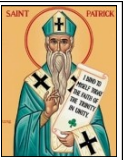


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart

Responsorial Psalm: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

4th December 2022
Second Sunday of Advent
Year A
Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9;
Mt 3:1-12

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

Until further notice there will be
ONE Morning Mass only
on weekdays

St Patrick's 9am:
Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat
St Bernard's 9am: Wed ~ Fri
(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*

Prayers for Lighting the Advent Candles ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: As we continue our Advent Journey, travelling towards Bethlehem, we hope for a better world. Today we light the second candle, as a **Sign of our faith in God's promise so that we find peace in our lives.**



We pray that we will be blessed with the baptism of repentance.

Reader: Lord, giver of life, stir up our hearts to prepare for the coming of your Son.

Response: Come, Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word.

Reader: As a dry and weary land thirsts, so we long for you.

Response: Come, Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word.

Reader: Open to us the wellsprings of salvation.

Response: Come, Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word.



'Keep Christ in Christmas'

CHRISTMAS 2ND RITE RECONCILIATION TIMES

Monday 19 December ~ 7.30pm St Patrick's
(1st Rite times unchanged ~ see left hand column for details)

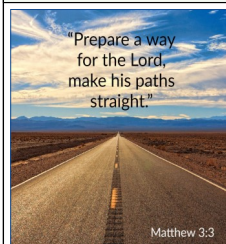
CHRISTMAS-MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24 December

5pm	St Bernard's Vigil Mass for Children (Outdoor in school grounds), Carols & BBQ ~ bring a chair
6pm	St Patrick's Vigil Mass for Children (dress up as Angels & Shepherds etc)
9pm	St Patrick's Youth Vigil Mass

Christmas Day - Sunday 25 December

12 am	St Patrick's 'Midnight' Mass		
8am	St Patrick's Mass	9am	St Bernard's Mass
10am	St Patrick's Mass		NO evening Mass Christmas Day



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Even in Church circles these days it is quite common to engage a management consultancy company to help find people for a particular diocesan job. This is a good idea and often these companies find excellent people for the task.

I recently saw a consultancy profile, however, for a diocese seeking a lay chancellor. We all know these people must be upright citizens, but I am convinced that Jesus himself may have been challenged to fill this job description! Apart from having degrees in civil and canon law, the desired applicant had to have 'outstanding Catholic faith, an exemplary moral character and have nothing in his or her background that could cause the Church embarrassment or scandal in the future.'

A couple of days later I came across a tongue-in-cheek summary of a management consultant's report on those who had applied to lead the earliest Christian Church:

'**John:** Says he is a Baptist, but definitely doesn't dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and picks fights in public with religious leaders.

'**Peter:** Has a bad temper, even has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive. A loose cannon.'

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

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Sacramental Team Email: 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.'

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Second Week of Advent Year A

Monday 5/12

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday 6/12

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday 7/12 ~
Memorial**

St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday 8/12 ~ Solemnity

The Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gen 3:9-15, 20; Lk 1:26-38

Friday 9/12

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday 10/12

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11;
Mt 17:10-13



**Pope's intention for
December:**

**For volunteer not-for-
profit organisations:**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frances Gleeson, Sally Agnew,
Daryl Harvey, Marie Rita
Romano, Edith Ireland,
Philip Joseph, Alfredo Figueras,
Antonia Passalacqua, Jeanette
Bakker, Brian Patterson

ANNIVERSARIES:

David Huntley, Patrick Porter,
Robert Martin, Lesley White,
Irena Iwona, Mary & Frank Jack,
Patrick O'Halloran, Fr Patrick
McMaugh, James Treacy,
Nancy Gomez.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:
**Those suffering from Covid-19 -
that it is brought under control
and eliminated as a health risk.**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell,
Chichi Datoc, Carla Medeiros,
Ann Leslie, Modesta Borromeo
Laroco, Georgina Hughes, Mary
Burns, 'Roy', Rey Hilario, Patrick
Dorahy, Roger Okell, Jean Cook,
Barbara Jones, Rosemary
Pendlebury-Grainger, Brian
Treacy, John Cosgrove (Snr),
Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas
Philip OSH, Josef, Marie Haag,
Elaine Longmuir.

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'Paul: Powerful, CEO type of leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, unforgiving with young ministers, harsh and has been known to preach all night.

'Jesus: Has been popular at times, but once when his following grew to 5000 he managed to offend them all and it dwindled down to some faithful women and his best friend. Seldom stays in one place very long.

'Judas: His references are solid. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. Great possibilities here.'

In today's Gospel we hear what a fierce character John the Baptist was. He lets the Pharisees and Sadducees have it with both barrels. These groups were the publicly devout churchgoers of their day. They were often hypocrites, professing one thing and doing another. We know they regularly demanded observances of ordinary Jews that they did not live out themselves. No wonder John disliked them so much.

Their religious observance was a charade, focused on their needs, their souls, their salvation. They were going to get to heaven, and everyone else be damned! They even come out to the wilderness to get baptised. This was like going to salvation mega-store. They buy a little of everything, just to be sure. John attacks them violently and in doing so condemns their privatised religion and lack of social responsibility.

In Christianity there is an important distinction between personal and private faith. Personal faith knows that God is close and intimate, which is what we celebrate at Christmas. For Christians, however, there is no such thing as private faith. We should always be careful of hymns that only ever speak about 'me and Jesus against the world'. Inheriting the promises made to Israel and seeing them as intended for all God's children, we believe we are saved AS A PEOPLE. For us, it is 'we and Jesus for the world.'

If we have no interest in justice, development and peace for our world. If we don't care to know our fellow parishioners. If all we want is to be left alone, to come to Mass, say our prayers and save our souls, then we need to hear the story of Christmas all over again.

May this Advent, then, see John the Baptist do what he does best: 'comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.'



Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the
pastoral charity of the Catholic
community in Broken Bay.

Latest update on ~ PASTORAL WORKS BB APPEAL tally ...

Our quota levy for this financial year is set at \$35,523.00

and for the November appeal at \$17,761.50

so far our contributions total \$9,781.00

Thank you for giving what you could afford to give without hardship, Fr Joy.



THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS ~ Reflections for Advent

The new Diocesan Advent resource is now available.

Written by Fr David Ranson, (our Vicar General and PP of Chatswood Parish), it offers reflections based on the Gifts of Christmas that are represented by the Advent candles, these being Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace. Advent is a time for preparation and anticipation and this resource helps you along the way with scripture verses, reflections and prayers.

The resource can be accessed on the Diocesan webpage -
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/evangelisation/advent-2022>

December 2022 Parish Timetable

The ultra busy month of December will soon be upon us so here is an idea of what is in the diary for Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish ...



Date	Time	Church	Event
Dec 7	5pm	SBB (School)	Carols Night on the School Oval
Dec 8	5.30pm	SPA	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Dec 9	7.30pm	SPA	Taizé Evening
Dec 12	6pm	SBB	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Dec 14	3pm	Hornsby	Christmas Mass, Regis Aged Care
Dec 15	11.30am	SPA	Whole School end of year Mass
Dec 15	5.30pm / 7.30pm	Berowra Oval	Carols under THE Star - Ecumenical Event (see below)
Dec 16	11.30am	SBB	Whole School end of year Mass
Dec 16	5.30pm / 6.15pm	SBB (Church & Hall)	Volunteers' Thanksgiving Mass and 'Sizzle Spectacular'
Dec 17	9am / after 9am Mass	SBB / SPA	Christmas Church Cleaning—all hands and buckets on deck!
Dec 19	7.30pm	SPA	2nd Rite of Reconciliation opportunity
Dec 21	7.30pm	SPA	Whole Parish Christmas Carol Evening

The 250 Club!

WINNER



Week 20 ~ 28/11/22; Winning # ~ 648;

Amt: \$500.00; Winner: Angela Conacher

**NB: The 250 Club is now in recess until February 2023 ~
Thank you for your support during 2022**



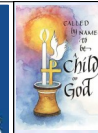
Tap n Go donation points available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10. Thank you for your support through these devices.



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 Bijou.



Annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal this weekend



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to
Thomas Axl Burrows
and
Jesse Michael Martin

who are to be baptised
this weekend. *Please keep them,
their parents and Godparents
in your prayers.*

**Last Sunday's Cake Stall for
SVdP Christmas Appeal**
was very successful and raised
an amazing \$615.90!!



Congratulations to all members of
the Children's & Select Choirs for
running this fundraiser which
showed great initiative. Thanks
also to all parents for their
support and encouragement.



**Children's Choir
@ St Patrick's**
is always happy
to welcome new
members

Ages: Year 3 up to Year 12.
Choir practises: Every Friday
during school terms from 4pm to
5pm in St Patrick's church.
Need more information? Call
Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.

Please note: Final Choir Mass
for 2022: December 11th, 10am.
Final practise: Friday Dec. 9th.
followed by **Christmas party** until
5.30pm. Please bring a plate to
share and please RSVP to Pat.



**Attention all Parish
Volunteers:**
The Parish
**VOLUNTEERS
THANKSGIVING
MASS & BBQ HAS
BEEN POSTPONED**

We are very sorry for any
inconvenience. A new date and venue
will be advised shortly and we hope to
see you all then to properly thank you
for all you do for our parish.

The core values of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are
commitment, compassion, respect, integrity, empathy, advocacy and courage.

Vinnies has had a presence in this Parish since 1957 and the need to help those less fortunate
than us is still as relevant now as it was then. The Parishioners from the Parish of Kur-ing-gai
Chase have always been generous in the support of the Society and we are very grateful for
that. **This weekend Vinnies request that you donate only what you can afford to help us
continue the work of supporting those who are less fortunate than ourselves.**

There are envelopes before you in the pews, so please place your donation in the envelope, fill
out the details and receipts will be issued if requested. Envelopes can be placed on either of
the collection plates or the poor boxes at the rear of the church.

If you wish you can use the envelopes next week or any time of your choosing.

Thank you all very much for your past and future assistance and if any one wants to know
more about the Society or would like to join us in our work of supporting the less fortunate
please contact the Parish Office .

CALLING ALL

**Shepherds, Angels and Wisemen
NATIVITY PLAY**

Christmas Eve Children's Mass 5pm

@ ST BERNARD'S CHURCH

(well, the schoolyard actually)

Would your child like to be involved in the
Christmas Nativity Play at the 5.00 pm
Christmas Eve Mass at St Bernard's?
Then, please come along to the rehearsal
on Thursday 22nd December.

We will meet at 10.00 am outside St Bernard's Church.
Parents, please stay with your child for the rehearsal.

If you have any questions,
please contact us on 0422 093 594. Zinta H & Elaine D

Actors
Needed

Calling all volunteers!

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 6pm -

@ ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Any children that would like to participate in the
Christmas pageant are asked to attend
2 rehearsals at St Patrick's church.

Wednesday 21st Dec **AND** Friday 23rd Dec

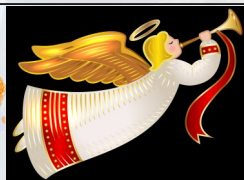
Choir practice at 9am

Pageant rehearsal 9.45am

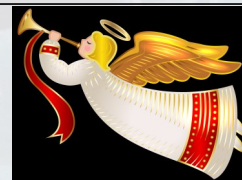
Parent volunteers are also most welcome!

If you have any questions please email Loretta
and Cecilia on ceciii@hotmail.com

**Come and take part in the Celebration of Christmas.
The more the merrier!**



CAROLS EVENING
Wednesday 21st December,
7.30pm
St Patrick's Church, Asquith



Please come and celebrate the imminent arrival of our Infant Saviour with us.
This is a whole parish event and we would like as many parishioners as possible to come
from both ends of the parish,

to be united in solidarity and love of Our Lord and our one true faith.

Musicians are invited to come and perform, either singing or playing.

Community singing is what the evening is all about

so please bring your family and friends and let's celebrate together!

There'll be plenty of your favourite Christmas Carols, so don't miss this event!

Please bring along a plate of simple bite-sized morsels to share with a cuppa afterwards.



An annual part of Advent preparation is our traditional **Taizé evening**, please join us on
Friday 9 December, at 7.30pm at St Patrick's,
for a beautiful, peaceful, meditative way
to experience this time of preparation and longing.



Annual Ecumenical Christmas Event ~ Join us Live or Virtually

Please join others from our local Church Communities of Berowra

on: Thursday 15 December at: Warrina St Oval, Berowra (opposite our church carpark);

at: 5pm for the Pre-Show and at: 7pm for Carols.

**Each local church is seeking volunteers to deliver flyers before the event and to act as crowd
controllers on the night. What a great way to show the Spirit of the Catholic Community of Berowra &
Asquith! If you can help (even for a short time) please call Gen on: 0418 866 250.**

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 10th December / 11th December 2022 — 3rd Sunday of Advent — Year A
 Is 35:1-6, 10: James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Garth Graham	Volunteer needed	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Keith Fone
Altar Servers	Robyn Orr Harry Tod	Annalise Cottrell Sophia Cottrell	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Mia Nguyen Joshua Telford	Volunteer now Volunteer now
Reader (1)	Francesca Parrino	Peter Tonkin	Edwina Subramany	Vivienne Schreiber	Elizabeth Fernandes	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Mary Dorahy	Freya Tonkin	Helen Chui	Russell Schreiber	Christine Vila	Sue Lum
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Elaine Maatouk, Marissa Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f), Gwen Wood (s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Michelle Hwang (f), Leticia Wee, Michelle Blanco			
Maintenance	Team A & B - <i>additional help always appreciated</i>		December: Malcolm Cross, David Chui			

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*.

The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~ On **Thursday, December 8**, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Mary is sometimes referred to as the second Eve or the new Eve. In the Old Testament the first Eve obeyed the serpent and committed sin, but in the New Testament the second Eve (Mother Mary) obeyed the angel Gabriel and surrendered to God.

The angel greeted her as **"Full of Grace"**, or the **"highly favoured one"** which points to Mary's being enveloped in the grace of God from the first moment of conception in the womb of her mother, Anna.

Mary was preserved from being stained by original sin because she was to give birth to the Lord of life.

Graduation Class 2022, St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Asquith.

Congratulations Year 6 St Patrick's, Asquith on your Graduation.

Our parish has watched many of you grow from tiny babies at Baptism to young recipients of the gifts of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Now you reach a different milestone as you graduate from Primary School and enter the grown up world of High School.

Our congratulations go with each of you and our prayer is that you keep God in your heart, strive always to do your best with the help of the Holy Spirit and have Jesus as your example in all you do. God bless you all!



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