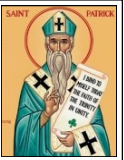


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 31st January 2021 ~ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Responsorial Psalm: If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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'



Pope's intention for January: Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

HOMILY © Father Chris Hope

We've all had to put up with boring speeches or sermons from time to time, whether it be from politicians, preachers, at school speech nights or the local service or sports club. Every now and then though we come across someone who really arrests our attention. It mightn't be only that he or she puts words together well; it's often a combination of that and something in the content that strikes a chord. Maybe we are even envious of the obvious gift that person has. This is surely how Jesus came across to those people in the synagogue. This was someone quite different; they had had their share of the run of the mill scribes with their tired old platitudes. Here was someone who really meant what he said and was able to back it up with fearless engagement with a power from which they shrank in ignorance and doubt.

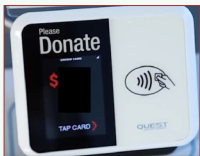


It is not without importance that this is the first public appearance of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. Over the next few weeks we will witness the popular acceptance of Jesus as he battles with a force that takes various forms – physical sickness, opposition from entrenched mindsets, the accusation of collusion with the enemy itself. This is the 'gospel', the good news that Jesus invites the people to accept readily by changing their lives.

The same 'gospel' is offered to us for we are dealing with a power that can change our lives, not merely a set of nice, pious sayings. Too often we reduce the gospels to that and so remain relatively unmoved by the dynamic challenge they contain. As we know, in that society possession by 'unclean spirits' was a general term that covered all kinds of conditions for which we today have medical or social explanations and sophisticated labels. We can therefore approach these stories with a type of superiority as if they either don't occur anymore or are best left to experts to deal with. Yet isn't it true that all of us are 'possessed' in different ways by forces over which we have to admit to having little or no control? Some people are enslaved by addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling and so on. Many of us suffer from more subtle addictions so that we don't even want to admit to ourselves, let alone to anyone else, that we are virtually powerless to control them. All of us know deep down that many of our habits and ways of dealing with others are so much a part of our make up that we can do little to change them.

The people who acclaimed Jesus realised that he had something special that could influence them to change their lives. The authority and healing power of Jesus is present today in his body, the Church, through the Sacraments, but also in the love, care and compassion of every community of faith. We only have to look around us when we are gathered for the Eucharist to name it and accept it. It is when the Church is able to back up teaching and doctrine with the same concern for the troubled lives of ordinary people that it is most effective in continuing the mission of Jesus.

That is why in the Gospels he is always accompanied by followers learning how to be genuine 'fishers of men'.



Your 'Tap' helps our Parish 'Go'.

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, the choice is yours.

Our single machine at Berowra Heights is set to \$10 per tap. **Thank you for your generosity.**

Donations made greatly help in covering the ever increasing and ongoing maintenance costs of both our churches.

The 250 Club!

Results drawn between 21st December and early February 2021 will be published in the bulletin next weekend.

PASTORAL CENTRE: 1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082; P.O. Box 335, Berowra Heights

Centre Hours: 9am – 3.30pm. Phone: (02) 9456 2450;

Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au; Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp

Parish Priest: Fr Shaju John, OSH; **Assistant Priest:** Fr Joy Thomas, OSH;

Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper; **Bookkeeper:** Karen Price; **Youth Ministry Co-ord:** Michelle Chahine

WEEKEND MASSES: St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: Saturday Vigil 5pm and Sunday 9am

St Patrick's, Asquith: Saturday Vigil 6pm and Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: 8am Monday, Tuesday & Thursday; 9am Wednesday & Friday

St Patrick's, Asquith: 8am Wednesday & Friday; 9am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

RECONCILIATION: Fridays: 9.30am at St Bernard's Berowra; Saturdays: 9.30 am at St Patrick's, Asquith



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Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

Emergency sick calls

(Out of office hours URGENT only)

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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 01/02

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday 02/02 ~ Feast

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4, or Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Wednesday 03/02

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday 04/02

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

Friday 05/02 ~ Memorial

St Agatha, virgin, martyr

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday 06/02 ~ Memorial

St Paul Miki and companions,
martyrs

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

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

Recently Deceased: Arlene Joson,
Kevin Henderson, Rocco Castelnuovo.

Anniversaries: Stach Romanowski,
Pauline Bass, Jan Seage.

Prayers for the Sick: Fr Thomas
Philip OSH, Sr Tincy Thomas, Marie
Haag, Tom Dawson, Felicity Fone, Brian
Neary, 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, Margaret Acret, Peter Nguyen,
Nemia Camille Asiong, Rodney Porter.

WE ARE NOW USING QR CODES TO ENTER OUR CHURCHES

BOOKINGS are NO LONGER BEING TAKEN

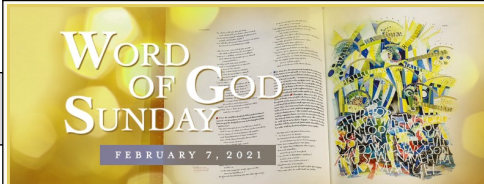
so please consider coming early to Mass to ensure you gain admittance to the Church.

QR Codes are not only a directive of the NSW State Govt, but they also make entry into our Churches quicker and quieter and Mass will not be delayed or disrupted.

USHERS/WARDENS have a vital role to play to ensure we remain compliant with regulations, THEREFORE YOU MUST

- ◆ Show the Usher/Warden the QR Registration on your phone prior to entering the church, which will allow them to keep an accurate record of the total number of persons inside the church (*)
- ◆ Sign in with the Usher/Warden if you do not have a mobile phone or yours does not have QR ability
- ◆ Wear a Face Mask - this is now mandatory when inside the Church (for exceptions goto www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)
Thank you, Fr Shaju.

(*) The current **upper limit rule** within a Place of Worship/Church is **4 square metres per person**
We can officially accommodate **100 people at Asquith and 61 people at Berowra.**



Sunday of the Word of God – 7 February 2021

The Australian Bishops have determined that, in Australia, the **Sunday of the Word of God will be celebrated on the first Sunday in February each year.** In 2021, this falls on Sunday 7 February.

At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy in 2016, Pope Francis proposed: **“It would be beneficial if every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused. It would be a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people.”** (Misericordia et Misera, 7)

On 30 September 2019, Pope Francis made this a reality for the Church by instituting the Sunday of the Word of God. The announcement was sparked by 2020 being the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini, Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on **‘The Word of the Lord’** and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death (30 September 2020). St Jerome (347 – 30 September 420), Priest and Doctor of the Church, is best known for translating the Bible from the Greek (Septuagint) into the Latin (Vulgate).

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 06 / 07 Feb – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

	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	Barbara McMullen	Mani Subramany	Malcolm Cross	Volunteer requested pls	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Justin Berry	Alena Hartmann	Edwina Subramany	Russell Schreiber	Simone Noel	Youth Reader
Reader (2)	Mary Dorahy	Peta Tonkin	Sue Watts	Vivienne Schreiber	Sandra Maloney	Youth Reader
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favaloro	Vince & Georgina Hughes	Chris Smith	Cynthia Gilbertson	Peter Daly	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning/	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook (f) Annette Shapter (s)		Pat Smith, Ellen Downey (f), Marion Pahalawatta, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		February: Matthew Tancred, Gerry Duffy - additional help appreciated pls			

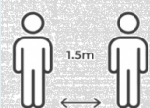


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ALL DIRECTIONS
of the USHER/s & Warden/s**



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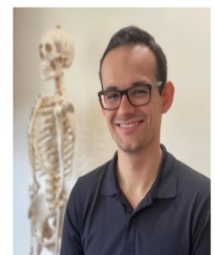
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