

'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus' KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

6th March 2022 First Sunday of Lent Year C Deut 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

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'.

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WEEKEND MASSES					
Saturday	5pm	St Bernard's			
	6pm	St Patrick's			
Sunday	8am	St Patrick's			
	9am	St Bernard's			

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am St Patrick's

6pm St Patrick's

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.



Gospel Reflection © Greg Sunter

The wilderness, or desert, is used repeatedly throughout the Bible as a place of special encounter with God and preparation for a new direction or a new ministry. The 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness immediately followed his baptism in the Jordan where his status as the beloved of God was confirmed. He is led by the Spirit to go out into the wilderness for a period of fasting, prayer and preparation before entering into his public ministry. In fact, the event that immediately follows this passage is the episode in Nazareth where Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah and declares the intent of his ministry. It is presented as if, having spent his time in preparation and overcoming the temptations before him, Jesus strode out of the wilderness and laid out what he had decided. The episode of the temptations is a clear indicator of the humanity of Jesus – he experienced doubt, uncertainty and fear just as we do. If the gospel intended to emphasise the divinity of Jesus, none of these temptations would have been an issue. We are told that Jesus was indeed tempted, not just pestered by the devil. The opportunities laid before Jesus were actually tempting to him. They challenged his resolve. They made Jesus question the sort of Messiah that he was to be: the all-conquering, powerful Messiah that the people expected; or the servant to the poor who will be tortured and put to death. Jesus is tempted to use his power to make his task easier or to display his authority to others. Had he chosen to do this, surely it would have been easier to get people's attention - and that was the temptation: to take the easier path or stick to the more subtle, more personal, more difficult path.

Scriptural context – The temptations

The three temptations Jesus faces all focus upon the nature of his mission and ministry. The first temptation is to miraculously feed himself – is his ministry to be about himself or others? The second is to take power and authority over all the world – to fulfil the human expectations of what a Messiah ought to be or fulfil God's plan of service, rather than domination? The third temptation is about grandstanding – to make a spectacular declaration of his arrival or to minister to the lowly and reveal himself in that way?

Have you thought? – The Devil

The personification of **'the devil'** is sometimes difficult to contemplate. The one who tempts Jesus in the wilderness is referred to in this passage as **'the devil'**. Devil is the English translation of a Greek word, *diabolos*. As the gospel of Luke was originally written in Greek, we can assume that *diabolos* was the word used. *Diabolos* has several meanings: *the accuser; the slanderer; the one who separates*. It is the purpose of the temptations to **'separate'** Jesus from God and from his intended approach to his ministry. The temptations we face are often those that **'separate'** us from what we know to be right.

Living the Gospel – Lent

The 40 days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays in the season). It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All three of these practices are actions of preparation. Just as Jesus prepared for his ministry in the wilderness, so too is Lent an opportunity for us to be deliberate about our reflection on what we are called to do in this world.

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When entering our Churches, for the safety of ourselves, fellow parishioners and visitors, we highly recommend that you Wear a Mask thank you.

'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

First Week of Lent Year C Monday 07/03

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday 08/03 ls 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday 09/03

Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32 Thursday 10/03

Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Mt 7:7-12

Friday 11/03 Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26 Saturday 12/03

Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Harry Hwang, James Randle, Phil Duggan, Minerva Santos, Bob Nicholls, David Ledlin ANNIVERSARIES:

Joaquin Victor D'Souza, Matthew & Linda Ho, Michael Leong, Bill Colman, Karen Fitzgerald, Irene Berry, Neville Nicholson, Mary Treacy, Kevin Harant

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: For those suffering from Covid-19 - that it will brought under control and eliminated as a health risk for all.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Mary Burns, 'Roy', Rey Hilario, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy, Felicity Fone, Barbara Jones, Jean Cook, Patrick O'Donoghue, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef, Tom Dawson, Marie Haag, Elaine Longmuir, Sally Agnew.



March: A Christian response to Bioethical Challenges:

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



Week 2: 22/02/2022; Winning No: 976 Amt: \$25.00; Winner: *Unsubscribed*



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 This year during Lent, try a little Extra Spiritual Effort, such as ...

 * Come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation
 * Pray the Rosary as a family at home,

 * Attend an extra mass (to pray especially for family who may have drifted away from the church)

 * Attend the Stations of the Cross at least once.
 * Do anything to help someone less fortunate

 Those who seek me diligently find me. Proverbs 8

Project compassion boxes - available today This years Project Compassion theme is: 'For All Future Generations' The good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop - 2 March 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We began our annual Lenten journey this week with Ash Wednesday and the distribution of ashes which are a sign of repentance from sin.

The liturgical practice of applying ashes on one's forehead goes back as far as the eighth century, and while they symbolise penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts.

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving – often called the three pillars of Lent. It also reminds us of the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert praying and fasting, and leads us to Jesus' death and resurrection. This is as time when we can put our souls before a mirror and see who we really are; when we recognise and own our fragility; when we can reflect and refocus on our lives and make sure we are not in any way being deflected from love of God and neighbour.

Lent allows us to give more time to prayer and build our personal relationship with God. We all have busy lives in different ways but a life without prayer is a life without the joy of the presence of God. Fasting is one of the oldest practices linked to Lent. An imitation of Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before He began His public ministry, it is the most solemn period of fasting on the Church's calendar, leading to the celebration of our most important feast, Easter.

We give up some comforts or adopt particular spiritual practices, spend time in self-examination, resolve to repent from sin but ultimately this is the time for spiritual renewal and spiritual growth.

Almsgiving is a very ancient charitable practice, and while we should always consider the suffering and needs of others, Lent encourages us to do more than just consider.

One of the central lessons of the cross is compassion, and making the needs of other people our own, sharing our material goods. Contributing to an appeal for the poor or persecuted is true Christian charity. We don't have to look far to see the recent desperate situations of people both here and abroad. This past week the heartbreaking devastation unleashed by unprecedented rain and floods, the loss of life and homes, has been heartbreaking. And on the other side of the world the invasion of Ukraine, the targeting of civilian buildings, and an escalating death toll.

We have a great deal to pray for during these turbulent times.

Now more than ever, I encourage you to reconnect with the Body of Christ during this Lenten season, and reflect upon your spiritual pilgrimage as individuals and a community as we prepare for the glorious celebration of Easter. With my prayers and blessing, + *Authouy*



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.





FIRST RECONCILIATION WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

The workshops for our children continue this week with session two of four. At all Masses next weekend (except the 6pm Sunday evening SPA), the children will be presented to parishioners and ask for your prayers as they continue their journey of faith. Reconciliation will be conferred on either April 5th (SPA) or April 6th (SBB). Please keep the children, their families and our workshop leaders in your prayers.

For more information please contact our Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com

Altar Server Training will take place at

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	Thursday 10 <u>March</u>	3.15- 4pm	Meet Mr Malcolm Cross (trainer) in the courtyard of St Patrick's Church
St Bernard's Berowra Hts	Tues 22 & Thurs 24 <u>March</u>		Meet Mr Vince Hughes (trainer) inside St Bernard's Church



Parents/guardians will need to sign a consent form to take you to Mass when rostered to serve and you will be rostered for whichever weekend Mass you usually attend.

This form can be downloaded from our website by copy and pasting this link into your browser: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/groups-ministries/ministries-at-mass then in the section 'Altar Servers, Assist at Sunday Masses', please chose 'click here' for either St Bernard's or St Patrick's.

Please email the form to the parish office or hand to the trainer on the day, thank you.

Mr Vince Hughes will be training you for St Bernard's and Mr Malcolm Cross for St Patrick's. Both gentlemen hold current Working With Children Clearances and look forward to meeting you.

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war.

Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel, Every angel and saint: Please pray for peace. Pray for unity amongst nations. Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful. Pray for those most in need. Pray for us all. Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers. Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.



If you are of Ukranian or Russian ancestry, you may have a special appreciation for the intercession of

St. Olga of Kiev Patroness of widows and converts, her Feast Day is July 11.

She has a fascinating sinner-turned-saint story. Known as a former pagan who took brutal revenge on hundreds of political enemies who assassinated her husband, she was later baptised at an old age. which eventually converted her entire region of Kiev to Christianity. Her unlikely and remarkable transformation has earned her an esteemed place in Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic hagiography.



Caritas Ukraine urgently needs your support Caritas Australia is currently raising funds to support communities impacted by the conflict in Ukraine. Visit caritas.org.au/donate/

emergency-appeals/ukraine/ or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.

It is with mixed emotions, we bid a fond farewell to the Kurishingal Family.

Milen, Grace, Melissa and Marcus will be moving to a new home and new parish this weekend, and while we are happy for them and wish them all the very best, we are sad to lose such wonderful supportive members of our parish family. Over the last 6 years the family wasted no time in becoming active members of the parish. Milen has been a Senior Server and on the Church maintenance team, Melissa has been active in the Children's Liturgy Ministry and reading, Grace has been a Co-coordinator of the Sacramental Programme and always available to help at parish events and with Marcus in the driving seat, the entire family has led the

First Friday of the Month 'Night Vigil' over several years. They have supported the parish financially through many appeals including the restoration of St Patrick's Church and the donation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue in our Chapel. They have been more than generous in the giving of their time and talents. You will be in our prayers, May God bless and protect you always.





Welcome to our Faith Family Baptism congratulations to

Kieran John Crozier

who is to baptised this weekend.

Please keep him, his parents and Godparents in your prayers.



Children's Choir **@St Patrick's** Great news! Choir is Back!

Now that singing without masks is allowed in churches again and distancing is no longer required, Children's Choir is able to resume and **REHEARSALS WILL BEGIN IN TERM 2.**

After the Easter holidays, regular practices will begin again on Friday afternoons from 4-5pm in St Patrick's church. Before these practices can begin, we must have at least one adult helper rostered for every practice, to comply with diocesan Safeguarding procedures. Parents and carers, if you would like your child to attend

Children's Choir, please volunteer to be on the roster. YOU MUST HOLD A

CURRENT WWCC. Not sure how to get a WWCC? Contact the parish office for

assistance.

Meanwhile, all singers are welcome to sing at 10am Mass, starting now! Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for further details. Spread the news!

POSITION VACANT

Nursing Appointment Arrupe House Pymble is a small community

of retired Jesuits, priests and brothers. An experienced registered nurse is required to work with a small team of nurses. This position is on a permanent part-time or casual basis with AM duties. Please e-mail your CV to Drupathi: E: arrupehouse@sjasl.org.au

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 12th/13th March 2022 — 2nd Sunday in Lent — Year C Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

	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	Sue Lum	David Massa	Keith Fone	
Reader (1)	Alodie Wheeler	Isaac Tonkin	Edwina Subramany	Michael Halliday	Sandra Maloney	Fiona Fone	
Reader (2)	Natasha Steele	Barbara McMullen	Penny Loughland	Jim Fitzgerald	Cora Cuasay	Simone Noel	
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Marissa Maatouk, Anne Bourke (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith, Mervyn Soares, Liz Soares,				
Maintenance	Team A & B — additional help always appreciated		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.*



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Learning Hub: Gaslighting is a form of emotional abuse where a person makes you doubt yourself or question your account of an incident. Copy & paste https:// eapassist.com.au/eap-assist/gaslighting-is-abuse/ into your browser to learn more.



A free seminar for the Catholic community of the Central Coast featuring an expert legal advisor to answer your questions.

Tuesday 15 March 2022 Date: Time: 11.00am - 12.30pm Venue Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish, 239-243 The Entrance Road, The Entrance 2261 Catering: Light refreshments provided **Register:**

www.bbcatholic.org.au/willsday or contact David on 02 8379 1664 / david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au



Presenter

Cecilia Castle, principle of Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 30 years. Cecilia is a egular speaker and writer on legal topics, Catholic and parishioner in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

SAFECUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY | Community News: Last Tuesday 23 Clergy from across the Diocese of 11 Broken Bay attended Safeguarding Training facilitated by the Safeguarding Office (Chancery & Parishes). The module is offered 5 times throughout the year. It is compulsory for all Clergy of Broken Bay to be present at one of the scheduled dates. This year the module addresses the topics of Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities, Reportable Conduct, Mandatory Reporting and the Diocesan Complaints Handling Framework. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Safeguarding team to connect with the Clergy.

Saturday Sessions with Katie ~ Are you curious to know more about the FertilityCare System to effectively manage your fertility or infertility issues?

Come along to an introductory session on Saturday 26th March @10.30am. **Presented via zoom**, these sessions are a convenient way for you to learn more about your fertility to either achieve or avoid pregnancy, all from the comfort of your home (no babysitting required!).

Please RSVP katie.fullilove@bbcatholic.org.au for details and/or zoom link.

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