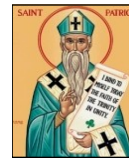


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.

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: You Will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

31st October 2021
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
Deuteronomy 6:2-6;
Hebrews 7:23-28;
Mark 12:28-34

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

RECONCILIATION

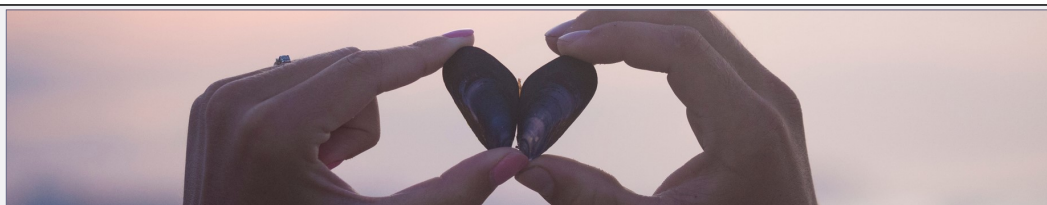
Saturday 9.30am St Patrick's
Friday After 9am Mass St Bernard's

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.



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Gospel Reflection

Generally, in the gospels, the scribes are shown as antagonistic towards Jesus and when we begin this passage we may be expecting a trap being laid by the scribe. In Jewish tradition, a lot of teaching occurs through a question and answer style and often the question is related to a particular teaching from Torah.

Here, the scribe approaches Jesus as a teacher, a rabbi, and poses a question just as he would to any other worthy teacher. He asks which of the commandments Jesus regards to be foremost.

This could be an opening question to any teacher and one would expect it to be the start of a long conversation. Neither of the commandments Jesus quotes come from the Ten Commandments with which we are most familiar, but, rather, they come from other parts of Torah (the Law).

His qualification of the first commandment – to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength – is a way of capturing the whole person. What Jesus is saying is to love God completely and utterly with your whole person. Then he follows up and adds another commandment – **'You must love your neighbour as yourself.'**

The scribe agrees with Jesus' teaching and adds that these are far more important than offering sacrifice. This is a pretty controversial statement from a scribe! Sacrifice has been the official form of prayer practised in the Temple for a very long time and he suggests that love of God and love of neighbour are far more important!

It is because of this understanding about the priority of love over religious practice – the hallmark of the kingdom of God that Jesus proclaims – that Jesus pronounces the scribe to be **'not far from the kingdom of God.'**

Living the Gospel – Love

Jesus reminds us **'You must love your neighbour as yourself.'**

There's an unspoken, underlying idea here that is absolutely crucial. Before you can love your neighbour, you must first love yourself. To say that you love yourself today can imply a level of boastfulness or ego. However, what is required is a genuine love of self – an acceptance; a respect; a true valuing of self. Only then can we know how to treat others. When we ask ourselves how we would want to be treated it points us towards how we should treat others. What is summed up so simply by Jesus is a very tough ask!

Gospel Focus – First of all

Jesus is asked which commandment is first and he provides two commandments as his answer. However, he doesn't bundle them together as one overarching commandment – he very distinctly identifies them as first and second.

Sometimes we can feel the way to express love for God is through demonstrating our love for other people in charitable or justice-focused actions. However, Jesus makes clear that the first commandment of all is the love of God with all our being – that God is worthy of love in God's own right. Our love of God may inspire us to action for others but the first step is loving God for who God is.

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

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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 / **Vol. Office Assist:** Jan Favaloro

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



SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 4m² requirement]

St Patrick's: 101 persons / St Bernard's: 62 persons

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.

'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.'

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS

ORDINARY TIME ~ Year B

Monday 01/11 ~ Solemnity
ALL SAINTS

Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday 02/11

The **COMMEMORATION** of **ALL**
the **FAITHFUL DEPARTED**
(All Souls' Day)

Readings from Masses for the
Dead

Wednesday 03/11

Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday 04/11 ~ Memorial

St Charles Borromeo, bishop

Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10

Friday 05/11

Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday 06/11

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15

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



NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ~ REMEMBRANCE

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.

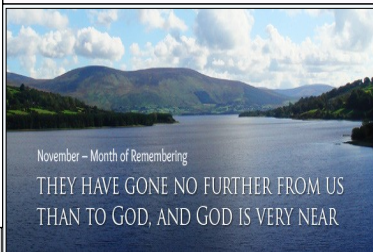
All Souls Day ~ Tuesday 2nd November

Mass Times:

St Bernard's Berowra: 8am and 7pm / St Patrick's Asquith: 9am and 7pm

As in previous years a **Book of Remembrance** has been placed in each Church for the month of November. **November Envelopes** are now available in each church.

Please **print** names **clearly** and **place** your **offering** inside the envelope then place **on plate** at Mass. The names of your deceased family members and friends will then placed into the books on a weekly basis, where they will be remembered in a special way during November.



Annual Masses of Remembrance will be held at St Patrick's Asquith only this year.

Sat. Vigil 6 November @ 6pm / Sunday 7 November @ 10am

Due to Covid-19 restrictions a number of reservations at each of the above Masses,

have been allocated to families who lost someone this year. They have received personal invitations to attend and will be given priority entry to the church. **Thank you for your understanding.**



The 2nd Appeal will be take place on Sunday November 7

To donate, there are collection envelopes at the back of the church. It will only take a few moments to complete. You can also make a donation by scanning the QR code or online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks

Donations are tax deductible and contribute to our Parish target.

Your support is appreciated by those we help.

Thank you and God bless your generosity.

Dear parishioners, I cannot and will not ask you to give more than you have, but simply to give something, and only if you are able to do so without personal hardship. Fr Shaju.



RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr George Rossman, Kevin Murphy, John Kitchen, Harold D'Souza, Nicholas Shaw, Joyce Dimmock

ANNIVERSARIES:

Patrick (Pat) O'Halloran, Nancy Gomez

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: Sr Joel svM

Mary John, Alex John, Bindu Alex, Joseph Alex, Antonia Alvarado, Dana Saleh, Chris Enright, Tom Dawson, Sally Agnew, Jola & Stach Uchman, David Chee, Elaine Longmuir, Jean Cook, Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy, Patrick O'Donoghue, Sr Mary Treacy, Marie Haag, Fr Thomas Philip osh, Sr Tincy Thomas, John Gallagher, Dan Leavy, Felicity Fone, Barbara Jones, Peter Brooks, Anne Brady, Marie O'Hare, Brian Treacy, Stephen C C, John Cosgrove (Snr), Antonia Alvarado, Peter Nguyen, 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 15 - 25/10/21

Winning #: 962

Winner: *Dianne Fitzgerald*

Amount: \$ 500.00 ~ *WooHoo!*



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



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.

At places of Worship you can NO LONGER sign-in MANUALLY

- ◇ The easiest way to sign-in is to download the NSW Service App to your Smartphone and scan the codes at our churches.
- ◇ If not an option for you then in less than 2 minutes you can be ready to return to Mass by going to ...
- ⇒ <https://apply.service.nsw.gov.au/covid-checkin-card/> and apply for a COVID-19 check-in card. This card has a unique QR code that contains your registered contact details. You can print it off at home, have one posted to you or you can do both!
- ⇒ Present the card to the Usher at church who will 'scan' in to record your details electronically in accordance with the law.
- ⇒ If you do not have access to a computer to apply for a card please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 for assistance.
- NB:** This requirement may be hard to accept, but without a way to sign-in electronically, by law, you are unable to enter our churches.

We're working our way out-of-lockdown and already we're back-to-Church



We are here!

- † Welcome all **vaccinated and unvaccinated** alike;
- † **Mass and Reconciliation schedule** have resumed as before lockdown;
- † **ALL attendees are required** to use **QR Code to sign in** for contact tracing;
- † The **4sqm rule applies** – allowing up to 62 individuals in St Bernard's Church and allowing up to 101 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:** but up to a group of 10 fully vaccinated musicians/cantors can provide music & song;
- † **Baptisms can resume - special opportunities** have been made **available** - call for details.

If you have any questions regarding the above please EMAIL the parish office - parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au



WHAT'S THE BUZZ ?



† **When visiting our Parish Office** ~ There are still a number of requirements surrounding Covid restrictions which need to be adhered to if you wish to visit the office. To enter the building you must:
A. Be double vaccinated (for the moment); **B.** Wear a mask and; **C.** Electronically sign in.

† **Junior servers are now welcome to come back** ~ until early next year, if you have a child who is a trained Junior Server, they are welcome to serve at any Mass they attend. Please arrive in good time for your child to approach either the Priest or Senior Server to let them know they would like to serve and we'll do our best to accommodate them. Next year (hopefully in Term 1) we will call for new Junior Servers to be trained and a new roster will be drawn up. Welcome back kids !

† **CONFIRMATION 2021 ~ FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER** ~ 2 sessions each church ~ 5pm & 7pm.
 If you have any questions please contact the Sacramental Team via email on: kccpsacraments@gmail.com
 Be sure to mark your diary with this date and times as there is no alternate date being offered in the parish.



† **Catechists ~ Be part of a worthy Ministry** ~ Especially, now, are you wondering: 'How can I make a difference?' 'What can I do to help?' Trust in your call from God and answer the call by contacting Cynthia Gilbertson, Coordinator on 0407 650 208, or the Parish Office: 9456 2450, to discuss a variety of options whether you are working or not working. Start the training now to be ready to go into the classroom next year. **Teach or assist in the classroom** (assistants help keep children focused, hand put books, walk among the students. Assistants are so beneficial to the teacher.

† **Position vacant ~ keyboard player/organist** ~ required to help out at 8am Mass at St Patrick's. Training and coaching provided. Attractive remuneration package: Your reward will be great in heaven! Please contact Pat Smith 9482 7935 or parish office.

† **Alive in the Spirit** ~ A series of workshops on inspiring, parish-enlivening topics will be offered via zoom, free for anyone who is interested, on Tuesday evenings in November. The first will be on Tuesday 2nd November at 8pm.
 Zoom link: <https://redlands.zoom.us/j/92356509307?pwd= SXFLWGdNWGt4M1VkNWVYNnlxdVM1Zz09>
 Meeting ID: 923 5650 9307 / Passcode: 893929 / or email pas07@bigpond.net.au

† **You're invited!** ~ Scripture-inspired meditation and prayer group following the **Prego** model is being held via zoom every 2nd Sunday evening at 8pm (note new time!). Come and join us on Sunday 7th November. Zoom link: <https://redlands.zoom.us/j/92356509307?pwd= SXFLWGdNWGt4M1VkNWVYNnlxdVM1Zz09> Meeting ID: 923 5650 9307 / Passcode: 893929

† **A new online App to assist Parish giving** ~ Parish Giving Broken Bay is a newly developed digital App for the Catholic community in Broken Bay, which offers weekly giving for Clergy, Parish and Pastoral collections. **The App is available on desktop or mobile at www.bbcatholic.org.au/parishgiving** Or search for "Parish Giving Broken Bay" and download the App in your mobile store.

Important appeal to provide (potential) life saving assistance to your fellow KCCP parishioners

† **Defibrillators have been purchased for both our Churches:** A decision has been taken to purchase these life saving devices (to have on hand at each church), just in case they should be needed. We are therefore calling for volunteers to be trained to use the Defibs. How about you !? The machine talks you through what you need to do (step-by-step) but free training is provided. It would be great to have some regular (same mass each day/weekend) parishioners trained. If interested please call the parish office.



It's beginning to look a BIT like Christmas !

† **Carols under the Star 2021 is again going virtual 17 December 2021** ~ Due to the uncertain nature of Covid restrictions we will not be doing an open air event but rather something very similar to last years virtual carols. While it is disappointing that we won't be doing the event on the oval, we have so many ideas that will help create a beautiful sense of community and hopefully a really fun enjoyable online event! Don't forget to save the date for virtual Carols Under the Star 2021.

† **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes** ~ Once again this year we are participating in the ministry of Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Boxes and brochures are at the church for pick-up. Please return them to Louise Dryden at 7 Dunoon Street, Berowra Heights or the church no later than Sunday 21 November as we are taking them to the warehouse the following Saturday. In the week preceding 27 November, boxes can still be delivered to my house. Thank you all for your wonderful support.

† **COLUMBAN ART Calendars & SVdP CHRISTMAS CARDS** ~ St Vincent de Paul Society Asquith Conference have available for purchase at the back of the Church the 2022 Columban Art Calendars and St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Cards. The prices are \$10.00 per Calendar and \$7.00 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 9476 4058 or 0414 947 640.

† **COLUMBAN ART Calendars** ~ are also 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.



ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND - 6th/7th November 2021 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year
1Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44



	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr	Sub requested	Sub requested	Mani Subramany	Milen Kurishingal	John Messina	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Zinta Hartmann	Sue Watts	Michael Halliday	Sub requested	Volunteer needed
Reader (2)	John Ryan	Barbara Mc Mullen	Edwina Subramany	Jim Fitzgerald	Mary Stokes	Volunteer needed
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez Natasha Steele	Peter Collins Paul Dryden	Chris Smith Volunteer needed	Phil Daidone Tess & Francis L	Chris & Sue Newnham	Volunteers needed
Sacristy Care/ Church	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Anne Bourke (s)		Cynthia Gilbertson, Editha Palmer, Yovana Castro Guerrero, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray			
Communion to	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		November: Malcolm Cross, David Chui - additional help always 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*.



Pastoral Discernment

Central Coast

Date of launch: Sunday 31 October 2021
Time: 12 noon (AEDT)

Online: www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc

Details of the project can be found at www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc which includes details of both the Launch and Briefing Circle registrations.

You're invited! Please join us.
The Launch of the Pastoral discernment project is fast approaching, and you are invited to join us to hear about this very important initiative for the Central Coast region of our Diocese.



Catholic Earthcare Families Program

Catholic Earthcare Families Program is being launched on 29th November 2021 7.30pm AEDT, 6.30pm AEST. To register for this on-line event, please go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BUMMY>

For more information visit Laudato Si Families - Catholic Earthcare Australia or email Alice Carwardine alice.carwardine@gmail.com



BAY CONNECT, is a new way to continue to comment and engage online with our community and is featured on the Diocese home page <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>

- ✕ To find out more and to register online, visit the BAY CONNECT page on the Diocese of Broken Bay website.
- ✕ If you need more information, please email: evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

Learning Hub -

Vatican institute seeks to create 'culture of care' – the Church's leading institute for safeguarding and child protection has expanded with a revamped mission to provide a 'culture of care for all human being'. Source NCR Online. Learn more about the Institute of Anthropology – Interdisciplinary Studies on Human Dignity and Care - <https://iadc.unigre.it/>



CatholicCare Psychologist available now CatholicCare is our social services agency in the Diocese. Psychologist Mary McMullen has capacity to take on new clients, and is available for Medicare rebates, Victims Services (VOC) and NDIS. She also can bulk bill depending on circumstance. Mary has a particular interest in working with clients living with anxiety and depression, PTSD and a range of mental health disorders relating to trauma. Mary is experienced in working with both adolescents and adults having worked in child protection, community mental health, parenting programs as well as in private practice. Right now Mary is providing telehealth sessions during lockdown, moving back to face-to-face appointments when safe to do so. For more information or to book an appointment call 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au.

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