



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay

3 March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent ~ Year B



Seek God,
Find God,
Embrace God in Jesus'

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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

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 9.15am Mass St Bernard's

(Out of office hours URGENT only)

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If admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. *Please, call the office if you would like our own priests to visit you in hospital.*

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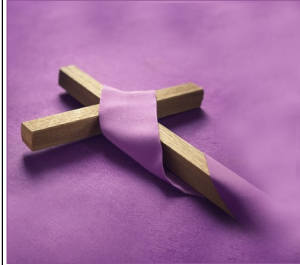
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A message from our Parish Priest ...

My dear Parishioners,

We are on the Third Sunday of Lent and continuing our reflection on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. After having reflected on prayer and fasting, today I invite you all to meditate upon the importance of **almsgiving** in our Christian life, especially during this Lenten Season. The connection between fasting and almsgiving is evident in Is 58:6-9: "Is not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?...". The extra savings of food, money, etc... made from the self-denial of fasting should be used to help the needy.

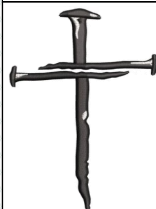
Giving alms is nothing but simply in a concrete way to express love. **To love is to will the good of the other.** By helping the poor means, not just the economically poor, but anyone that is in need, any of our neighbours are in need. It is any form of service to the poor, and it is going to cost you a little bit. During the Mass there is a practice of taking collection which is integral to the Mass. What does it mean? I think that what we are doing through this is preparing to join ourselves to the sacrifice of Christ. And so, we make concretely a sacrifice. That is essential to the Mass.

Jesus says that how then should we give alms: "when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you" (Mt. 6:3-4). In other words, when we give to the poor or needy, we should do so, focusing not so much on the human recipient but on God whom they represent and who is the ultimate "Rewarder".

Let me conclude this section on almsgiving by narrating the story of the conversion of a fourth century cavalry officer of Hungary. He later became the Bishop of Tours and canonized as **St Martin**. One day, while riding his horse through a town in the middle of winter, Martin came upon a poor man who was poorly dressed and shivering. The man begged people for help, but they ignored him. Martin knew he had to assist, but he had already given his money and other clothing away to the needy. All he had left was the military cloak he wore on his back. As he dismounted, since he was leading his troops, he saw this man, a poorly clad beggar suffering from the frigid temperatures. Moved by the man's suffering Martin took off his own elegant cape and put it on the beggar. As he was about to go on his way, he was stopped by an amazing sight: the beggar was Jesus Christ, searching among men for evidence of charity. Soon after that incident Martin resigned his position in the military and became a monk (Glenn D. Kittler in *Quotes and Anecdotes*, p. 144).

Well, during this Lent, following the example of Good Samaritan in the Bible and St Martin, we are encouraged now to give alms in a more intense way.

I wish you all a fruitful Lenten Season ahead. *Fr Biju Jose OSH*



SPECIAL LENTEN OPPORTUNITY ~

Fr Biju and Fr Joy have been busy arranging a special day out to the **Divine Retreat Centre at Somersby** to help us prepare for the great celebration of Easter.

Please Save The Date:

Thursday 21 March 2024; DRC Somersby; Arrive Somersby 10.30am; Depart 4pm

The day will cost \$25.00 p/p and will include Morning Tea ~ Lunch ~ Afternoon Tea

(Dietary restrictions need to be advised in advance)

Car pooling is on offer from the carpark at St Bernard's Berowra Hts, if you wish to travel with someone else or offer to drive others, please let the office know when you **RSVP** which is by **Thursday 14 March 11am.**

KCCP Lenten Programme:

Thursday evenings St Patrick's, Chapel, Asquith at 7.15pm

Stations of the Cross:

@ St Bernard's Berowra Heights: 8.45am Friday followed by 9.15am Mass

@ St Patrick's Asquith: 7.30pm Friday evenings.

(See page 3 for more important Lent/Easter dates for your calendar).

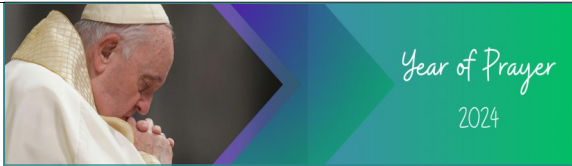




Pope's intention for March:

For the new martyrs.
We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various

parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



Readings & Reflection

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R)
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. (R)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers,



'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.'
Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me.

The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?'

Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.'

The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

'Jesus' behaviour recounted in today's Gospel passage', Pope Francis says, 'exhorts us to live our life not in search of our own advantage and interests, but for the glory of God who is love.' The Pope suggests that Jesus' action in the Temple should be seen as being deliberately and provocatively prophetic. Jesus was not throwing a tantrum! Rather, He was making a point: something was awry in the way people understood and used the Temple. Hearts and behaviours needed to change.

For his 2024 Lenten message, Pope Francis chose to focus on the first of today's readings concerning God's self-revelation on Mount Sinai. The Pope notes that there was considerable resistance in the background of this great moment. Below the mountain there was what the Pope called a 'nostalgia for slavery that paralysed Israel in the desert and prevented it from moving forward.'

Times change, and so must we all.

Given that Lent is 'a season of conversion, a time of freedom', the Pope encourages us Christians to refocus our attention on the needs of all. This is a season for 'communitarian decisions ... capable of altering the daily lives of individuals and entire neighbourhoods', he said. We should reflect on 'the ways we acquire goods, care for creation, and strive to include those who go unseen or are looked down upon.' We should ask ourselves, what Temple tables and transactions need overturning in our own time. As the Pope so powerfully says: 'Woe to us if our Christian penance were to resemble the kind of penance that so dismayed Jesus.' © Nick Brodie.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

3rd week of Lent ~ Year B

Monday 4/03

2Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday 5/03

Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday 6/03

Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 7/03

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday 8/03

Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday 9/03

Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marcia King, Dick Turner

ANNIVERSARY:

Denis Mulligan, Billie Seach,
Karen Fitzgerald, Bill Coleman,
Dr Michael Way, Dr Frances Maung,
Jan Szwaikowski, Mary & Frank Jack,

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Millie Wong, Vince Hughes, Sosefo Ali, Fiona Loughland, Pat Bowden, Bill Holmes, Margaret Patterson, Chris Enright, Cita Del Rio, Philomena & Rex D'Souza, Mary Mathew, Isabel Henson, Chichi Datoc, Mary Burns, Rey Hilario, Georgina Hughes, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr), Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger.

The 250 Club!

Week 2 ~ 26/02/24;

Winning #: 130

Amt: \$25.00;

Winner:

Samantha Thornton

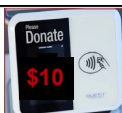


OUR BANK DETAILS

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Sacramental Preparation



First Reconciliation
And
First Eucharist

Reconciliation Workshops ~ Key dates for parents/guardians to note:
THIS Weekend March 2nd/3rd: Reconciliation Candidates will be 'Presented to the Parish Community' during Masses this weekend. The children will be asked to come forward, and asked a few questions about what they have been learning, then receive a special blessing. The children will be asked to give a presentation card to someone in the church on their way back to their pew and those in the congregation who receive a card are asked to keep the candidate in their prayers.
Wednesday March 20, 6.30pm: Reception of Sacrament for candidates at St Patrick's
Thursday March 21, 6.30pm: Reception of Sacrament for candidates of St Bernard's



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to **Olivia Zavone** who is to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep her, her parents and Godparents in your prayers.



9am Mass today at St Bernard's is our first Family Mass of 2024.

We extend a very warm welcome to the families of our Year 1 and Year 6 students of St Bernard's School. We very much hope to see you again next week.



Bernie's Ladies is pleased to announce plans for their first get-together for 2024. 'Save the Date': Saturday, April 6 @ 7pm.

'Sushimee', 2/399-407 Pacific Hwy, Asquith.
 Please RSVP to Gen by Tuesday April 2 on 0418 866 250 / david@barnettsroad.com

All Ladies from St Patrick's ~ this time, the venue is in your 'neck of the woods' so please come, you're most welcome. 'The goal of Bernie's Ladies is to build community at our church'.



KCCP 2024 Keyboard Scholarships Awards:

It gives me great pleasure to announce the Keyboard Scholarships results for March to December 2024 in our parish music ministry. We had 3 young people apply for just the two scholarships but in the end it was impossible to separate them, so I have decided to (this year) award 3 Keyboard Scholarships. Scholarship money is paid towards music lessons and/or resources with each recipient committing to play twice per month at our parish Masses.
 Fr Biju.

Congratulations Matthias McL Sebastian T Alison D

Planning ahead for LENT at KCCP 2024

Reconciliation Times during Lent:
 Every Saturday after 9.30am at Asquith and Every Friday after 9.15am Mass at Berowra (except 1st Friday when they will be at 10.30am)
Additional opportunities for Reconciliation:
 * Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, after morning Mass on request.



Advance Notice to Mark your Diary:
Easter Reconciliation 2nd Rite Tues. 19 March 2024, 7.30pm St Patrick's Asquith only



Taizé Prayer Night ~ Friday 8th March 7.30pm St Patrick's Asquith.
 Come and gather for a beautiful, contemplative hour of music from Taizé, with prayers and time for reflection



The Way of the Cross ~ Friday 15th March 7.30pm St Patrick's Asquith.
 The Select Choir will be leading singing and prayers as we follow the Way of the Cross to Calvary. A light supper will follow.

Practices for music for Holy Week

All welcome, singers and instrumentalists!
 @ St Patrick's to be held on Mondays: 4th, 11th and 18th March in the church from 7.30pm to 9pm.
 @ St Bernard's dates to be advised shortly - stay "tuned" (Get it? That's a musical pun ... 'tuned'!).



The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 26 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.
 Priests of our Diocese will gather with 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 brought back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year.
All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese.



Easter is fast approaching and we would like to have an abundance of fragrant fresh blooms in our churches to greet the Risen Lord.
 A specially labelled donation box is now in each church to pay for fresh flowers, so if you are able, please consider popping a donation inside the box on your way past, **thank you.**

Project Compassion Boxes are available from the back of our churches. Please take home a box to help support vulnerable people around the world.



Following on from the fabulous (but strictly anonymous and confidential) donation of the screens for SPA Church
 Investigations have begun regarding the installation of these screens. We're still not sure what the cost will be, and so we are continuing our request for assistance by way of donations towards the cost. To help, please contact the office on 9456 2450 or email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au
Current installation donations raised: \$900.00


Children's Choir @ St Patrick's will be very busy in March! Besides singing on 2nd and 4th Sundays as usual, all the children are invited to join in the parish/school Family Mass celebrating St Patrick's Day on 17th March. And on top of that, they're invited to come and join in the singing at the most important celebration of the Church's year, Easter Sunday, on 31st March.
Children's Choir is open to: Anyone in Year 3 and above, from any parish or local state school in the parish.
Children's Choir practises: every Friday (except school holidays) in St Patrick's church from 4 to 5pm.
If interested in joining: Please call Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.

Rosters & Readings for W/end – 9th/10th March 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B - 2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Volunteer needed	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	David Massa	Volunteer needed
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Archie Tod Harry Tod	Sub requested Joshua Rumble	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Liam Daly Noah Daly	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Francesca Parrino	Denise Harant	Edwina Subramany	Michael Halliday	Mary Stokes	Volunteer needed
Reader (2)	Justin Berry	Freya Tonkin	Hayley Rodrigues	Sue Lum	Jo Quinlan	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f) Gwen Wood (s)		Cynthia Gilbertson, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray, Maria Hon (f) <i>additional help needed</i>			
Maintenance	Team A & B - <i>additional help always appreciated</i>		March: Malcolm Cross, David Chui <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*.


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will present and
answer questions
from her legal
expertise of over
35 years. Cecilia is a regular speaker
and writer on legal topics, and a
parishioner in the Diocese of
Broken Bay.

Event Details
Tuesday 12 March 2024
10:30am to 12:30pm
Level 2, Fr Harry Davis Room
Building 2, Caroline Chisholm Centre
423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills
Light refreshments provided.



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