

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

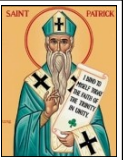
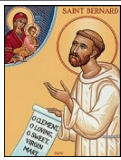
KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



6th February 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Is 6:1-8

1 Cor 15:1-11

Lk 5:1-11

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.*

Fish in the Sea of Divine Life

© Fr Michael Tate

Is there anything more irritating than someone telling you what to do in your own area of expertise or responsibility?

It gets under my skin. I usually tell such a person to 'mind your own business, thank you very much, and I'll get on well enough with mine.'

Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret.

But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a good catch, a very good catch.

He realises that this is due to Divine Presence accompanying him in his fishing.

He thinks he is unworthy to have such a Divine Companion in his work.

'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.'

But, Jesus wants to be Peter's companion, starting with fishing.

So, don't imagine that the first stage of becoming a follower of Jesus is to engage in flights of mystical ecstasy, or to plan grandiose schemes of missionary activity.

Rather, it is to let Jesus into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives, to allow Jesus to have a directing influence in our own area of expertise or competence or responsibility.

But it's true that surprising things may happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become **'fishers of men'**, fishers of human beings.

All metaphors can help us appreciate the truth in a way that plain, flat language cannot. It is possible to press this metaphor of fishing too far, but, consider for a moment:

I was down on the wharf a little while ago. They were selling whole Trevalla, magnificent fish – but very definitely dead. That is what the fishermen deliver to the docks. They fish the fish out of the sea and kill them.

Is that what Jesus had in mind when he challenged Peter and some other fishermen on the Lake of Gennesaret to become fishers of human beings? What sort of destiny is that for us who have been caught up in the net of Christianity? Is it to be a deadening experience?

St Luke was very conscious of this when he was incorporating this story into his gospel and so he changed the word we find in the gospels of Mark and Matthew. He used a particular Greek word *zogrein* which means **'to catch alive'**. It is the word used for netting fish for an aquarium.

You will be pleased to learn that we who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, **'fully alive'**.

The best analogy I can think of is the phenomenon of the stranding of pods of whales on the west coast of Tasmania, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved.

People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

At times, you and I have been like those whales. Certainly, there are millions like those thrashing about in the shallows of life. Alive? Yes, but barely existing.

Our task, as followers of Jesus, is to be captivated by Our Lord and then

to captivate others into Christianity,

in order to guide them into life-giving waters:

the waters of baptism, initially,

eventually to swim with us in the great tide who is Jesus Christ

right into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.



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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO OUR CHURCHES

ALL attendees are required to
use either:

QR Code or your
Covid Check-in Card
to sign in;

Wear a Mask - this is again Mandatory



*'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**

**Fifth Week of
Ordinary Time
Year C**

Monday 07/02
1 Kg 8:1-7, 9-13
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday 08/02
1 Kg 8:22-23, 27-30
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday 09/02
1Kg 10:1-10
Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday 10/02 ~ Memorial
St Scholastica, virgin**
1 Kg 11:4-13
Mk 7:24-30

Friday 11/02
1 Kg 11:29-32; 12:19
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday 12/02
1 Kg 12:26-32; 13:33-34
Mk 8:1-10

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paul Bishop, Virginia Calacoci, Lorna Bensley, Fr Manoj Manuel, Gloria Fisher (Archbishop Anthony Fisher's mother), Antonia Alvarado, Rodney Porter

ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin Harant, Mary & Frank Jack, Mary Ann Weir, Milagros Apostol Manangdo, Aurora Apostol Santos

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.

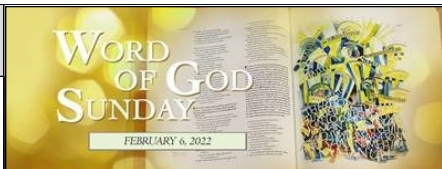
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Bob Nicholls, Jean Cook, Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy, Felicity Fone, Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Barbara Jones, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef, Tom Dawson, Marie Haag



**Pope's intention
for February:
For religious
sisters and
consecrated
women:**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



This Sunday is Word of God Sunday, a day to celebrate the word of God, and to encourage ways of disseminating and studying our sacred Scriptures.

This Sunday marks Sunday of the Word of God, an occasion to celebrate God's word in our Sacred Scriptures. We remember that when we read the Scriptures or hear them proclaimed, we are entering into a true dialogue with God, both individually and communally. God continues to speak, and we are encouraged to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures so as to enter into this dialogue and grow in our friendship with the risen Lord. Pope Francis tells us, "A profound bond links sacred Scripture and the faith of believers. Since faith comes from hearing, and what is heard is based on the word of Christ (cf. Rom 10:17), believers are bound to listen attentively to the word of the Lord, both in the celebration of the liturgy and in their personal prayer and reflection." (Aperuit Illis #7)

Consider taking some steps to read or study the Scriptures more this year. Some ideas follow:

1. 'The Bible in A Year' Podcast with Fr Mike Schmitz: Make 2022 the year that you read the whole Bible with this easy-to-use podcast. Includes explanations on the text.
2. 'Pray as You Go' App: Start your day with one of the day's Scripture texts and reflection / music.
3. Join a bible study or reflection group. Take some time to get to know and understand our foundational texts.



Sacramental Programme dates

First Reconciliation (Confession):
Tuesday 5 April / Wednesday 6 April
First Eucharist (First Holy Communion):
Saturday 18 / Sunday 19 June (Corpus Christi)
Confirmation: Sunday 18 September 2022

**ENROLMENTS OPEN: 12/13 February 2022
FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION &
FIRST EUCHARIST**

All children in Year 4 or above who have been both Baptised and Confirmed are eligible to enrol for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Those who made Confirmation last year should have received an email on enrolling for the above. If you are new to the parish or did not receive an email, forms can be downloaded from our website.

Please go to:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/sacraments/reconciliation>

ENROLMENT WEEKEND



**FIRST
RECONCILIATION
AND
FIRST
EUCHARIST**

**Next Weekend
February
12th & 13th**

St Patrick's Asquith in hall:
Saturday February 12th from 5-6pm
Sunday February 13th from 9-10am

**St Bernard's Berowra Hts in
Church forecourt:**
Saturday February 12th after 5pm Mass
Sunday February 13th after 9am Mass

*See website for full details
or contact our Sacramental Team:
kccpsacraments@gmail.com*

Catechist Sunday is 28 February 2022.

**On this day we give thanks to and for the dedication of the few
who take the Word of God to the many little folk in our State Primary Schools.**



It is not a secret that we urgently need more Catechists to be involved in the wonderful work of this ministry. As you already know, there are **seven** Public Schools within our Parish with a total of **533** Catholic students as at December 2021. More often than not, our contact with these children is the only connection between them, their parents, and the Church.

We now have only **thirteen** Catechists.

Catechists have a vital role in sharing our faith and love with these children.

We need you to step up and please consider volunteering to join this important Ministry today.

**The annual Blessing bestowed on our Catechists will take place during the
10am Mass at St Patrick's on Sunday 28th February.**

Will you stand with them?

Will you answer when Jesus calls you?

*Our thanks to Rey Hilario & Cesar Rubio Vidal who have recently answered their call
and have come on board to help at the Berowra end of the Parish.*

Without these two gentlemen, we would have been searching for 15 Catechists!!

**We warmly welcome back to school all our teachers and students of
St Bernard's and St Patrick's Primary Schools.**

We ask God's blessing on you all as you begin the new school year.
May it be a happy and successful year for you all.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6



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, Fr Shaju.



Artist: Angie Fox

Angie is an Embroiderer and Vestment Designer from Derby, England. She writes, "Following the theme given, I have used several images to depict the key words as follows:
Freedom: an open door to a pathway across an endless open vista.
Justice: broken chains
God's Peace and Forgiveness: the dove of peace and a peace lily breaking through the pavement.
Over all: the rainbow represents the overreaching love of God."

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, the theme or country being celebrated during World Day of Prayer is the United Kingdom.

England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

There will be songs, stories, food etc from England, Scotland, Wales & Ireland.

This year the host church is

St Marks Anglican Church,
18 Berowra Waters Road,

and everyone is invited.

It is hoped that Ku-ring-gai Chase will be well represented this year, so you are asked to keep the date free.

Friday, March 4 @ 7pm.

We are also seeking some volunteers from KCCP to take on perhaps a reading. Our parish liaison person, Gen Funk, is happy for any volunteers to contact her after 5pm on 0418 866 250.

This ecumenical day of prayer is a wonderful example of Christian Churches of various faiths, coming together in shared love of God.



Photo by Maksim Trushchak

Pray for the Ukraine . . .

As the situation escalates in Europe over fears of a Russian invasion of Ukraine, Pope Francis has issued an urgent plea to all people of goodwill to pray for peace. **"Please, no more war!"**

Pope Francis addressed these words to all political leaders on the Catholic Church's day of prayer for peace (26 January 2022) and asked the world to pray that "this land may see fraternity flourish and overcome wounds, fears, and divisions." (www.vaticannews.va)
"Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!"

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: **"Never again war!"**; **"With war everything is lost"**. Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words **"division"**, **"hatred"** and **"war"** be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be **"brother"**, and our way of life will always be that of: **Shalom, Peace, Salaam!**
Amen."

Pope Francis, *Invocation for Peace*, Vatican Gardens, Sunday 8th June 2014.

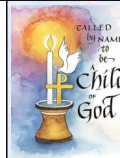
i4give Week 1-7 February



Parents Daniel & Leila Abdallah have created i4give Week as a remembrance of the four children that were tragically lost on the 1st of February 2020. The hope is to help and inspire others who have suffered in a similar way, as well as being a national day of focus on forgiveness for all in the community.

i4give Sunday is on 6 February 2022

i4give Sunday is on 6 February 2022 and serves to engage all Christian churches across Australia to unite in a shared embrace of the Christ centred approach to forgiveness. In the spirit of Jesus prayer for unity (John 17:21) Christians are encouraged to engage in conversation around forgiveness and its power to heal and restore broken relationships. The message of deep forgiveness based in a forgiving God starts within and among churches and going out from there into the community. Further information on the initiative as well as resources on forgiveness can be found at <https://www.i4give.com>.



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to

Claudia Perrottet and Olivia Castelnovo

Who are to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep them, their parents and Godparents



60 Years of Bliss "Diamond Anniversary"
Our parish extends congratulations and prayers to

Brian and Jeanette Neary who were married at **St Therese Catholic Church, Lakemba**

on **Saturday, 27 January, 1962** by **Fr Dominic Furlong** in a **Nuptial Mass at 9am**

Last Thursday on their anniversary they received a special blessing from Fr Shaju which was gratefully received.



Jeanette and Brian, may God continue to bless your marriage with love and happiness now and always.



SYNOD OF BISHOPS:

Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church?

You still have three weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians.

Submissions close on Sunday, February 27 2022

For more information, visit <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 12th/13th February 2022 — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year C
Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

	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	Denis Steiner	Mani Subramany	Sue Lum	Malcolm Cross	Vicente Sanchez
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Jeanette Neary	Penny Loughland	Russell Schreiber	Jo Quinlan	Substitute requested
Reader (2)	Mark Dunkley	Isaac Tonkin	Miguel Do Rego	Vivienne Schreiber	Substitute requested	Substitute requested
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favaloro & Jerome Gomez	Peter Collins & Paul Dryden	Chris Smith	Michael Halliday, Tess & Francis L	Sue Newnham Chris Newnham	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Marissa Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f), Gwen Wood (s)		Sue O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Sue O'Malley, John O'Malley, Anthony Drake			
Maintenance	Team A & B—additional help always appreciated		Ronnie Tan, John Hajduk—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*.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!



At KCCP we take Safeguarding seriously: The Diocese of Broken Bay strives to promote a culture of safety and care for all people and especially for children, young people and vulnerable adults in its care and is committed to maintaining a pastoral community that models the essential qualities of ethical and moral behaviours. The principles upon which these behaviours are founded include; Integrity, Commitment, Presence, Servant Leadership, Truth, Compassion, Wisdom and Dignity. The Diocese invites its entire people to embrace and contribute to a culture of safeguarding children and vulnerable people. *Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.*

Learning Hub: On 10 December 2021, The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) released its first report on the safety of children in care in Australia throughout the 20–21 period. To read the Safety of Children in Care Report, visit <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/child-protection/safety-of-children-in-care-2020-21/contents/about>.



Are you aware of CatholicCare's Family Dispute Resolution services? Our Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) services assist separating and divorcing couples and their children to resolve disputes without needing to take action in the Family Court. With the assistance of an impartial third party, family dispute resolution helps identify issues and together we develop a range of options and alternatives. We deal with issues relating to children, parenting plans, contact with grandparents, blended family issues, parent and adolescent issues, communication breakdowns, relocation, property and financial issues and more. Fees are subsidised and are reasonable. For more information contact [1800 324 924](tel:1800324924) or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au.



Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Broken Bay Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information, please phone the Tribunal Office on [02 9307 8309](tel:0293078309) or email tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au.

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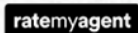
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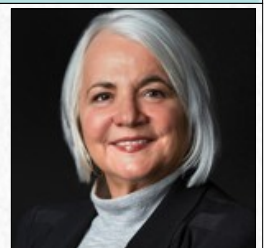
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