechists

When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be and may we stay that way – better for each other.



For more information contact Cynthia Gilbertson Catechist Coordinator on 0407 650 208 or the Parish Office on 9456 2450.



PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

Opening Hours: 9am – 3.30pm, Mon-Fri only.

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Phone: (02) 9456 2450 / **Website:** www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp

Parish Office Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay Australia

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Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper / **Vol. Office Assist:** Jan Favaloro

Bookkeeper: Karen Price / **Sacramental Team:** Peta, Grace & Phill

Sacramental Team Email: kccpsacraments@gmail.com

When entering our Churches, for the safety of ourselves, fellow parishioners and visitors, we highly recommend that you Wear a Mask thank you.

'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.'

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Eighth Week of Ordinary Time Year C

Monday 28/02

1 Pet 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday 01/03

1 Pet 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday 02/03

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18; Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday [after Ash Wed.] 03/03

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

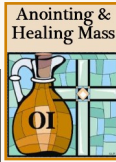
Friday [after Ash Wed.] 04/04

Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday [after Ash Wed.] 05/03

Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32

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



First Friday of the Month: 4 March 2022

ANOINTING & HEALING MASS: 11.30am @ St Bernard's:

Adoration: 10.30am; Reconciliation: 11.00am;

Healing Mass: 11.30am



Planning ahead for LENT at KCCP 2022

Ash Wednesday Mass Times 2 March 2022

Berowra: 9am//11am (school mass)

Asquith: 8am//9.30am (school mass)//7.30 pm

Reconciliation Times during Lent:
Every Saturday 9.30 am at Asquith and Every Friday after 9am Mass at Berowra (except First Friday)

Additional opportunities for Reconciliation:

* Wednesday, Thursday, Friday after morning Mass on request.



Advance Notice to Mark your Diary:

Easter Reconciliation 2nd Rite

Thursday 7 April 2022

7pm-8pm

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 (4 March & 1 April 2022)

when Stations will be at 10.30am followed by 11am Adoration and Benediction, Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, then 11.30am Anointing and Healing Mass.

Stations of the Cross during Lent at Patrick's Asquith:

7.30pm every Friday evening

RECENTLY DECEASED:

James Randle, Phil Duggan, Minerva Santos, Bob Nicholls, David Ledlin, Paul Bishop, Virginia Calacoci, Lorna Bensley.

ANNIVERSARIES: Matthew & Linda Ho, Michael Leong, Karen Fitzgerald, Bill Colman, Milagros Apostol Manangdo, Irene Berry, Neville Nicholson, Mary Treacy, Kevin Harant, Mary Ann Weir, Mary & Frank Jack, Aurora Apostol Santos, Milagros Apostol Manangdo.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: For those suffering from Covid-19 - that it will brought under control and eliminated as a health risk for all.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Mary Burns, 'Roy', Rey Hilario, Jean Cook, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy, Felicity Fone, Barbara Jones, Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef, Tom Dawson, Marie Haag, Elaine Longmuir, Sally Agnew.

Lenten Penance Letter from Bishop Anthony Randazzo

This letter is now available from the back of our churches. Please take one home with you. If you would like an electronic version, please contact the office.

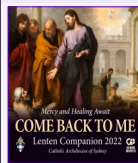


Altar Society and flower volunteers please note: During Lent

it is forbidden for the Altar to be decorated with flowers.

GIRM #305, thank you :)

To help you prepare for Easter ~ Lenten Programme/s



For many of our parishioners coming back to Mass in the current pandemic situation, is still a daunting prospect. That is why this year, the PPC and I have decided to encourage parishioners to do a private preparation during Lent as we journey towards Easter.

The following Lenten Companion offering, comes from the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, and is entitled

"Mercy and Healing Await ~ Come Back To Me".

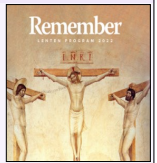
The beauty of this programme in the current situation is that it can be done privately, as a family unit, or if you are comfortable with a small gathering of like minded parishioners in your homes.

To access the programme please go to:

<https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/A4-Square-Lenten-Resource-2022-Web.pdf>

Another Lenten Programme for you to consider

(Diocese of Wollongong)



If you would like to join a Lenten reflection group meeting weekly either during the day or evening, or open your home to host a group, please contact the parish office to provide your name, contact number and day/night preference.

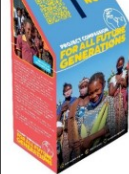
This will then be passed along to the organisers who will contact you. The Lenten Programme involves reading and reflecting on the Sunday Gospel and listening to a short reflection.

Rite of Election 2022 – 6 March 2022 Catechumens of the Diocese, Parish RCIA groups and all parishioners are warmly invited to attend this year's Rite of Election with Bishop Anthony Randazzo, where Catechumens will be presented to the Bishop and officially enrolled into the list of the Elect for the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.

The Rite will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, on Sunday 6 March at 2pm.

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*. You can help vulnerable communities tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

This week saw the first draw in the new series of

The 250 Club!

Week 1: 14/02/2022; Winning No: 895 Amt: \$25.00; Winner: Unsubscribed



For just \$1 per week over a 20 week period (that's just \$20 all up) you might have had this number and already you would have won your money back & made a profit!

Come on, join the club, you know you want too!

Of the 250 'blocks' of numbers we have:

143 Financial blocks

(thank you so much for your ongoing support)

85 Unfinancial blocks

(parishioners who have not yet paid for the current series)

22 Unsubscribed blocks

(these are immediately available for 'purchase')

Please call the office asap to pay your membership or to purchase one (or additional) 'block/s' of numbers.

Remember: You have to be in it to win it!!!



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 new bank account (for regular or ad hoc donations), please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or via email to: parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au ~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Shaju.



FIRST RECONCILIATION WORKSHOPS

The first of four Workshops for our children begin this week.

The children and their families will join us for Mass each week prior to making their First Reconciliation on either April 5th (SPA) or April 6th (SBB).

Please keep the children, their families and our workshop leaders in your prayers.

For more information please contact our Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



2021 National Church Life Survey forms are still available

THIS weekend 26/27th February 2022.

The Code for St Patrick's is: **TA225501** / The Code for St Bernard's is: **TA225502**

If you did not take a survey form last week for completion, they are again available from the back of the churches today for your consideration. (You need only complete the form once).

Your assistance would be appreciated by completing the survey before or after the Mass you attend, or take it home and return it next weekend when the survey will conclude.

There is a box provided for completed surveys at the back of each church, *thank you for participating.*



In recognition of our wonderful **USHERS** who are no longer required

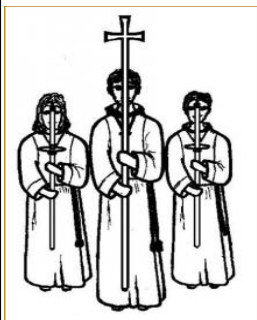
Dear Ushers, please know that we owe each and everyone of you a **huge debt of gratitude** and **cannot thank you enough** for all you have done to keep us safe.

May God bless you all with good health always.

Altar Server Training: Have you made your First Holy Communion? **Yes!**

That's great news because it means that

YOU can become an Altar Server !



Altar Server Training will take place at St Bernard's Berowra Heights on Tuesday 22 March & Thursday 24th March from 3.15- 4pm

(children must attend both sessions at St Bernard's).

and at St Patrick's Asquith on Thursday 3 March & Thursday 10 March from 3.15- 4pm

(children need only attend one session at St Patrick's).

Parents/guardians will need to sign a consent form to take you to Mass when rostered to serve and you will be rostered for whichever weekend Mass you usually attend.

This form can be downloaded from our website by copy and pasting the link into your browser:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/groups-ministries/ministries-at-mass> then in the section 'Altar Servers, Assist at Sunday Masses', please chose **'click here'** for either *St Bernard's* or *St Patrick's*.

Mr Vince Hughes will be training you for St Bernard's and Mr Malcolm Cross for St Patrick's. Both gentlemen hold current Working With Children Clearances and look forward to meeting you.



Young Adults Gather for Glorious

On Wednesday the 16th of February, Catholic Youth Broken Bay (CYBB) launched a new initiative for young adults called *Glorious*. Eighty young people from across the

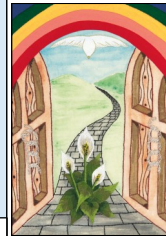
Diocese and further afield gathered at the Light of Christ Centre to meet, mingle and discover what *Glorious* will look like. As Alex Leach (CYBB Team Leader) explained on the night, *Glorious* is a community for young adults who want to offer others the chance to encounter Christ through creative arts and events.

The next step for those interested is the first *Glorious* fortnightly gathering, taking place on Thursday March 3rd in the Nulty Room at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral (just opposite the doors of the Cathedral). For anyone 18-35 who is interested in any of the creative arts, production, events management or hospitality, Alex and Rachel from CYBB would love to see you there.

Where: Nulty Room, Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 25 Yardley Avenue, Waitara NSW;

When: 6 – 9 pm, Thursday 3rd March; **Who:** 18-35s who want to be part of something special.

More information: rachel.vala@bbcatholic.org.au or follow Catholic Youth Broken Bay on Instagram & Facebook



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

Friday, March 4 @ 7pm.

This year, the theme or country being

celebrated during

World Day of Prayer is the United Kingdom.

England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

There will be songs, stories, food etc from England, Scotland, Wales & Ireland.

This year the host church is: St Marks Anglican Church, 18 Berowra Waters Road, and everyone is invited.

It is hoped that Ku-ring-gai Chase will be well represented this year, so you are asked to keep the date free. We are also seeking some volunteers from KCCP to take on perhaps a reading. Our parish liaison person, Gen Funk, is happy for any volunteers to contact her after 5pm on 0418 866 250.

This ecumenical day of prayer is a wonderful example of Christian Churches of various faiths, coming together in shared love of God.

POSITION VACANT

Parish Bookkeeper

Lindfield Killara Catholic Parish

Part-time, 1 day per week

The Parish is seeking a Bookkeeper for our busy office. The role includes maintenance of the parish financial records using MYOB, supplier payments, processing credit card receipts, payroll and quarterly BAS.

You would also be required to prepare quarterly reports for the Parish Finance Committee and an annual report for the diocese. Other aspects of the role include processing and remittance of various special appeals, entering receipt data into parish administration database and cooperating with the diocese for any internal audits/reviews.

Other finance related tasks as requested.

If you have previous bookkeeping or accounting experience and this role interests you, please email a cover letter and CV to colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au.

Applications close **Friday, 4 March 2022.**

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 5th/6th March 2022 — 1st Sunday in Lent — Year C
Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

	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	Barbara McMullen	Mani Subramany	Milen Kurishingal	Malcolm Cross	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Donna Machado	Paul Maher	Sue Watts	Russell Schreiber	Susie Gates	Gabriel Henao
Reader (2)	John Ryan	Freya Tonkin	Miguel Do Rego	Vivienne Schreiber	Elizabeth Fernandes	Christine Vila
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Natasha Steele, Gen Funk, Ted Cook (f), Brenda Brooks (s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Leticia Wee, Michelle Blanco, Michelle Hwang (f)			
Maintenance	Team A & B — <i>additional help always appreciated</i>		Malcolm Cross, David Chui — <i>additional help always appreciated</i>			

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*.



Community Seminar

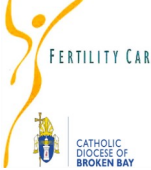
Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney

A free seminar for the Catholic community of the Central Coast featuring an expert legal advisor to answer your questions.

Date: Tuesday 15 March 2022
Time: 11.00am – 12.30pm
Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish, 239-243 The Entrance Road, The Entrance 2261
Catering: Light refreshments provided
Register: www.bbcatholic.org.au/willsday or contact David on 02 8379 1664 / david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au

Presenter
 **Cecilia Castle**, principle of Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 30 years. Cecilia is a regular speaker and writer on legal topics, Catholic and parishioner in the Diocese of Broken Bay.


Learning Hub: To view a Safeguarding Message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo, please copy and paste this link into your browser:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8gE8I-zC0k>



Saturday Sessions with Katie

Are you curious to know more about the FertilityCare System to effectively manage your fertility or infertility issues?

Come along to an introductory session on **Saturday 26th March @10.30am. Presented via zoom**, these sessions are a convenient way for you to learn more about your fertility to either achieve or avoid pregnancy, all from the comfort of your home (no babysitting required!). Please RSVP katie.fullilove@bbcatholic.org.au for details and/or zoom link.



Community News

The revised Diocesan Safeguarding Office Charter was finalised and approved 14 February 2022. The Charter outlines the overarching governance structure within the Diocese to meet its safeguarding commitment, including key responsibilities of dedicated safeguarding leadership roles and committees tasked with promoting and embedding a strong safeguarding culture within the Diocese. To access the Charter, please copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/diocesan-safeguarding>

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