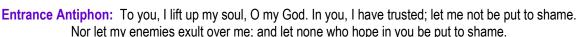


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Responsorial Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

28th November 2021 First Sunday of Advent Year C Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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

St Bernard's Saturday 5pm St Patrick's 6pm St Patrick's Sunday 8am 9am St Bernard's St Patrick's 10am St Patrick's 6pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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

RECONCILIATION

St Patrick's Saturday 9.30am 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.

Prayers for Lighting ~ the Advent Candles ~ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrant: As we begin our Advent journey, we light the first candle. We pray that God will fill our hearts

with longing for the coming of his Son.

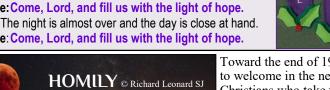
Reader: Stir up your power, almighty God, to rescue us from the

darkness of sin.

Response: Come, Lord, and fill us with the light of hope.

Reader: It is time to wake and be ready.

Response: Come, Lord, and fill us with the light of hope. Reader: The night is almost over and the day is close at hand. Response: Come, Lord, and fill us with the light of hope.



Toward the end of 1999 people were gearing up to welcome in the new millennium. Some Christians who take the scriptures literally joined in the fun and declared that the end of the

world was nigh and that Christ would return on his two-thousandth birthday.

They seem to subscribe to the old adage that, 'one should never let the facts get in the way of a good story'!

Christianity took over the Roman calendar in what we now call the 4th Century of the Christian era. At Rome in 526, a scholarly monk named Dionysius Exiguus compiled a list of the dates of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection. He assigned dates in the new Christian calendar for each of these events. Given the tools at his disposal, he did an extraordinary job. We know, however, from other historical sources and from the New Testament, where it mentions who the various Jewish and Roman rulers were in Palestine, that Dionysius was four years out with his dating. The church became aware of this mistake in 1582, but to correct it the world would have lost four years! So we have all lived with it ever since.

We can, however, safely assume that Jesus knows the year in which he was born and that if our fundamentalist Christian friends are right in believing he was going to return on his 2000th birthday, he would have done so in 1996!

The facts are that in every generation we have had people tell us that the sun, moon, stars, wars, famine, tidal waves and earthquakes, mentioned in today's Gospel, all demonstrate that Jesus is about to return. Clearly, we are still waiting. If only the Christians who give out these dire predictions, every so often, would take as seriously Jesus' words, 'You will know not the time, nor the place when the Son of Man will return in glory'.

Luke's community thought that Jesus would return quickly and spectacularly. They were surprised that the first generation of Christian believers was dying without seeing it all happen. Given the terrible suffering they were enduring for Jesus, the early Christians no doubt hoped that the end of the world would be soon and would demonstrate to everyone that they were not foolish to cling to Christ in the face of all opposition and persecution. The early Christians knew that there was no point professing faith in Jesus Christ unless our daily behaviour reflects his kingdom. It has been a telling point ever since. If every Christian lived out the Gospel in his or her daily life, the world would be transformed and Christ would come in spectacular fashion.

I haven't got a clue when the world will cease to exist, but on this, the first day of the Church's Year, I know that the Lord returns to us every time we love, forgive, share, are compassionate, are generous and sacrificial toward one another. It may not be as grand as dancing suns and tidal waves, but the heroic love of a parent for a child, a spouse for their sick partner and the first world sharing with the third world are spectacular enough for me to believe that Jesus' kingdom comes every day, in every hour, at every moment.

May this first Eucharist of the Church's year be a taste for us of the Kingdom of God that is both present amongst us and still to come. And may the Advent season sustain us in our waiting and give us courage in our living.

PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office) ~ Hours: 9am - 3.30pm, Mon-Fri only.

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

Bookkeeper: Karen Price / Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



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

Additional restrictions may be made from time to time at the discretion of the Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

First Week of Advent Year C

Monday 29/11 Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday 30/11 ~ Feast St Andrew, apostle Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday 01/12 ls 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday 02/12 ls 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday 03/12 ~ Memorial St Francis Xavier, priest

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday 04/12 Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Thomas Kunnasserry (Fr Joy's uncle), Francisca Aloysius, Jess Formby, Kevin Murphy, John Kitchen

ANNIVERSARIES:

Alfredo R, De Ramos, Jack & Marie McNamara

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

For those suffering around the world from Covid-19 - that this disease will be successfully brought under control and eliminated as a health risk for all.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Irena Fellmann, Mary Park, Sr Joel svm, Mary John, Alex John, Bindu Alex, Joseph Alex, Antonia Alvarado, Dana Saleh, Chris Enright, Tom Dawson, Sally Agnew, Jola & Stach Uchman, Elaine Longmuir, Jean Cook, Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy, Patrick O'Donoghue, Sr Mary Treacy, Marie Haag, Fr Thomas Philip оsн, Sr Tincy Thomas, John Gallagher, Dan Leavy, Felicity Fone, Anne Brady, Barbara Jones, Peter Brooks, Marie O'Hare, Brian Treacy, Stephen C C, John Cosgrove (Snr), Antonia Alvarado, Peter Nguven. Nemia Camille Asiong, Rodney Porter.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November: ~ People Who Suffer from

Depression ~ We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



Week 19 - 22/11/2021 Winning #: 182

Winner: Anne Bourke Amount: \$25.00



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Oblates of the Sacred Heart Appeal



With hearts full of thanksgiving and joy I write to you. Beginning with a Thanksgiving Mass and Social Gathering, our congregation, (Oblates of the Sacred Heart – OSH) celebrated our Centenary Year in a special way over 3 days from the 16th of November to

Unfortunately, due to the travel restrictions,

the 18th of November 2021 in Kerala.



Sanctuary ~ S.H Mount Monastery, Kottayam, Kerala, India

none of the OSH members in Australia have been able to join in this milestone celebration. OSH is blessed to have 94 active priests (aged between 27 and 70!) and more than 60 Seminarians in formation (aged between 16 and 27).

About our History: In 1921 on November 21st, our congregation was started with a small beginning of only 7 members by Bishop Alexander Choolaparamabil to spread the love of the Sacred Heart to the people and promote the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Still we the Oblates continue our founders intentions wherever we are sent.

We have been sent and minister in many different countries including: Italy, Germany, America, Canada, very remote villages in the North-East corner of India and Australia we have 7 priests here, 6 of which have been ministering in the DBB since 2005 at the invitation of Bishop Walker. Now almost 16 years later we are happy to be here still.

To accomplish our founders intention, and especially in this Centenary year, we are focusing on various ministries:

Priestly Ministry:

Serving and ministering to different parts of the world.

Education Ministry:

- Knowledge is a powerful weapon to change the world (Nelson Mandela).
- Education helps to improve the quality of life.
- We have built 3 schools, 2 or which are in remote villages and we sponsor many disadvantaged children who attend these schools.
- We provide free education to a great number of disadvantaged children, because by improving their chances of living a production life through educations, we improve the lives of their entire family.

Social Apostolate:

Reaching out to people with needs, to meet these needs and to help the many disadvantaged people. We also provide Counselling to families and individuals. Health Care, Community Development and Social Service.

Missionary Apostolate:

A religious is a missionary sent to evangelise through spreading the Word of God. We do this through our education and share our faith with those who have never heard of Jesus.

During this Centenary Year – OSH has been focusing on a **Special Housing Project.**

- This year the Oblates have purpose built 10 houses at a cost of \$19,000 AUD per house.
- These homes are provided for the homeless so they have a permanent and decent home to live in.

Seminarian Sponsors Scheme:

- To become a priest of the OSH you undergo 12 years of training.
- The Congregation covers the cost of Tuition Fees, Accommodation & Food at a cost of \$2,300 per seminarian per year. Some of these costs are covered by supporters who "sponsor a seminarian" for a year.
- Envelopes are in the pews of the Church this weekend only for anyone who may wish to consider supporting these missionary works of our Congregation.

Scared Heart of Jesus, pray for us.



NEW 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@bbcatholic.org.au ~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish.

We're inching our way forward ... in our churches we can now ...

- Welcome all vaccinated and unvaccinated alike;
- + ALL attendees are required to use either: QR Code or your Covid Check-in Card to sign in;
- The 2sqm rule now applies allowing up to 124 individuals in St Bernard's Church and allowing up to 202 individuals in St Patrick's Church at any one time;
- **ALL** attendees are required to wear a mask as per State Government regulation;
- NO congregational singing allowed;
- Mass / Reconciliation / Baptism schedules have resumed as they were before lockdown; If you have any questions regarding the above please E: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au or P: 94562450



During this "Year of St Joseph", Patron of the Universal Church. we will bring you a monthly reflection on aspects of St Joseph's life and character provided to us by the ACBC. We're a bit behind in bringing these to you, but, hopefully, we'll catch up by (or over) Christmas.

REFLECTION - NOVEMBER 2021 - © Fr Paul Nully* - St Joseph - A Powerful Intercessor

Parents are the best intercessors. Perhaps your most fervent prayers have been offered for a child in trouble, or perhaps you have encountered one of the many modern-day St Monicas who can be found in your parish. The very powerful reality of parents' prayer can help us understand St Joseph's role as intercessor. Joseph is invoked as the head of the Holy Family in the Litany of St Joseph; God the Father chose to entrust Jesus and Mary to St Joseph's care and protection. If we think that the Holy Family didn't really experience hardship and difficulty because of their special status, then we have misunderstood the Gospel. The Holy Family was not immune from daily difficulties and human suffering. The Holy Family understands what it is like to be driven from their homeland, to experience poverty and hunger. It fell to Joseph to protect, provide and lead. Together, the Holy Family trusted in the promises of God when everything seemed to indicate the very contrary and opposite. One of the reasons we call them the Holy Family is because they had to exercise the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity.

Their holiness is what makes them relevant and accessible to every family. They relate to us especially in our struggles; their witness gives us hope; their intercession gives us sure support. But just think of the fervent and constant prayers St Joseph must have offered for Jesus and Mary

prayers for their safety and wellbeing, prayers for Jesus to grow into the man God wanted him to be, to fulfil his mission, to be happy. Joseph loved Jesus. Joseph cared for him, provided for him, protected him. Joseph conversed with Jesus, knew his mannerisms, taught him his trade. The special relationship Joseph has with Jesus continues in heaven, which is why those who invoke St Joseph and rely on him have experienced the power of his intercession. For example, St Teresa of Avila wrote: I cannot call to mind that I have ever asked him at any time for anything which he has not granted; and I am filled with amazement when I consider the great favours which God hath given me through this blessed Saint; the dangers from which he hath delivered me, both of body and of soul. Would that I could persuade all men to be devout to this glorious Saint; for I know by long experience what blessings he can obtain for us from God. I have never known anyone who was really devout to him, and who honoured him by particular services, who did not visibly grow more and more in virtue; for he helps in a special way those souls who commend themselves to him. But I ask, for the love of God, that he who does not believe me will make the trial for himself—when he will see by experience the great good that results from commending oneself to this glorious patriarch, and being devout to him (Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila, chapter 6). We are all called to be disciples of Christ. Perhaps few of us contemplate becoming a disciple of the child Jesus. One saint who did is Therese of Lisieux. She was struck by how vulnerable God became as a babe at Bethlehem. She realised that Jesus took on the dependency of childhood

Far from being discouraged by her weaknesses, when she contemplated the infant Jesus, she realised that she could depend on God for everything. St Therese's absolute trust and dependence on God characterise her Little Way. This teaching is in great harmony with the Gospel: "Unless you become like little children, you can never enter the Kingdom of God" (Mt 18:3). We can follow in the footsteps of St Therese. We can imitate Jesus during his earthly life by entrusting ourselves to Joseph and Mary. Many of the saints did it. They have recognised the spiritual parenthood of Mary and Joseph in their lives. Devotion to Mary and Joseph is, in fact, a sign of a call to greater holiness and intimacy with God. The more childlike we become, the more we can rely on the care and protection of Jesus' parents. St Joseph continues to exercise his care and concern for the mystical body of Christ interceding for all who entrust themselves to him, as Pope Pius IX highlighted when he declared St Joseph patron of the universal Church. St Joseph loves you, cares for you and intercedes for you. For our part, may we trust in his intercession and daily make him part of our lives.

* Fr Paul Nulley is a priest of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

Mass of Inclusion – Sunday 5 December 2021

All are warmly invited to our Diocesan "Mass of Inclusion" to be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Sunday, 5 December at 9:30am. This Mass marks the International Day of Disability (on 3 December) and recognises

the ability and dignity of all. The Mass will be presided by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. All are welcome. Due to the current restrictions, there are very limited places available for people to attend in person.

To book your place, go to https://form.jotform.com/213147605999063

The mass will also be livestreamed, and we encourage you to join at https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCNenwlfI7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ For more information, please contact Emma Baker at Emma.baker@bbcatholic.org.au or phone 0409 293 432



- COLUMBAN ART Calendars available at both our churches for \$10 each.
- SVdP CHRISTMAS CARDS ~ available at St Patrick's Asquith: \$7.00 per pack of 10 Christmas Cards produced by SVdP and proceeds go towards assisting those in need in our Parish.
- CHRISTMAS CARDS ~ available at St Bernard's Berowra: \$2.50 for a pack of 8 but please note, these cards are not the SVdP cards offered at St Patrick's Church.



First Friday of the Month: 3rd Dec 2021

ANOINTING & HEALING MASS @ St Bernard's

Beginning at 10.30am with

Adoration, Reconciliation then, Anointing Mass at 11.30am

All are welcome.



Welcome to our Faith Family **Baptism** congratulations to

Matthew Chiha

Miles Hutchinson

who are to be baptised this weekend. Please keep them,

their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

Alive in the Spirit - presents the final video workshop 2021 on Tuesday, 30th November, at 8pm via zoom. Click on the link below and join us for a challenging workshop and lively discussion. https:// redlands.zoom.us/ i/94921710989?

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Meeting ID: 949 2171 0989 Passcode: 096695 Prego Scripture reflection and prayer - Prego Scripture reflection gatherings have concluded for the year and will now be in recess until next year. Thankyou to everyone who made it such a special time of prayer and quiet listening Special thanks to zoom host Sarah, and leaders, Sue, Sarah, Pat, Brian and Jeanette.

MASS OF INCLUSION 2021





ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND - 4th/5th December 2021 - Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6 Second Sunday of Advent— Year C



	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	Alex Jarominek	Mani Subramany	Milen Kurishingal	Malcolm Cross	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Zinta Hartmann	Edwina Subramany	Russell Schreiber	Sandra Maloney	Kerri O'Neill
Reader (2)	John Ryan	Alena Hartmann	Sue Watts	Vivienne Schreiber	Elizabeth Fernandes	Paul O'Neill
Usher / s	Natasha Steele Jerome Gomez	Peter Collins Peta Tonkin	Chris Smith Volunteer needed	Michael Halliday Tess & Francis Lizardo	Sue Newnham Chris Newnham	Les Fogden Volunteer needed
Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook , Brenda Brooks (s)		Sue O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Sue O'Malley, John O'Malley, Anthony Drake, Fiona Fone (f)			
Communion to Sick	Mt Wilga Rehab. Hospital	Unable to visit at the present time	Regis (KRG Gardens)	Unable to visit at the present time	Christophorus House	Unable to visit at the present time
Maintenance	Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated		December: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellew - additional help always appreciated			



Learning Hub - To learn more about the 10 National Catholic Safeguarding Standards take some time to watch these very short videos

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZLZ7GwWLGVNZkzq9BpWV9OtakyokB5hJ

There is a video for each standard to view.





Disability & NDIS Supports:

The NDIS has opened up possibilities you may not have thought about. However, it's not always straightforward.

Let CatholicCare (our dedicated social services agency in the Diocese) work with you to develop the skills and access the

support you need to maximise your independence, get out and about in the community, and achieve your personal goals.

CatholicCare is an NDIS registered provider with the Quality and Safeguards Commission. Our dedicated staff pride themselves on developing strong relationships with the people we support along with their families and carers.

We work with you to create a world where people living with a disability are valued equally, listened to and included. Our Support Coordination services help you organise your NDIS plan and maximise your funding.

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Tailored Individual Programs	After Schools & Vacation Care Programs		
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Recreational Activities	Creative Arts Programs		
Social & Skills Development	Support Coordination		
Independence & Life Skills	Supported Independent Living Services		

For more information visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/ disability-futures/ or call (02) 9488 2500.

POSITION VACANT

Parish Facilities/Operations Coordinator: Epping/ Carlingford Permanent—part-time.

This role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing facilities, operational and administrative services to the Epping/Carlingford community. For further information, including to request a copy of the position description please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. Closes Friday 3 December 2021.

POSITION VACANT

Events and School Engagement Coordinator, Catholic Youth Broken Bay - Permanent, full-time Based in **Pennant Hills**

The role develops, plans, consults, organises and promotes youth and young adult events. The Events and School Engagement Coordinator serves as a point of coordination, logistical support and communication for these activities, ensuring a child-safe and supportive environment.

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required for this role to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

Applications close on Friday 3 December 2021.

Nursing Appointment: Arrupe House Pymble is a small community of retired Jesuits, priests and brothers.

An experienced registered nurse is required to work with a small team of nurses. This position is on a permanent part-time or casual basis with

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