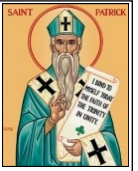


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 28th February 2021 ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent ~ Year B

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10



Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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'



Transfigured Bodysouls © Fr Michael Tate

I saw an advertisement in the local paper a while ago, announcing the annual 'Mind-Body-Soul Expo' – Tarot cards, palm readings, crystals, etc etc. I went once to have a sticky beak.

Amongst the stands was a lady who offered to take a photograph of one's 'aura', the glow which apparently can be perceived surrounding a person. Using, I think, an infrared camera, she would photograph one's head and hues of various colours would be revealed. Of course, it was just heat from the skull, but she confidently interpreted the aura as revealing one's true personality.

Of course it was nonsense, but it was on the border of a truth, the truth in today's Gospel. Who Jesus of Nazareth *is*, his true personality, is revealed at the same time that his body is transfigured with Divine Light: 'This is my beloved Son'. That is who he is, confirmed whilst his body radiates the *aura* of Divine Love.

This was not a solitary mystical experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it, partly because it was meant to reassure them when the trauma of the crucifixion occurred. Surely the Heavenly Father of Jesus would not allow his beloved Son to be conquered by death?

But there was more. The transfiguration of Jesus shows what happens with a human nature in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. That is the destiny desired by God for us as we share in the life of our Lord's resurrected humanity.

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' I am a human being, a bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

But is this a far distant prospect? Is it possible to anticipate or prefigure that destiny in our bodies now?

We read of St Francis of Assisi, or Padre Pio, being so devoted to the crucified Jesus that the intensity of their devotion was rewarded with their bodies exhibiting the wounds of the crucifixion . . . the 'stigmata'.

Could a person share in the transfiguration experience of Christ, exhibiting that phenomenon in his or her own body?

Which gives me my opportunity to recount my favourite story of the life of a saint. *

A disciple of St Seraphim of Sarov recounts this story.

St Seraphim is talking to him as they are standing in a snow-covered field. "Why then, my friend, do you not look me straight in the face? Look freely and without fear; the Lord is with us." *[continues on next page...]*



Reflection by Artist
This is the third Lenten gospel reading in which a solitary place is mentioned.

On Ash Wednesday we are advised to pray in our rooms with the doors shut. On the first Sunday of Lent the Spirit drives Jesus into the wilderness.

In today's gospel Jesus and three disciples go 'up a high mountain apart, by themselves'.

An extraordinary theophany is experienced by the disciples in this remote place.

Here, the presence of God is signalled by both bright light and shadow. Is Mark mixing his metaphors, or does this amazing event confound homogeneous imagery?

Try looking at last week's image and this one together – an unusual relationship between the two emerges.

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Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper
Bookkeeper Karen Price

Youth Ministry Co-ord. Michelle Chahine
Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 2m² requirement]

St Patrick's: 202 persons

at St Bernard's: 122 persons

Physical Distancing - people from the same household may sit together in the church. Couples and families can be seated together however, social distancing is to be maintained between family groups.

Additional restrictions are at the discretion of the Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.

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.

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday	9.30 am at St Patrick's
Every Friday	After 9am Mass at 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.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

2nd Week of Lent

Monday 01/03

Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday 02/03

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday 03/03

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday 04/03

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday 05/03

Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday 06/03

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Irene Berry, Eleanor Kent, George Thompson, Carmelita Avecilla Evangelista, Arlene Joson, Kevin Henderson, Rocco Castelnuovo

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Treacy, Ray Longford, Hilda, Francis & Terrence Conlon, Neville Nicholson, Mary Treacy, Kevin Harrant, Stach Romanowski, Maria

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Roger Okell, Andrew Hood, Patrick Dorahy, Elaine Longmuir, Sr Mary Treacy, John Gallagher, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Sr Tincy Thomas, Marie Haag, Tom Dawson, Felicity Fone, Barbara Jones, Jean Cook, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Dan Leavy, Terry Treacy, Stephen C C, Anne Brady, John Cosgrove (Snr), Marie O'Hare, Antonia Alvarado, Peter Nguyen, Nemia Camille Asiong, Rodney Porter

[from front page...] The disciple reports: 'Encouraged by these words, I looked and was seized by holy fear. Imagine in the middle of the sun, dazzling in the brilliance of its noontide rays, the face of the man who is speaking to you. You can see the movement of his lips, the changing expression of his eyes, you can hear his voice, you can feel his hands holding you by the shoulders, but you can see neither his hands nor his body – nothing except the blaze of light which shines around, lighting up with its brilliance the snow-covered meadow, and the snowflakes which continue to fall unceasingly.'

"What do you feel?" asked Father Seraphim.

"An immeasurable well-being," I replied.

"But what sort of well-being? What exactly?"

"I feel", I replied, "such calm, such peace in my soul, that I can find no words to express it."

"My friend, it is the peace our Lord spoke of when he said to his disciples: **'My peace I give to you,'** the peace which the world cannot give; **'the peace which passeth all understanding.'** What else do you feel?"

"Infinite joy in my heart."



My dear friends, that is the promise our Heavenly Father makes to you and to me, personally and individually.

You and I *can* be, and with God's grace *will* be, bodysouls radiant with Divine Light, translucent to Divine Glory, filled with 'immeasurable well-being', 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

* *Conversation of St Seraphim on the End of the Christian Life in The Mystical Theology of the Eastern Church by Vladimir Lossky, St Vladimir's Seminary Press, New York 1976.*

<p>At-A-Glance What's on offer for you at Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish during Lent 2021</p>	Stations of the Cross Berowra	8.30am Friday mornings followed by Holy Mass
	Stations of the Cross Asquith	7.30pm Friday evenings
	Reconciliation	Berowra: Fridays after 9am Mass (on request); Asquith: Saturdays 9.30am
	Lenten Programme Option 1	Bishop Robert Baron's ~ 'Priest, Prophet, King' - Continues at St Patrick's Hall, every Thursday 7.30pm to 25 March
	Lenten Programme Option 2	Diocese Programme – small groups or individual journey undertaken with booklet and audio – contact office from more information
	Lenten Programme Option 3	'Altaration' (youth & young adults) ~ Why do we have to go to mass? The mystery of the mass revealed. Continues at St Patrick's Hall, every Sunday 4.30pm to 21 March

This week saw the first draw of the new series of

The 250 Club!

Week 10: 15/02//2021

Winning No: 651

Amt: \$25.00

Winner: Unfinancial



So sad, that we can't pay out on this win.

Currently we have 55 unfinancial members who participated last year and we have a number of unsubscribed

New blocks of numbers available please call the office for details or pay your membership asap.



Please Note: At the request of a number of parishioners, as of this weekend all our

Tap n Go donation points will all be set to \$10 per tap.

My parish prays the Stations of the Cross during Lent. How did this custom originate?

The Stations of the Cross originated during the Crusades, when it was popular to visit Jerusalem to follow the steps to Calvary. After the Holy Land was captured, making pilgrimages there became a very dangerous affair. A desire arose to reproduce these holy places in other lands as a substitute pilgrimage. It soon became popular to have outdoor markers indicate not only the scenes in Christ's path to Golgotha, but also the actual distances from location to location. Crude markers eventually gave way to elaborate artwork depicting the events of Jesus' trial, torture and execution. By the middle of the 18th century, the Stations were allowed inside churches and served as a focus for Lenten devotions.

The Stations help the participant make a spiritual pilgrimage to the major scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. Prayers are said until the entire route is complete, enabling the faithful to more literally take up their cross and follow Jesus. ©Dan Gonzalez 'Think Fast! It's Lent' ~ www.teachingcatholickids.com

An **OUTREACH GROUP** has been established in our parish to build upon the existing community feeling and make it even better!



It's motto is ...

"We are here for you!"

It's aim is ... to listen, to talk, to care, to share.

So one of these days you may receive a call just to say 'G'day'.

What we want to know is ...

"Is there anything "Reconnect" can do for you?" eg ...

*** Assistance with meals * A lift to Mass * A regular chat etc,**

To quickly get in touch with "Reconnect" call the office ~ 9456 2450.

What's on our "TO DO LIST" this year?

- ◆ Restoration of St Patrick's Church in its 50th Anniversary Year - est. cost \$42,000
- ◆ New amplifier for St Patrick's Church - est. cost \$1,800
- ◆ New telephones in the office (current lease expiring and we are looking to purchase outright)

What's on our "WISH LIST" this year?

- ◆ New computer/projection combo in St Bernard's Church (current projector failing and the computer is from the stone age !)

What do we need to achieve the above?

We suspect you know the answer already, *but just in case...* we seek your assistance financially.

To contribute please:

- * place an envelope on the plate marked with **"TO DO LIST"**
- * use BPoint via our website—select the drop down option "Others (Including 1st Collection) and use **"TO DO LIST"** in the 'Purpose of Payment' area.
- * Simply place in the collection box at back of St Pat's Church.
- * Call the office to make payment over phone with credit card

Thank you for giving whatever you can to help maintain your parish assets



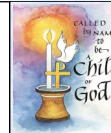
Please join us ... THIS FRIDAY NIGHT
For the 2021 World Day of Prayer for Vanuatu
5 March 2021, 7pm at St Bernard's Berowra

Please mark your calendar to come along as we gather with members of our Anglican, Baptist and Uniting Faiths to pray for Vanuatu.

Build on a Strong Foundation, is the theme, and this global ecumenical movement is led by Christian women who come together in prayer and action, for justice and peace.

The movement aims to bring together people of all races, cultures and traditions in a common day of prayer. A collection will be taken up on the night - please come prepared.

Do you have Frangipani and/or Hibiscus flowers in your garden? We would love to use these for decoration. If you can spare some please bring to the office on Friday morning ~ thank you!



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to Hudson Christopher White and

Elliana Julie White

who are to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep them, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

Each of our Churches need new volunteers—please help if you can.



Church Cleaners urgently needed to at St Bernard's to join our 4th Sunday of the month group.

New Maintenance group members are URGENTLY ~ as in RIGHT NOW ~ needed at St Patrick's Asquith. Two members of our February group are no longer available and the remaining member is temporarily unavailable.

Please consider helping out by speaking to our priests or calling the office for more information on 9456 2450.



It's Official!

Luca is now Elect to go forward to the Sacraments at Easter

[Rite of Election Sunday 21st February 2021, OLOR Cathedral Luca, Fr Shaju, Grace Milen]

Payroll Giving | Charitable Works Fund | Who Knew !?!

Easy, pre-tax giving to your favourite causes.

Contributions to the Diocese of Broken Bay Charitable Works Fund are now available through **Payroll Giving**. Payroll Giving as a very simple and effective way to donate. It's a secure way for employees to make regular or one-off donations via their salary. Those who donate in this way instantly receive their tax-deduction. Many employers also offer generous **donation matching eg: a gift of \$30 per month is matched by the employer and your donation becomes \$60.**

Many well-known companies offer the scheme – such as Westpac, NAB, Australia Post, PwC, St George, NRMA, Toyota, Sydney Water, Citibank, Macquarie Bank – and many others. Details of such matching schemes will available from your employer.

One DBB parishioner made a generous donation of \$2,400 that was matched into \$4,800 for CWF.

Setting up Payroll Giving is easy.

The first step is to contact your employer's HR or Payroll team who can set it up. CWF is registered with www.good2give.ngo who facilitate Payroll giving scheme. If you have any questions on Payroll Giving to CWF, please contact David Armstrong, David.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au, 02 8379 1664 who can assist.



For the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay, charity begins at home

Vox Populi—The Voice of the People: is from Fr Vince Casey. *Fr Vince has just moved to Terrigal parish, after serving at Warnervale the last six years. He was ordained a priest in 1982, and serves on the Council of Priests in Broken Bay. He served as Vicar General under Bishop David Walker and was Diocesan Administrator in Broken Bay in 2014.*

The gift of memory ~ I have just been appointed Parish Priest at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Terrigal. Everything is new—the church, the people, my home. Yet, in another sense, much is familiar. It's familiar because I carry with me so many memories of this Diocesan community of Broken Bay over the course of my priestly life. There is a thread of continuity, even though each parish is unique. This led me to reflect on the power of memory. Christians are people of memory. The Scriptures, the Eucharist, are all about remembering. Each of us is shaped by our memories. Some of my most treasured memories are very early ones: like Mum teaching me to pray “Angel of God, my guardian dear...” and Dad explaining the Mass to me. As a seminarian I found our Creator in the bush and the beach, and I still go to nature to connect with God. Just before I was ordained, I did an Antioch weekend. I remember thinking: “If this is Church, I want to be part of it!” It led to many more extraordinary faith memories, like parish prayer meetings packed with 80-100 youth, week after week. How could I ever forget that?! It shaped me as a priest and showed me what was possible. I love being with my people in ministry: rejoicing with a couple as they are married, and later as their baby is baptised; helping a family to farewell their Dad; sitting with new parents and their still-born child; celebrating reconciliation where a burden carried for years is released; regular Mass with people who so love the Eucharist. Memories like these have sustained me at those times when my appointment has taken me away from parish ministry. And if I ever wonder if my life is worthwhile, they remind me of the immense value of being a diocesan priest. Scripture is a big part of my prayer. One time when I was feeling depressed, Psalm 42 spoke powerfully in a moment of grace: “*Why are you cast down my soul, why groan within me. Hope in God. I will praise him still, my saviour and my God*”. Now, whenever there is a hint of the blues, I go to this Psalm. That Scripture memory continues to heal me. In homily preparation, I often search my memories for a suitable story to share. This week, the first reading is about Abraham and the sacrifice of his son. What life stories come to mind? I remember long ago grieving the child I would never have when I said ‘Yes’ to celibacy; I remember helping a couple prepare the funeral of their son... I find myself ‘sifting’ my life, seeking an example of the living word that might speak to my people on a Sunday. I have been blessed with some very deep experiences of the risen Lord, especially on retreat. But there was a ten year stretch when my prayer was a barren, desert experience. I felt alone. God seemed absent. I was committed to my ministry, yet felt I was just going 2 through the motions. My memories of God's grace and love and joy were vital in those years. They sustained me. They helped me to trust that the joy and energy would return. And it did! The Transfiguration (this week's Gospel) must have been a powerful experience for Jesus. The memory of God's outpouring of love would have sustained him as he headed back— down the mountain, on to Jerusalem, to the cross. As a priest I am often ‘with’ people in the most important events of their lives. My hope is that I can be part of creating lifegiving memories of Church for each person I encounter; memories that will support them through their difficulties and open them up to grace. I look forward to the memories we will make together at Terrigal.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 6th/ 7th Mar – Third Sunday of Lent - Year B

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Ex 20:1-17; 1Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Garth Graham	Barbara McMullen	Mani Subramany	Milen Kurishingal	Malcolm Cross	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	John Ryan	Jeanette Neary	Paul Worthington	Russell Schreiber	Cora Cuasay	Youth reader 1
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Peta Tonkin	Miguel Do Rego	Vivienne Schreiber	Jo Quinlan	Youth reader 2
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favaloro	Moauli Griffiths	Chris Smith	Michael Halliday	Susie Gates	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook Chichi Datoc (s)		Pat Smith, Ellen Downey (f), Marion Pahalawatta, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		February: Matthew Tancred, Gerry Duffy - additional help appreciated please			

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*.

Working with Children Check ~ It is important to keep track of when your Working With Children Check is coming up to Expiry. If you got your Working with Children Check (WWCC) in 2016 it could be time to renew. You can go to the Office of the Children's Guardian website to update your details and renew your check. Click here to renew – www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check

Tribunal of the Catholic Church ~ Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Broken Bay Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information, please phone the Tribunal Office on **9307 8309** or email tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au

Open Days
Thurs. 11th March & Thurs. 24th June

School Tours: 9:00-11:00am
Principal's Address: 9:30am
Information Evening 6:00-7:00pm

INSPIRING YOUR CHILD TO LOVE LEARNING AND BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE

At St Bernard's, our community is what makes us different. It is an essential part of our school, with teachers, families and students caring for and supporting each other throughout their time here. The wellbeing of all children in our care is pivotal to everything we do and plays a vital part in their learning success. We offer a dynamic learning environment featuring excellent facilities, including a Science and Technology designated classroom, combined with extensive greenspace and new creative play areas. St Bernard's is a priority feeder school for St Leo's Catholic College at Waterra.

St Bernard's Catholic Primary School Waterra Street, Berwara Heights, NSW 2082
Phone: (02) 9456 2704 Email: sa@bbcatholic.edu.au Web: www.stbernards.catholic.edu.au
All families looking for a faith-based education for their child are welcome to apply.

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All welcome!

Tuesday 16 March, 4-7pm
Register at: stleos.nsw.edu.au

Open Day
Tuesday 30th March

School Tours: 9:00-10:30am
Principal's Address / info session: 9:00am
Evening Tours 5:30-7:00pm
Principal's Talk 6:30pm

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St Patrick's offers a small and personal Catholic school community where a wonderful spirit of love, care and support is central to our identity. Our learning programs support a variety of student interests and learning needs. We have a dedicated, talented and professional team who are proud of their commitment to the learning of all the children in our care. In partnership with our parents, our faith-led approach with a focus on community awareness, social justice and student's wellbeing is an important part of our point of difference. St Patrick's is a priority feeder school for St Leo's Catholic College at Waterra.

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

Sanitise your hands

Stand apart 1.5m

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If unwell ~ DO NOT come to mass ~ please see your doctor

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