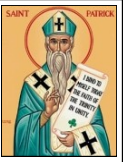


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

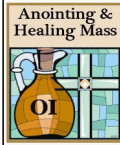
Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

27th March 2022
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year C

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



First Friday of the Month: 1 April 2022

ANOINTING & HEALING MASS:

11.30am @ St Bernard's:

Adoration: 10.30am; Reconciliation: 11.00am;

Healing Mass: 11.30am

A light community luncheon will follow the Mass ~ all are welcome.



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.



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Often our history colours everything about us, even those toward whom we can give the benefit of the doubt, be compassionate and forgive.

What is so shocking about Jesus' parable of the prodigal son is, that as the story goes, everything about the Jewish culture of first century Palestine set the boy up for a fall: he was greedy for his father's inheritance; we can assume he left the chosen land for the far country where he squandered his inheritance recklessly; he ended up eating with the unclean pigs; and then he had the temerity to return and ask for forgiveness.

This was the least likeable kid in town. He did not deserve to be treated better than a slave. That's what makes the boy's father so magnificent in love. He was derided by his faithful older son for this folly of the heart and he would have been considered a fool by his neighbours. And this is the model of compassion Jesus gives us to emulate.

The context for this story, however, matters. The author of Luke 15 has Jesus responding to charges about the company he was keeping and especially those with whom he dined. In Jesus' day, one only ate with intimates and Jesus shared his table with losers. Three parables are given as an explanation for this practice: the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son. In each case the shepherd, the woman and the father go to ridiculous lengths to save that which is lost.

Who was admitted to the table of Luke's community was a huge issue. It seems some things never change. The action and words of Jesus, however, lead us to conclude the table is here for those of us who know the frailty of our lives enough to recognise our hunger and thirst for the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. Today's Gospel is not just about each of us being welcomed into the arms of our compassionate God, it is also a challenge for us to defend the right of the outcasts, the public sinners and the losers who seek to turn their life around to be welcomed here as well.

This is not just about the table of the Eucharist, either. To the degree that we help our country be more hospitable to the most defenceless, the poor and the displaced then we live out the power of this parable.

May this Eucharist then, help us live beyond our history, which so often colours those toward whom we can give the benefit of the doubt and show compassion and may it give us the courage and faith to be ridiculously generous, and magnificently loving.



From the perspective of ...
The Older Brother

We might have a little sympathy for the position of the older brother who has stuck by his father and done all that was required of him.

All of a sudden his wayward brother returns and his father pulls out all the stops to welcome him home.

The older brother is like the Pharisees and scribes who criticised Jesus for dining with sinners.

They were sticklers for the rules and had no sense of compassion if it involved moving outside the requirements of Law.

Like the older brother, they could not comprehend a God who could be extravagant in expressing his love.

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

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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.'

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Fourth Week of Lent Year C

Monday 28/03

Is 65:17-21;

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday 29/03

Ezek 47:1-9, 12;

Jn 5:1-3, 5-16

Wednesday 30/03

Is 49:8-15;

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday 31/03

Ex 32:7-14;

Jn 5:31-47

Friday 01/04

Wis 2:1, 12-22;

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30;

Saturday 02/04

Jer 11:18-20;

Jn 7:40-52

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Catharina (Cathy) Reemst, Felicity Fone, Sam Calacoci, Patricia (Pat) Davies, Harry Hwang, James Randle, Phil Duggan, Minerva Santos, Bob Nicholls, David Ledlin

ANNIVERSARIES:

Gregory Cooper, Denis Mulligan, Joaquin Victor D'Souza, Matthew & Linda Ho, Michael Leong, Bill Colman, Karen Fitzgerald

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:

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



Pope's intention for March:

A Christian response to Bioethical Challenges:

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

The 250 Club!

Week 6: 22/03/22;

Winning No: 650;

Amount: \$25.00;

Winner: *Unfinancial*



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Advance Notice to Mark your Diary:
Easter Reconciliation 2nd Rite KCCP
St Patrick's Asquith
Thursday 7 April 2022 7pm-8pm



Reconciliation Times during Lent:
Saturdays 9.30 am at Asquith and Fridays after 9am Mass at Berowra (except First Friday)
Additional opportunities for Reconciliation:
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday after Mass on request.

KCCP	MASS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	THINGS TO NOTE
	Passion/Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord	Saturday 9 April 2022	Sunday 10 April 2022	5pm	St Bernard's
6pm				St Patrick's	
Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the feet)	Thursday 14 April 2022	Friday 15 April 2022	9am	St Bernard's	
			8am; 10am; 6pm	St Patrick's	
Good Friday Stations of the Cross	Friday 15 April 2022	Friday 15 April 2022	7.30pm	St Bernard's	(No morning Mass) Procession to Altar of Repose & private Adoration till 10pm
			7.30pm	St Patrick's	
Good Friday Passion of the Lord	Friday 15 April 2022	Saturday 16 April 2022	10am	St Bernard's	
			10am	St Patrick's	
Easter Vigil	Saturday 16 April 2022	Sunday 17 April 2022	3pm	St Bernard's	
			3pm	St Patrick's	
Easter Sunday	Sunday 17 April 2022	Sunday 17 April 2022	6pm	St Bernard's	(No morning Mass)
			7pm	St Patrick's	
			9am	St Bernard's	(No evening Mass in the parish on Easter Sunday)
			8am; 10am; 6pm	St Patrick's	

Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Bernard's Berowra Heights: 8.30am Friday mornings followed by 9am Holy Mass, except 1st Friday of the month ~ 1 April 2022
Stations of the Cross during Lent at Patrick's Asquith: 7.30pm every Friday evening

Taize Prayer Night ~ April 8th 7.30pm St Patrick's. "Everyone is welcome to join in this special opportunity to encounter God more deeply through spirit filled songs, prayer and silence and it's a great way to prepare for Holy Week."

Lenten Programme/s on offer in KCCP
"Mercy and Healing Await ~ Come Back To Me" (Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney)
This Lenten Companion can be done privately, as a family unit. **To access the programme please go to:** <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/A4-Square-Lenten-Resource-2022-Web.pdf>
"Remember" (Diocese of Wollongong) To join this group which reflects on the Sunday Gospel and listens to a short reflection, please contact the office to connect you with the group.

Project compassion boxes - available today: This years Project Compassion theme is: 'For All Future Generations' ~ The good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

CHRISM MASS The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at **7.30pm on Tuesday, 12 April** at OLOR Cathedral, Waitara.

The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment. During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. Parishioners are warmly invited to join together in this celebration.

Please contact the parish office before Monday 4 April should you wish to attend.

Would you consider Sponsoring a Paschal Candle?
Over the last couple of years, our parish has been blessed with parishioners prepared to Sponsor the purchasing of our annual Paschal Candle at each Church. The candles for both churches are identical in everyway and cost **\$270.60 each** (including postage and GST) they have already arrived at the Parish Office. If this is something you would like to do, please contact the parish office on 9456 2450.

APPEAL FOR HELP: In Ukraine, the war is entering its fourth week with ever-increasing civilian casualties and more than three million people – mostly women and children – forced to flee their country, while two million others are internally displaced.



It is a growing humanitarian crisis. Many aid organisations on the ground in Ukraine or in neighbouring Poland and Romania have appealed for support. **Donate today via: Caritas:** www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413
Aid to the Church in Need: Ukraine Emergency Appeal ~ <https://aidtochurch.org/ukraine>
Jesuit Misson: Ukraine Emergency Appeal ~ <https://jesuitmission.org.au/ukraine/>

OUR BANK DETAILS

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.



Everyone knows that St Patrick's Day is 17th March, so what could be more Irish than celebrating 3 days after the event!

- ◇ It was worth the wait though with a truly lovely Mass offered last Sunday the 20th, by our Parish Priest Fr Shaju.
- ◇ We were treated to yet another inspired speech by our resident Irish Emcee and PPC Chair, Michael Halliday
- ◇ Inspirational music was coordinated especially for the day by Sarah Massa and
- ◇ A delicious morning tea was arranged by our Hospitality Team of Tess and Francis, with their helpers, Lettie, Michelle and Leila who provided us with hot tea and coffee, cake and other yummy things, biscuits and cool drinks and Victoria who made the lovely St Patrick's Day Cake.



Thank you all for such a lovely, faith-filled, community function.



Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop - March 23

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The war in Ukraine has entered its fourth week and while world-wide condemnation of the Russian attacks grow, so does the death toll. Men, women and children. Hundreds of thousands of people are trapped in besieged cities decimated by missiles, ten million have fled their homes and more than three million have fled to neighbouring countries. This is an humanitarian crisis.

What can we do? Many have very generously donated to various appeals to help relief organisations on the ground in Ukraine with medical and food supplies.

We can also pray.

I urge the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay to join their prayers with Catholics around the world, and with those of Pope Francis, when he consecrates Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary this Friday, 25 March on the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

The act of consecration places the warring countries under the protection of Mary, the Mother of Christ, trusting in the power of her intercession. Such an act looks towards God, the source of all peace, and seeks God's peace through Mary. This renewal of the consecration that took place in Fatima more than 100 years ago, will occur on 25 March at 5pm Rome time, Saturday at 3am in Sydney.

However during the day on Friday, I encourage you to devote yourself to prayer – attend Mass, pray with your family or friends. Take opportunities in silent prayer at a local parish or chapel or in whatever way you can. I also invite my clergy to look for opportunities for people to gather, in person or virtually, so we may be united in prayer at this troubling time. It is my hope that many of our parishes will provide opportunities for people to come together locally in pastorally creative ways to join in solidarity at this time. It may be that a parish has a special Mass intention for its celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, or a special version of the Stations of the Cross, or a Rosary or recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet either in the parish church or online.

We must pray earnestly for a swift end to the crisis in Ukraine. This war has already brought immense suffering for many thousands of people, deaths and homelessness, and will continue to have lasting and devastating effects on the Ukraine economy. Pray for peace and the freedom of people to live in peace. Nothing can be gained by war.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has made available the following prayer for use at this time.

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
 who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence,
 we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.
 Protect them in this time of mortal peril;
 let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.
 You are Father of all;
 we are brothers and sisters.
 Give us the strength to live that truth in love,
 choosing peace not war,
 Through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

I will also join you in prayer on Friday with a special video message, along with the provision of other resources, on our Diocese of Broken Bay website www.bbcatholic.org.au

Please share this with your family and friends.

With my prayers and blessing + *Anthony*



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to Harvey Alexander Riddell

who is to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep him, his parents and Godparents in your prayers.



Congratulations to our newest Altar Server at St Bernard's ~

Archie Tod will receive a special Altar Server Blessing at the 5pm Vigil Mass this weekend.

Congratulations Archie !

We pray that God will bless you abundantly each time you serve at the Table of the Lord.

Daylight Savings ends

NEXT, yes that's NEXT SUNDAY

3 April 2022



At 3am next Sunday clocks in New South Wales need to be turned back to 2am.

So, if you change your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday night the 2nd April, you will enjoy a whole extra hour of blissful sleep on Sunday!

Zzzzzzz



Children's Choir @St Patrick's Choir is Back!

BEGINNING IN TERM 2, on Friday afternoons from 4-5pm in St Patrick's church. One adult helper who has a Working With Children Clearance (WWCC) must be rostered for every practices to comply with safeguarding requirements.

Want to volunteer but don't have a WWCC?

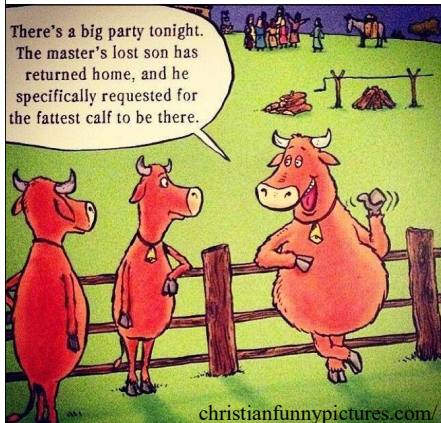
It's easy! Please contact the office for assistance and easy to following instructions.

Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for further details.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 2nd/3rd April 2022 — 5th Sunday in Lent — Year C
Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

	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	Sub requested	Mani Subramany	Phil Daidone	Malcolm Cross	Vicente Sanchez
Reader (1)	John Ryan	Barbara McMullen	Sue Watts	Jim Fitzgerald	Cora Cuasay	Kerri O'Neill
Reader (2)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Jeanette Neary	Edwina Subramany	Mary Stokes	Simone Noel	Paul O'Neill
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Gwen Wood (s)		Pat Smith, Ellen Downey (f), Marion Pahalawatta, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo			
Maintenance	Team A & B — <i>additional help always appreciated</i>		Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow — <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*.



LEARNING HUB ~

Safe & Supported:
The National Framework for protecting Australia's Children 2021 – 2031, is Australia's framework to reduce child abuse and neglect and its intergenerational impacts. The report provides interesting data and is an easy read.

The new National Framework is available here - https://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/12_2021/dess5016-national-framework-protecting-childrenaccessible.pdf



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

At KCCP we take Safeguarding seriously:

The Diocese of Broken Bay strives to promote a culture of safety and care for all people and especially for children, young people and vulnerable adults in its care and is committed to maintaining a pastoral community that models the essential qualities of ethical and moral behaviours. The principles upon which these behaviours are founded include; Integrity, Commitment, Presence, Servant Leadership, Truth, Compassion, Wisdom and Dignity. The Diocese invites its entire people to embrace and contribute to a culture of safeguarding children and vulnerable people. *Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.*



POSITION VACANT

Senior Facilities & WHS Officer: Permanent, full-time position.

This role provides facilities and maintenance expertise for Diocesan owned assets, notably the Caroline Chisholm Centre. The role also has WHS responsibilities including providing WHS advice to Chancery staff and Parish personnel and working with Parishes to carry out building maintenance inspections. To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au
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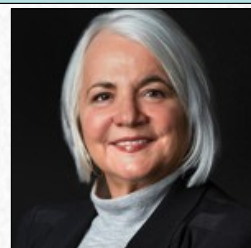
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