

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 29th November 2020 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent ~ Year B

Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

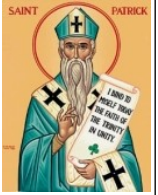
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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

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'



Timely Living and the End of History © Fr Michael Tate

From your own experience, waiting for exam results, the birth of a child, the dying of someone you love, isn't it extremely rare for time to pass in the measured way that our clocks and watches suggest? Isn't time a very mysterious, elastic dimension in which we live? And have you found that often the anticipation of a *future* event affects our sense of *present* time. It can dictate what we do in the meantime.

Sometimes that future event never materializes, which can leave us feeling somewhat foolish, sometimes disappointed, sometimes relieved. But what if we knew with certainty that some major life determining event would most definitely occur, even in the remote future? Wouldn't that create within us a certain attitude, a certain way of life, in anticipation? That is what this Gospel story is really about.

Our Lord portrays himself as the Master who goes away on a journey. It is certain that he will return, even if no-one in his household knows exactly when. Jesus of Nazareth, who has journeyed through the gateway of death to Heavenly glory will definitely return and be revealed clearly to be: **the Lord of all history, the Sovereign of all time.**

What do we do in anticipation? How do we spend our time, meantime? Our Lord, the Master, indicates we have a choice.

We can close our eyes and enter into the world of dreams where we create our own fantasy futures, *or* we can stay awake and alert to do what our Lord wants us to do in anticipation of his return. As the Gospel story tells us: 'He left his *servants* in charge, giving to each his *work*.' We are his servants. He has left you and me – his servants – to do a particular work, to fulfil a particular role in this phase of human history. Each of us has a unique task, an irreplaceable role in the history of humankind. Be alert, be on the watch for the promptings of the Holy Spirit Who will tell you with a deep sense of certainty what that role is. For most, it will be when you love someone dearly, real love, the willingness-to-die-for-the-other love of a spouse or partner or child. No-one else could do it.

For others, it will come in work or some expertise when you know that this task was for your talent alone. No-one else could do it.

For others, it can come in a moment of sporting endeavour or artistic exhilaration. No-one else could do it.

Or it can come when one takes a stand for something believed to be right, persevering against the odds for the sake of justice. No-one else could do it.

At that moment, you know why you were 'put on the planet' at this time and no other – why you were loved into existence for 'now' rather than a hundred years previously or in the future. You must be true to that one task or role given to you by the Master, Jesus Christ. Then, when he comes in all his Glory at the end of history, he will find that you had anticipated His advent with the timely living of every moment of your existence.

Then you will hear the marvellous words: '**Come, good and faithful servant, come, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.**'



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.**

Advent,

has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.

For these two reasons **Advent** is a period of devout and expectant delight.

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SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 4m² requirement]

St Patrick's: 100 persons

at St Bernard's: 60 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 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**

ORDINARY TIME

**Monday 30/11 ~ Feast
St Andrew, apostle**

Mass of the Feast, Gloria
Preface of Apostles I-II
Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday 1/12

Mass ad libitum

Preface of Advent I
Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday 2/12

Mass ad libitum

Preface of Advent I
Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday 3/12 ~ Memorial
St Francis Xavier, priest**

Mass of the Saint
Preface of Advent I or saint
Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday 4/12

Mass ad libitum

Preface of Advent I
Is 29: 17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday 5/12

Mass ad libitum

Preface of Advent I
Is 30:19-21, 23-26;
Mt 9:35- 10:1, 6-8

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Kathleen Levy, Anita M Jimenez, Michael Carney, Maryanne Weri, Kerrin Enright, Lance Roper, Anna Schiavo, Maureen Brophy, Kevin Carmody

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill McDonagh, Julia Healy, Alison Hinton, Nancy Gomez, Gjolanta Uchman, Stach, Bronia I Wladek Peiprzyk, Elizabeth Cleland, Bill Wilson, James Treacy, Victor Hinton

**Please also pray for those record in the
Book of Remembrance**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Terry Treacy, Margaret Acret, Peter Nguyen, Anne Brady, Sr Tincy Thomas, Nemia Camille Asiong, Marie O'Hare, Stephen C C, Rodney Porter, Araceli 'Chichi' Datoc, Craig Sequeira, Shirley Kelynack, Judy Farrell, Dan Leavy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Pam Cosgrove, Alfredo R De Ramos, Doug Hawkins, Felicity Fone, Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Graeme Kachel, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Penny Rigor, Jaz Pitts, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann, Elaine Longmuir, Michael McGauley, Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Georgia Meyers, Rosalinda de Ramos, Angela Smith, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook, Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Kath Lock, Arlene Joson, Sam Calacoci, John Macy, Barbara Jones, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, Tom Dawson, Narelle Cartwright, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak, Alfredo De Ramos Sr, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November:

Artificial Intelligence

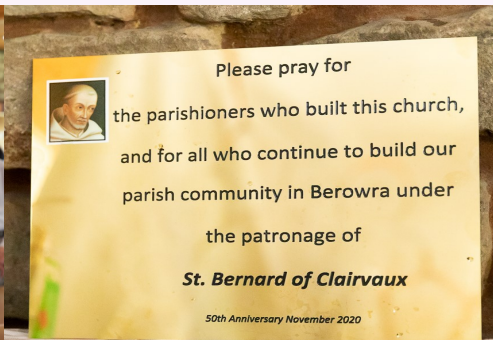
We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

**What a glorious day! What a Celebration Mass! What an amazing spirit of unity and love!
(and the cake wasn't bad either !!)**

The Bishop was resplendent in cream then brilliant in fuchsia, Fr Shaju was incandescent with joy, and those lucky enough to attend, were abundantly blessed and honoured to represent those who could not. The office has been receiving phone calls and emails all week, telling of the enjoyment experienced last Sunday at the beautiful and peaceful Mass of Thanksgiving and then the opportunity to share and re-live memories of the last 50 years in Berowra parish.

If one starts to thank all those who pulled this event together; in a very limited time and with very difficult restrictions through Covid-19; there is bound to be someone forgotten, so, to avoid any oversights, a generalised 'Thank You' shall have to suffice.

Therefore, to all ~ past, present and emerging parishioners of St Bernard's, Berowra Heights ~
Well done ! And here's to the next 50 years !

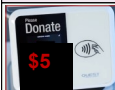


Small Change to the Roman Missal ~ The new Liturgical Year will bring about a small but significant change in the Trinitarian ending to the Collect Prayers in the Roman Missal, where the word 'one' will no longer be used when identifying God.

The Bishop's Commission for Liturgy has written a letter which explanation further and can be found at: https://mcusercontent.com/466af249e088db70ab864d088/files/0d58935c-c70a-4fa7-a19f-1339f6d8984d/Changes_to_the_Collects_in_the_Roman_Missal.pdf

The 250 Club!

Week 13: 26/11/20 ~ Winning No.: 315 ~ Amt: \$25.00 ~ Winner: Ms Maria T Panopio



Your 'Tap' Helps our Parish 'Go' on. We deeply appreciate the financial support of the parishioners and visitors to Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish. **No Cash? No problem!**

One machine at Asquith is set to \$5 per tap and the other is set to \$10 per tap. Our single machine at Berowra Heights is set to \$10 per tap. **Thank you for your generosity.** Donations made help to cover ongoing church maintenance costs.



-Patrie

**Charitable Works Fund November Appeal
THIS WEEKEND ~ 28 / 29th November**

The November appeal highlights the spiritual need of about 21,000 Catholic students who attend State Schools across Broken Bay. Giving to CWF supports the wonderful work of Catechists, nourishing our children and young people with solid faith education. Raising them up to be passionate young people who love Jesus Christ and His Church. Nurturing faith in our children and young people is one of the most powerful things we can do to support our parishes. CWF envelopes are at the back of our churches today for those who wish to contribute **OR** you can scan the QR code, **OR** visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/give to donate. All donations are tax deductible and contribute towards our parish quota.
Thank you for ever constant donations to this appeal.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND November 2020 Appeal
21,000
of our Catholic students in State Schools need spiritual nourishment
PLEASE HELP US REACH THEM TODAY
Scan and Donate
OR Complete your CWF Envelope

Welcome to our Faith Family
Baptism congratulations to...
Nathaniel William Chesterman, Jack Murphy Robinson and Harper Grace Oates
who are to be baptised this weekend.
Please keep them all, as well as their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS-MASS TIMES & HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT

Thursday 24 December - Christmas Eve -

St Bernard's, Berowra

5pm St Bernard's Children's Mass
7pm St Bernard's Family Mass

St Patrick's, Asquith

6pm St Patrick's Children's Mass
9pm St Patrick's Youth Vigil Mass

Friday 25 December - Christmas Day -

St Patrick's, Asquith

12 midnight St Patrick's 'Midnight' Mass

St Bernard's, Berowra

9am St Bernard's Mass

St Patrick's, Asquith

8am St Patrick's Mass
10am St Patrick's Mass

NO evening Mass Christmas Day

**RESERVATIONS FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES ARE ESSENTIAL
BOOKINGS OPEN 9am ~ Monday 1st December**

Reservations **MUST** be made **DIRECTLY** with the **PARISH OFFICE**

To be fair to all - please don't email / call before 9am on Dec.1st.

When emailing the office on: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au ~ (preferred option) ~ Please use "Christmas Mass" in the subject line.

Alternatively, call the parish office on 9456 2450 (**leave a message if not answered**).

NB: Regular Mass goes CANNOT book in advance via the Usher for Christmas Masses

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION TIMES 2020:

1st Rite usual times of: Friday 9.30am, Berowra; Saturday 9.30am, Asquith;

1st Rite on request: to priest prior to any Mass; **NB: There is No 2nd Rite Reconciliation this year.**

Join the Team at Broken Bay Diocese: **New positions vacant** ~ Are you keen to be part of a renewed vision for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Broken Bay?

After celebrating one year as Bishop of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randazzo is announcing a call out to enthusiastic, faith filled and appropriately skilled people who might help implement his dynamic vision with the following invitation:

"As the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, I am shaping a team of people who can meet the challenges of our time with a bold and authentic vision to accomplish the will of God,"

There are six new roles available in the Chancery at Broken Bay:

- Team Leader - Catholic Youth;
- Team Leader - Life, Marriage & Family;
- Sacramental Life, Liturgy & RCIA Coordinator;
- Executive Assistant (job share / part time 2 days);
- Diocesan Pastoral Project Facilitator;
- Diocesan Director, Communications

To apply for these roles or for more information go to www.bbcatholic.org.au/jobs

COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS available from both churches this weekend.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS available at St Patrick's this weekend.

SVdP Society Asquith Conference have the 2021 Columban Art Calendars and St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Cards in stock. Prices are unchanged from last year at \$9.00 per Calendar and \$7.00 per pack of 10 Christmas Cards. Please place money in the box/jar provided.
With thanks from Natasha and Les.



Candela Mission Appeal ~ As you can imagine things are very desperate in Peru and with no government assistance the families are doing it very tough. In Candela about 35% of the families have been affected by the epidemic. The Women's House and the Children's pre-school are closed. The Sisters of Mercy are sending money for food and medicines - they have also set up soup kitchens. During emergencies the poor and vulnerable suffer the most. **This year I will be selling handicrafts from a stall at my home - 12 Nyara Road Mount Kuring-gai on Sunday December 13th from 9am - 12 noon.** Morning tea will be provided!

If you would like to support the families Sr Patricia McDermott's Commonwealth Bank details are: BSB: 062009 ~ A/c 10326743 ~ Ref: Kuring-gai Parish.

Any enquiries please ring me on 0405188547. Thanks for your ongoing support, Mary

Baptism bookings between now and January 2021 are closed.

However, Baptism bookings will continue to be taken for dates in 2021. Please visit our website for all available dates or contact the office to discuss.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/sacraments/baptism>.

(Dates published on the website are subject to change at short notice)



Mass of Inclusion ~ This annual Mass, will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony at

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on **Sunday, 6 December 2020 at 11.00am.**

This Mass marks the International Day of Disability (Dec. 3) and recognises the ability and dignity of all. This year, we encourage all to join via the live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf7i14XB9T5VBrLvQ>



Personal Participation of the Eucharist

It is good to see the increasing number of our parishioners for the participation of our daily masses and weekend masses. Vatican calls for a "necessary and urgent" return to in-person Mass. Very recently, Cardinal Robert Sarah, the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship has sent a letter to world's Episcopal conferences which says, "Broadcast liturgies can never replace personal participation in the Eucharist". He has encouraged them a return to the "normality of Christian life," in particular to the resumption of regular participation at Mass. He continues to say that "As soon as circumstances permit, it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist as the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed..."

We are going VIRTUAL
Exciting details to come...
save the date
17 December 2020, 7:30pm

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 5th / 6th Dec – 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year B

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

| | 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 | Michael O' Neill | Mani Subramany | Malcolm Cross | Sue Lum | Keith Fone |
| Reader (1) | Jerome Gomez | Denise Harant | Sue Watts | Michael Halliday | David De-Fina | Youth Reader 1 |
| Reader (2) | Sophia Smith | Jeanette Neary | Paul Worthington | Simone Noel | Deborah de Voss | Youth Reader 2 |
| Usher / s | Natasha Steele | Freda Alaalatoa | Chris Smith | Jim Fitzgerald | Chris & Sue Newnham | Les Fogden |
| Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning/ | Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Annette Shapter (s) | | Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Rosemary Pendlebury | | | |
| Maintenance | Teams A & B | | December: Les Fofden, Graham Palmer - 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*.



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HIRING

Youth Minister – Pastoral Support Worker, St Agatha's Catholic Parish, Pennant Hills
10 hours per week

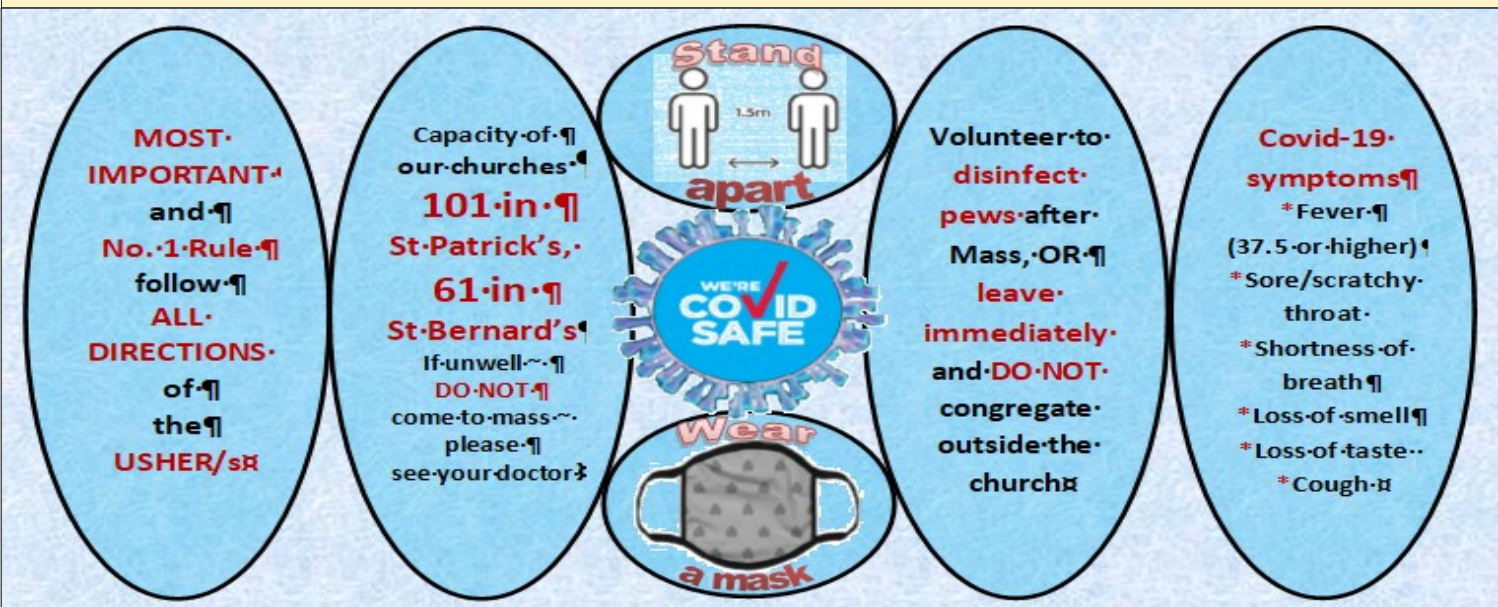
Do you have a passion for working with youth and young people? Are you dynamic and enthusiastic about the Catholic faith? Are you willing to help our youth and young people engage with their faith in a fun, caring and supportive environment? St Agatha's Catholic Parish, Pennant Hills invites you to join our team as a Youth Minister. Visit bbcatholic.org.au/jobs for the full advertisement. *The successful applicant will be required to undertake a pre-employment Working with Children Check and National Police History Check.*

Covid Caretaking ~ Caring for our Community & each other

You have most likely heard that 'Places of Worship' can now have up to 300 people in attendance. What isn't heard often enough, is that the **4 square metre per person rule still determines the upper limit** within a Church and it **DOES NOT INCLUDE THE GROUNDS SURROUNDING THE CHURCHES.**

We can officially accommodate **101 people at Asquith and 61 people at Berowra.**

Once the inside capacity of the church is reached additional parishioners will need to vacate the perimeter of the parish boundaries. **To avoid disappointment, it is MUCH PREFERRED that you BOOK IN ADVANCE please.** This will make entry into the Church much quicker as ushers simply "tick" your name & don't have to "take" details. Mass will not be disrupted either. *Thank you, Fr Shaju.*



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

Capacity of our churches:
101 in St-Patrick's
61 in St-Bernard's
 If unwell DO NOT come to mass please see your doctor

Stand 1.5m apart

WE'RE COVID SAFE

Wear a mask

Volunteer to disinfect pews after Mass, OR leave immediately and DO NOT congregate outside the church

Covid-19 symptoms
 *Fever (37.5 or higher)
 *Sore/scratchy throat
 *Shortness of breath
 *Loss of smell
 *Loss of taste
 *Cough