

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH -

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 29 October 2023 ~ 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10 ; Mt 22:34-40

Entrance: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God

Seek God,

Find God,

Embrace God in Jesus'

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 Patrick's, Asquith

8am	Wednesday and Friday
9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Saturday
St Bernard's Berowra Heights	
8am	Thursday
9.15am	Wednesday and Friday
(except 1st Friday of the month when Mass is at 11.30am @ St Bernard's)	

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.

My dear parishioners,

For Christians, volunteer work is not merely an expression of good will, rather, it is based on a personal experience of Christ. He was the first to serve humanity, he freely gave his life for the good of all. That gift was not based on our merits. From this we learn that God gives us himself. The experience of God's generous love challenges us and liberates us to adopt the same attitude towards our brothers and sisters.

I am truly thankful to everyone who volunteered their time and talent to keep this community going. We have different ministries in the parish, all working together like a fine-tuned machine. Our goal is to work together as one body as described in the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12,12-46. We are one body. And every ministry at our parish is important. There is no ministry that is insignificant. None of them is higher than another, just like no part of the body is more important than another. They are all equally important. The part you play makes the community grow harmoniously. I appreciate the part you are playing.

We have Acolyte/Senior Servers, Junior Altar Servers, Readers, Intercession writers, Musicians, Singers, Children's Choir. I thank these ministers for helping us to focus on the main purpose of liturgy. Volunteer office workers, our Sacramental Team, Liturgy committee, Catechists, Eucharistic Ministers (both in the church and those who take the Eucharist to the Housebound), RCIA/RCIC coordinators and helpers, money collectors and counters, Maintenance Teams, Flower Arrangers, Hospitality group, Church Cleaners, Altar Society members and St Vincent de Paul members.

Both parish and our schools work and support each other, hand-in-hand and also I thank both School Principals. We have dedicated and enthusiastic members of both the Finance Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council. We work together to make sure the community is going in the right direction. It is a collaborative effort. A few weeks ago, I met a family, and they told me that they are so happy to come here for Sunday Mass, as they feel welcome and at home in the parish. My dear brothers and sisters let us keep it that way. It is not the building that is hospitable; it is the people inside the building. It is you and I who are hospitable.

Once again, I want to say **THANK YOU** for all that you have done, all that you are doing and all you will continue to do for this community. I also want to thank everyone who financially supports this parish. I would like to thank more of you next year as the parish is in need of many more volunteers in various ministries. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

Fr Joy and I wholeheartedly invite you - all those who are rostered on for a parish ministry, or regularly volunteer to help - to join us for the volunteers' thanksgiving event below.

Fr Biju





WHOLE PARISH Volunteers Thanksgiving Event
St Bernard's, Berowra Heights, Friday 3 November 6pm to 9pm.

See over the page for more information and I look forward to seeing you there.

Fr Biju



November is the Month of Remembering *Remembering all those who have been born to Eternal Life*

The Month of November is traditionally the month in which the Catholic Church remembers and prays for our departed loved ones who have been called to Eternal Life. It *'enables us to reconnect with all those whom we love, but who have died. As well, it invites us into solidarity with the dead throughout history...'* We also pray for those who have "gone before us marked with the sign of faith".

During the Month of November you are requested to say the following prayer daily:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

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

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

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Parish Office Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au



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

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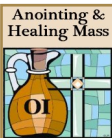
Bookkeeper: Karen Price / **Vol. Office Assist:** Jan Favaloro

Vol. Sacramental Team: Peta & Phill (kccpsacraments@gmail.com)

'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.'

Pope's intention for Oct:

For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



First Friday of the Month ~ This Friday ~ 3 November 2023
ANOINTING & HEALING MASS @ St Bernard's: 11.30am

Adoration: 10.30am; Reconciliation: 11.00am;
Healing Mass: 11.30am



SAVE THESE DATES
Some important dates
worth noting in your diary


THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Ordinary Time ~ Year A
Monday 30/10
 Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday 31/10
 Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday 01/11
 ~ **Solemnity ALL SAINTS**
 Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12
Thursday 02/11
The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (all Souls' Day)
 Readings from Masses for the Dead
Friday 03/11
 Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday 04/11 ~ Memorial
 St Charles Borromeo, bishop
 Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Tuesday 31 October



Holy Rosary for peace in the world - in front of the Statue of our Blessed Mother at St Bernard's ~ Tuesday 31 October 10am. Everyone is invited to join with me THIS Tuesday 31st October, to pray the Rosary at 10am in front of the Statue of Our Lady at Berowra Heights. At the conclusion of this prayerful gathering you are welcome to stay for morning tea and I would ask that you kindly bring along a plate to share. I hope many parishioners will join me as we ask our Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf to achieve peace in the world and especially in the Ukraine / Middle East.



Wednesday 1 November



All Saints / All Souls Mass Timetable
All Saints Day — Wednesday 1 November:
 8am St Patrick's, Asquith
 9.15am St Bernard's, Berowra Heights



An annual **Book of Remembrance** has been placed in each of our Churches for the month of November.

Thursday 2 November



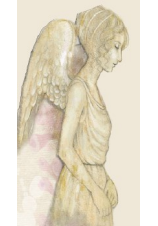
All Souls Day — Thursday 2 November:
 9am St Patrick's, Asquith
 8am St Bernard's, Berowra Heights
 7.30pm St Patrick's, Asquith

Please **print** names **clearly** on the November Mass envelopes and place **on either collection plate** at any Mass.

The names of your deceased family members and friends will be placed into the books on a weekly basis where they will be remembered in a special way during November Masses at both St Patrick's and St Bernard's.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Perla Domondon Brown, Rev Jan Szaikowski.
ANNIVERSARY:
 Patrick O'Halloran



All Souls Day ~ Prayer Service at Brooklyn Cemetery at 11am ~ All Souls Day is when all souls of the faithful departed are remembered, honoured and prayed for by all members of the Catholic Faith worldwide. This year; as a *representative cemetery of those in which our loved ones rest*; a **Prayer Service will be held at Brooklyn Cemetery** where we will pray for the souls of our own parishioners and for the souls of onetime residents on Peat Island who may not have anyone to pray for them.

Friday 3 November



WHOLE PARISH Volunteers Thanksgiving Event: All volunteers of the parish, please join me on **Friday 3 November 6pm to 9pm at St Bernard's Berowra Heights.**
RSVP needed by TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER by emailing parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au
 Anyone, **of any age**, rostered for a parish ministry or regularly volunteers are invited to join me for a 'Thanksgiving Games Evening' including a lovely dinner, dessert, soft drink and tea/coffee. This will be a family friendly evening so **no alcohol** will be served.
Please remember to email your RSVP, ASAP. :)

Sunday 5 November



Annual Mass of Remembrance ~ Sunday 5 November 2023 ~
 9am St Bernard's Berowra Heights
 10am St Patrick's Asquith
 These two Masses will be offered for all who have lost someone from their life, but most especially those who have lost someone from over the last year.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:
 Bill Holmes, Adele Ramos, Simon Riddett, Cita Del Rio, Judith Ryan, Won Lee, Chris Enright, Maris Park, Philomena & Rex D'Souza, Mary Mathew, Fiona Loughland, Anna Cho, Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham, Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Datoc, Ann Leslie, Mary Burns, Georgina Hughes, Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, Barbara Jones, Brian Treacy, Josef, Marie Haag, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, John Cosgrove (Snr), Patrick O'Donoghue, Elaine Longmuir.

EOI's by end November



Music Scholarships: Our parish is offering two scholarships to young people who are willing to commit to our music ministry on a regular basis (at least twice per month during Feb. to Dec.) - plus personal practice time. Scholarship money is paid towards music lessons or resources.
In 2023, scholarships are being offered in Keyboard. Some previous experience and training is required. Please contact the parish office for application forms. Interviews for prospective candidates will be held in December. **Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au by 30 Nov. 2023.**


The 250 Club!

Week 14 ~ 23/10/23; Winning #: 652
Amt: \$25.00
Winner: Unfinancial

NB: Winning numbers are taken the last 3 numbers of the winning ticket in the Lucky Lotteries Super Jackpot each Monday (or the closest drawer after the Monday) each week.

"How does the 250 Club work?" There are two Series per year. For a \$20 outlay per series (paid in advance) you get a block of 4 consecutive numbers. Series 1: Approx. Feb - June & Series 2: Approx. Aug - Dec. Each series is over a 20 week period and your outlay is just \$1 per week.
 1 block of 4 numbers gives you **64 chances per series to win \$25.00** and **16 chances per series to win \$500!**
NB: Payouts can only be made to financial members so please if you have numbers and are unsure if you are financial, call the office to make sure. And if you don't have numbers, call today to subscribe and get on board.

Tap n Go donation points available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10. Thank you for your support through these devices.



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



**KCCP Choir Games 2023:
What a re-'sounding' success**

Our winners were:

The **GOLD** Choir, led by Leah, very ably assisted by Alison and Leah's sister Reanne.

The **RED** Choir (directed by Annah, assisted by Sophia) and

BLUE Choir (directed by Rachel and assisted by Rebecca) were just a little way behind, with only one point separating them.

Our WYD pilgrims were very much present, with Michael as the Accompanist for the event and all workshops and rehearsals. Many thanks to all the parents who brought their children and their families, and the wonderful food, and those who assisted as Adult Choir assistants, Hospitality, 1st Aid, registration, and photographers.

Thanks to our Adjudicators, Angela Pelletier from The Lakes Parish, and our own Karin Guest, who were blown away by the talents and creativity of the singers and dancers. *Special thanks to Pat Smith (& helpers) for facilitating this parish event.*



We are happy to be joined today at our 9am Mass by the pupils of St Bernard's School in Year 3 who will lead us in many of the ministries.



The Synod 2021-2023

The Synod is first and foremost an event of prayer and listening to each other. Please keep all Synodal Members, especially Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Mrs Kelly Paget in our prayers as they work with others towards a Synodal Church of Communion, Participation and Mission.

Children's Choir @ St Pat's



Congratulations all our winners and participants on a wonderful parish CHOIR GAMES!

To join the Children's Choir, simply come to our next practice, held every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church.

Children's Choir is open to: Anyone from Year 3 to Year 12, from any parish or local state school in the parish are welcome to join this choir at any time.

Children's Choir sings at: 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and at **extraordinary, outstanding musical events like the parish Choir Games!**

If interested in joining: Please call Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.

Looks like we are rapidly heading towards the 'pointy' end of the year!

† **COLUMBAN ART Calendars & SVdP CHRISTMAS CARDS** ~ St Vincent de Paul Society Asquith Conference have available for purchase at the back of the Church the 2024 Columban Art Calendars and St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Cards. The prices are \$10.00 per Calendar and \$9.00 per pack of 10 Christmas Cards. Your purchase will go towards assisting those in need in our Parish and the Columban Missions. Please place money in the box provided. Many thanks for your support. Contact: Les Fogden 0414 947 640.

† **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - see opposite - boxes need to be returned THIS weekend.

† **COLUMBAN ART Calendars** ~ are now available from St Bernard's Church for \$10 each. A range of **CHRISTMAS CARDS** are also for sale - \$2.50 for a pack of 8 - but please note, these cards are not the SVdP cards offered at St Patrick's Church. Contact: Natasha on 0409 621 817.

† **Carols under the Star 2023 is on Thursday 7 December 2023** ~ This annual Combined Churches of Berowra, is a wonderful and well supported annual open air event, which takes place on Warrina Street Oval, Berowra Heights. Don't forget to save the date for Carols Under the Star 2023, you won't be disappointed.



60 Years of Marriage "Diamond Anniversary" Congratulations!
Mani & Edwina Subramany were joined in Holy Matrimony 60 years ago on 26 October, 1963. At 9am Mass Thursday last, Mani & Edwina received a special blessing from Fr Biju in the presence of many parishioners. This loving couple have been members of St Patrick's for over 38 years and continue to minister as Senior Server and Reader respectively.



FINAL WEEKEND PLEASE
Your Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas

Child shoeboxes should be RETURNED TODAY!

- ◇ Boxes can be returned to either church, the parish office or Louise Dryden's home.
- ◇ Please call 0405 556 887 for details of address.
- ◇ Empty boxes are still available at the back of both our Churches.

Thank you as always for your support, Louise.

Rosters & Readings for W/kend 4 Nov./ 5 Nov. 2023 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9,13; Mt 23:1-12

	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,	John Messina	Malcolm Cross	Volunteer needed
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Archie Tod Harry Tod	Sophia Cottrell Miranda Tablizo	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Mia Nguyen Joshua Telford	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Natasha Steele	Isaac Tonkin	Penny Loughland	Maria (Cris) Tolentino	David De-Fina	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Alodie Wheeler	Paul Maher	Hayley Rodrigues	Jim Fitzgerald	Jo Quinlan	Mary Stokes
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook Gwen Wood (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		October: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow (help always needed & appreciated)			

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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SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

An Urgent Prayer for Peace

God of compassion, We turn to you with heavy hearts As we consider the needs of your family.
 Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people, each of us loved by You and called to live in peace and justice.
 We lament the dreadful loss of life, Destruction of property and loss of human dignity.
 We are pained by so much suffering.
 We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place.
 Help your people find a way forward.
 Enable everyone to look each other in the eye, and embrace each other as sisters and brothers, as they find your image in every face.
 We ask that courage and grace will help create a wiser and more gentle future, where everyone has a home.
 God of wisdom, come to our aid.

Amen. By Michael McGirr / Caritas Australia

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