

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 5th March 2023 ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent ~ Year A Gen 12:1-4: 2 Tim 1:8-10: Mt 17:1-9

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Alleluia Verse: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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

5pm St Bernard's Saturday

6pm St Patrick's 8am St Patrick's Sunday

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 our own priests to attend.

Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop - 2 March 2023 My dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

During the first week of Lent I saw a meme on social media which said, "you're fasting during Lent but not praying? I think that's called dieting."

It is very easy to take our eye off the mission, which is to begin and end with Jesus Christ. The negative consequence is that the season of Lent, with its three sure fast patterns of penance: alms giving, prayer, and fasting, tend to become all about us.

Jesus teaches us that to follow him as a disciple, we need to be vigilant in our relationships – with others, with God, and with ourselves.

This time of penance is not a call to scrupulosity or rigid practices of religion. It is an invitation to eternal life, which begins with small acts of selflessness, carried out with humility and simplicity. I repeat what I said on Ash Wednesday when we began our Lenten journey, "what we do in Lent will hopefully impact upon who we are for the rest of the year".

Last weekend I had the pleasure of admitting Richard Houwing and Hien Vuas Candidates for Sacred Orders. Richard has been journeying along the pathway to the Diaconate and Hien is on the way to Priesthood. Both men have been preparing well and I am confident that they will make a great contribution to the mission in the Church of Broken Bay.

I am grateful to those who have accompanied them in their formation thus far, and invite you to continue to support and encourage Richard and Hien as they are called to Sacred Orders. + Anthony

Gospel Reflection

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In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical.

That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration

"There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light."

event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.

When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're confused and scared by what they witness. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is.

During this Lenten season, like the disciples, we are called to consider who Jesus is and what role he plays in our lives.

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'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 March: For victims of abuse: We pray for those

who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

2nd Week of Lent ~ Year A

Monday 06/03 Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday 07/03 ls 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday 08/03 Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday 09/03 Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday 10/03 Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday 11/03 Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Agnes Yoon, Jean Dorahy, Mark Formby, Bill Healy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Karen Fitzgerald, Lillian D'Souza, Mary & Frank Jack,

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:

Maria Park, Anna Cho, Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham, Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Datoc, Ann Leslie, Georgina Hughes, Mary Burns, 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.



Altar Society and flower volunteers please note:

During Lent it is forbidden for the Altar to be decorated with flowers. GIRM #305, (: thank you :)



Week 2 – 27/02/23; Amount: \$25.00

Winning Number: 675; Winner: Unsubscribed

Important Notice: Permanent change to our weekday Mass Schedule.

Dear parishioners, I write to you all to let you know, that I have written to Bishop Anthony requesting a permanent change to the weekday Mass times and locations in the parish.

As you are aware, for almost 10 months, the parish has been operating with just the single Mass per morning, always at 9am but with opportunities to attend Holy Mass available at both churches.

It is my fervent wish to return to offering as many morning Masses as possible, **however**, this has its challenges when there is only the one priest in the parish, i.e. Mondays and Tuesdays, and in the case of illness of a priest.

To that end I now share with you my proposal to the Bishop.

Time	St Bernard's Berowra Heights	Time	St Patrick's Asquith		
8am	Thursday	8am	Wednesday & Friday		
9.15am	Wednesday & Friday (this time change allows school children of SBB to join morning Masses)	9am	Monday // Tuesday // Thursday & Saturday		

I would welcome your thoughts on this change, so if you wish to proffer an opinion, please email me at: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au by 31 March 2023.

It is anticipated the change will take place from Easter Monday (10th April [earliest] or Monday 17th April [latest]). In the meantime a single morning Mass at 9am will continue in the parish under the current schedule.

When considering this change, I would ask that you remember, whilst our parish has two churches we are **ONE PARISH** and a morning Mass will continue to be offered every morning in **THE PARISH**.

Fr Biju Jose ~ Parish Administrator of KCCP.

Planning ahead for LENT at KCCP Reconciliation Times during Lent:
Every Saturday 9.30am at Asquith and
Every Friday after 9am 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 Tuesday 28 March 2023, 7.30pm St Patrick's Asquith only



2023

Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Bernard's Berowra Heights:
8.30am Friday mornings followed by 9am Holy Mass,
Stations of the Cross during Lent at Patrick's Asquith: 7.30pm every Friday evening

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PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME 2023

Jesus: Our Light and our Life, Becoming One in Christ,
continues this week and best of all ~ it's never too late to join in! Every week is unique!
And the programme will continue over all Thursday nights during Lent.
Please gather at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, in the Fr McMaugh Hall, St Patrick's, Asquith.

I warmly invite you to attend this group, however, if you would be more comfortable working through this Lenten preparation programme on your own (or in a smaller group, perhaps in your home), then please contact the office who can provide you with the booklets. Fr Biju.



Anyone interested in making beautiful liturgical music for Lent and Easter is invited to Music Practice at St Patrick's each ...

Tuesday evening in March, from 7.30pm to 9pm in the church.

All welcome - bring a friend, your voice and your instrument.

Call Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

Lent and Easter Music Practice for St Bernard's will be finalised upon the return of Moauli Griffiths from a short holiday. Watch this space!



The Ku-Ring-Gai Parish is seeking a casual **Youth Coordinator.** The role does allow for flexibility with the working

schedule, approximately 6 hours per week on administrative tasks including preparation of resources, communications including social media planning. In addition to these hours, you will also lead parish youth activities with a requirement for availability for some weekends and evenings. This is an exciting role where you will build and maintain a parish youth group, encouraging young people to engage and participate in parish youth activities, ensuring a sense of fun, community, belonging and faith for the youth and young adults in the parish. The Youth Coordinator will work with the Parish team to build a strong youth network and collaborate with like groups and organisations as well as encouraging, supporting and assisting volunteers to assist in the youth ministry. To obtain a copy of the position description please email parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au - Please apply by sending a CV and brief cover letter addressing role requirements via email to parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au - Applications close Friday 17 March.



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~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Dr Biju.

Food for thought ~ Fast & Feast ~

- Feast on the Christ indwelling them.
- Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of all life.
- Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light.
- Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.
- Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger: Feast on patience
- Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.

- Feast on divine order.
- Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.
- Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.
- Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.
- Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal Truth.

- Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.
 - Fast from facts that depress; Feast on truths that uplift.
 - Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.
 - Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth.
 - Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.
 - Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.
 - Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.
 - Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that undergirds.

- William Arthur Ward (American author/teacher/pastor, 1921-1994.

Some welcome news from our Vicar General ~



once again free to return to the availability of holy water in fonts at the entrances to our churches. however, common sense should prevail. As we seek to maintain the fonts in the most hygienic way possible, the final choice rests with the individual ~ to use or not to use the holy water ~ is therefore a matter of personal consideration for your health and safety. For the time being, however, the Eucharist must only be distributed to the Faithful through the Body of Christ. The sharing of the Chalice amongst the people is not yet to be

reintroduced. (VG 18-2-23)



Sacramental **Programme** workshops are now taking place for Reconciliation.

Please keep our young candidates in your thoughts & prayers over the next month as they prepare to make their First Reconciliation (Confession):



SPA Wednesday 29 March, 6.30pm

SBB Thursday 30 March, 6.30pm

Our Sacramental Team can be contacted via: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's would like to thank our parents for hosting the parish

Coffee Corner after last Sunday's Mass where we talked to several parents about their children joining the Choir. If your child is interested, bring them along to our next practice, this Friday. No fees! No entrance requirements, just come!

Children's Choir is open to:

Anyone from Year 3 to Year 12, from any school in the parish. Children's Choir sings at: 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Children's Choir practises: Every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. Interested? Please call Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

A letter from Bishop Anthony Randazzo on Safeguarding Leadership and Accountability ~ 28 February 2023.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ. In recent months, I have been reflecting on how we might broaden and deepen our Safeguarding commitment in the Diocese. We all share the responsibility to build cultures of care and safety in which the young and the vulnerable are protected. In my role of Bishop, I have been acutely aware this task is never complete, and we can never be complacent. There has been great and increased awareness in society generally, and in the Church in particular, about our safeguarding responsibility. Our Parishes, Schools, CatholicCare, and Chancery recognise proactive Safeguarding is to be marked by consistency and constancy. We must all be vigilant in that commitment. In building on our whole-of-diocese approach, I am announcing a new Diocesan Framework for Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness. This Framework endeavours to recognise and support Safeguarding publicly as an entire year commitment rather than relegating it to a select short period in the year. It is only when our Safeguarding awareness is integrated into all that we do that we can be assured we are truly deepening our shared responsibility and being vigilant. Included in the features of this innovative Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Framework are:

- An annual theme allowing for flexibility that can be delivered throughout the year in various formats and to various
- Promotion of events supporting the theme and engaging the expertise of leaders in the field
- Our annual Liturgy of Lament now to coincide with the annual anniversary of the National Apology. This year, our diocesan Liturgy of Lament will occur on I 2 October 2023.
- The highlighting and promotion of national markers throughout the year, such as, amongst others, International Day of Families (15 May), World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (15 June), & National Children's Week (23-20 Oct.).

For the theme of Safeguarding Awareness for 2023, 1 have chosen "Safeguarding Leadership and Accountability." Along with our Safeguarding teams, 1 look forward to developing and engaging with this theme over the coming year in our Parishes, with our Clergy, Schools, CatholicCare and Chancery. Over the coming weeks and months our Safeguarding personnel will communicate events, resources, training and strategies, and work with you in experiencing and delivering this initiative. I pray the introduction of this new Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Framework will express and strengthen our shared commitment and responsibility. Let us take this forward with renewed vigour so that we remain ever vigilant for the protection of everyone, especially the most vulnerable, in our family of faith. Sincerely yours in Christ, + Authory

Come join us for an inspiring and enlightening talk with Sr Anna as she shares her unique discernment journey.



Sr Anna will offer her own personal testimony and will answer any questions you may have. Learn how to develop a deep relationship with God and discover how to find the path that best fits your personal goals and spiritual needs. This talk is open to all and is sure to provide valuable insight and guidance. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from an experienced and dedicated woman of faith.

Holy Hour: 6-7pm in the church; Dinner & Talk: 7-8:30pm The Sunroom, Holy Name Parish Wahroonga; Date: Fri. March 17; Time: 6pm; Adoration & Prayer in the church at 6pm Please RSVP to vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au or 0418 522 449

An invitation from Serra Club to you for a Lenten **Reflection Day at Sacred Heart Church Pymble**



Saturday March 11 10am-4pm

> Speaker: Fr Aldrin Valdehueza

RSVP to terry_scanlan @bigpond.com An invitation from St John's Anglican Church Asquith Raising Resilient **Teens** Friday

24 March

7-9.15pm



Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 12th/13th March 2023 - 3rd Sunday in Lent Year A - Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42								
	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	Paul Dryden	Mani Subramany	Bill Martin	Malcolm Cross	Sue Lum		
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Archie Tod Harry Tod	Verity Hartmann Bronte Tonkin	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Oscar Braga Joshua Telford	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed		
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Zinta Hartmann	Miguel Do Rego	Russell Schreiber	David De-Fina	Fiona Fone		
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Alena Hartmann	Hayley Rodrigues	Vivienne Schreiber	Mary Stokes	Michael Halliday		
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers*	Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Marissa Maatouk, Cecilia Waite, Chichi Datoc (s)		Cynthia Gilbertson, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray, Maria Hon * During Lent - No Flowers - just greenery pls					
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help alway	rs needed & appreciated)	March: 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.

Recent tree removal in grounds of St Bernard's Church,

has been undertaken, to negate possible litigation arising from injury to persons/vehicles/and neighbouring property. A significant number of dead, dying and dangerous trees had to be removed and the PFC (when considering these necessary and essential works) factored the cost of the project into the parish budget. Application to Council was submitted, the site inspected, Council permission granted and the decision to proceed made. A local tree lopper was engaged and removal works are now complete.

40 trees will be planted over time to replace those removed.

Mount St Benedict College ~ OPEN DAY TODAY ~ Sunday 5 March 10am-2pm



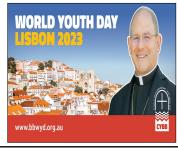
Families with a daughter in Year 5 should apply now for Year 7, 2025. Online Expression of Interest forms should be lodged by the end of Year 4.



If your child is currently enrolled in any CSBB Primary School you are eligible for priority enrolment at Mercy Catholic College Chatswood

WYD23 Registration update ~ We still have a few spaces available for young adults to join the **Direct Pilgrimage**. If you know of any young adults (18-35yrs) who may wish to journey with us, please ask them to register their interest at ...

https://bbwyd.org.au/register-for-wyd/ to secure their place on the pilgrimage.



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