

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

## **KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH**



Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord. Responsorial Psalm: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

6th November 2022 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thess 2:16 - 3:5; Lk 20:27-38

**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

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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

After 9am Mass St Bernard's Friday \*\*\*\*\*

**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.

### PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

Opening Hours: 9am – 3.30pm, Mon-Fri only.

Phone: (02) 9456 2450 / Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp 1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082 / P.O. Box 335, Berowra Hts 2082 Parish Office Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au



THAN TO GOD, AND GOD IS VERY NEAR

### November is the Month of Remembering 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.

It 'enables us to reconnect with all those whom we love. but who have died. As well, it invites us into solidarity with the dead throughout history ... ' We also pray for those who have "gone before us marked with the sign of faith".

During the Month of November you are requested to say the following prayer daily: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### **Annual Mass of Remembrance**

Sunday 13 November 2022 ~ 9am @ St Bernard's & 10am @ St Patrick's Each of these Masses will be offered for all who have lost someone from their life, especially those who have lost someone from over the last year.

As in previous years a **Book of Remembrance** has been placed in each Church for the month of November. Please print names clearly on the November Mass envelopes and place on either collection plate at Mass.

The names of your deceased family members and friends will be placed into the books on a weekly basis where they will be remembered in a special way during November Masses at both St Patrick's and St Bernard's.



## Remembrance Day ~ Friday 11 November 2022 Remembering those who died for our freedom at The 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month

God our Father,

your Son Jesus gave up His life to free us from the power of sin and death. He showed us that the greatest love is in giving up one's life for others. On November 11th, we will remember those who fought and died for our freedom. We ask you to bless and console them together with their families. Help us to understand the sacrifices they made in leaving their loved ones to face the horrors of war. May we never forget their generosity. May your Holy Spirit give us the courage to resist evil in all its forms and show us how to be peacemakers through prayer and action, lest we forget those who fought, suffered and died that we might have the freedom and peace we enjoy today. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Parish Administrator: Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper / Bookkeeper: Karen Price Vol. Office Assist: Jan Favaloro / Vol. Sacramental Team: Peta & Phill 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

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Monday 7/11 Titus 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday 8/11 Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday 9/11 ~ Feast The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Jn 2:13-22 Thursday 10/11 ~ Memorial St Leo the Great, pope, doctor

Philemon 7-20; Lk 17:20-25 Friday 11/11~ Memorial St Martin of Tours, bishop 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday 12/11 ~ Memorial St Josaphat, bishop, martyr 3 |n 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

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

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Edith Ireland, Philip Joseph, Alfredo Figueras, Fr Tony Simon OFM (Fr Joy's cousin), Antonia Passalacqua, Jeanette Bakker, Brian Patterson

ANNIVERSARIES: Irena Iwona, Patrick O'Halloran, Fr Patrick McMaugh, Mary & Frank Jack, James Treacy, Nancy Gomez

All those recorded in our **Book of Remembrance** 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: Judy Farrell, Chichi Datoc, Daryl Harvey, Carla Medeiros, Ann Leslie, Modesta Borromeo Laroco, Georgina Hughes, Mary Burns, 'Roy', Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, Jean Cook, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Barbara Jones, Brian Treacy, Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef, Marie Haag, Elaine Longmuir, Sally Agnew.



Pope's intention for November: Children who suffer:

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.





"Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living."

Luke 20:38

### Gospel Reflection © Greg Sunter

Life after death, in one form or another, is a common belief of most of the major faiths of the world. It is certainly a basic tenet of Christian faith. Because the gospels record Jesus as speaking about an afterlife, we tend to assume that this was a common belief of his time. However, within the different groups of Judaism, there was significant diversity of belief about this point. While the Pharisees believed in resurrection, the Sadducees did not. The

Sadducees, whose name means 'righteous ones' were an elite group within the Jewish faith. They were purists in their adherence to the Torah and their rejection of any later teachings or writings - this actually put them in conflict with the Pharisees, although the two groups are often portraved in the gospels as being united against Jesus, Today's gospel passage depicts an attempt by the Sadducees to ridicule belief in an afterlife by guestioning Jesus about an extremely exaggerated scenario.

The reply Jesus gives largely ignores the farcical nature of the question. Rather, Jesus makes clear that the resurrected life is not merely an extension of the earthly life. The things that are of concern in this world are not an issue in the next. Through death and resurrection, life is changed; not ended. This idea can be challenging at a time when we are mourning the loss of a loved one, yet we are called to respond to that challenge with a genuine hope and trust in the life that goes on in a different way. Jesus, in fact, dismisses the whole idea of death as an ending by saying that to God all people are alive, whether on earth or in the resurrection.

### Scriptural context – The Law of Moses

The first five books of what we know as the Bible make up what Jews regard as the Torah (the Law). Right up until the second half of the 19th Century, it was accepted that Moses was the author of these five books. Literary criticism reveals a variety of authors and editors and the books are now thought to have been written at the time of the Jewish exile in Babylon. Despite this, Moses holds a special place in Judaism as the 'Law-giver' because of his part in the Ten Commandments and he tends to be associated with the whole of the books of Law - the Torah.

### Gospel Focus – I am who am

The Sadducees quote the Law of Moses at Jesus but he goes one better by quoting the very conversation when Moses encountered God in the burning bush. In this encounter, God reveals Godself to be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God does not say, I was the God of Abraham, but rather I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This distinction confirms that the relationship is ongoing, not stuck in a time before their death. It is in this same encounter that God reveals God's name as 'I am who am' - represented in Hebrew by the letters YHWH from which we get Yahweh.



Fr Biju is popping back to India for a much deserved break.

Fr Biju will be jetting off on Wednesday 9th November and will return to us refreshed and revived on Friday December 9th just in time for the big lead up to Christmas.



Our prayers for a safe journey there and back are assured Father.



Vox Populi - The Voice of the People - 3 November 2022 Around seven weeks to Christmas and decorations are beginning to appear in the shops and invitations to end-of-year gatherings starting to fill the diaries. However, there is much more to observe and celebrate during the month of November.

Traditionally a month of remembrance of the dead, we began the month praying for the faithful departed. All Saints Day on 1 November commemorates all the saints in heaven, and 2 November is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died.

On Friday 4 November we celebrate the feast day of St Charles Borromeo, often referred to as the loving reformer who cared deeply about people and wanted them to know the Church cared about them. Born in 1538 near the Alps in Lake Maggiore, Italy to distinguished and wealthy parents, Charles studied theology with the priesthood as his goal. At just 22 he was made a Cardinal of the Church, and soon after Archbishop of Milan. He also assisted in organising the Council of Trent out of which grew many reforms for which he is credited.

Charles Borromeo devoted his entire life to helping the people of God become more like Jesus, reaching out in special ways to help those around us and make the face of God more real in the world.

St Charles Borromeo is the Patron Saint of bishops, catechists and catechumens. Our Bishop of Broken Bay, Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL was installed as the fourth Bishop of this Diocese on 4 November 2019. We also celebrate the Feast of Christ the King on 20 November, in honour of Jesus Christ as Lord over all Creation;

the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 21 November, and St Andrew the Apostle on 30 November. Very importantly November is also the beginning of Advent, a time of preparation, reflection, and anticipation which marks our journey to the Festival of Christmas and the Birth of Christ, and also of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ. This year Advent will begin on Sunday 27 November and ends on Saturday 24 December. So if you're already shopping for decorations don't forget your Advent candles!



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 OUR BANK regular or ad hoc donations), please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or via email to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au DETAILS

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



## Attention Parish Volunteers: Due to a conflict in the parish diary,

the date and venue for the Annual Volunteers thank you has been changed, so please mark your diaries to join us on ...

# Date: Friday 16 December at St Bernard's Berowra Heights. Time: 5.30pm for Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass Dinner: 6.15pm ~ 'A Sizzle Spectacular' in the Fr Denis Callaghan Hall.

We really want to thank each of you for your acts of stewardship and ministry during 2022. Anyone rostered on for a parish ministry; anyone who regularly volunteers to help out; anyone who humbly goes about doing all the little tasks (our quiet achievers); you are all very welcome to come along and enjoy Mass and dinner in appreciation for all you do. Please be sure to mark your diary and join us on the evening. **RSVP** by email to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au or call 9456 2450 by **Fri. Dec. 2, 2022**.











What a special parish event! ~ 10 Days of the Rosary 2022!
Thank you to all who prepared for and participated in the 10 Days of the Rosary event this year, as it wouldn't have been a success without you.
Special acknowledgement goes to Phil & Gabby Daidone & Francis and Tess
Lizardo, who tirelessly and expertly coordinated this event, which culminated in a beautiful procession around the church and school boundaries.
Our Lady was proudly held aloft on a litter as her faithful children followed reciting the Rosary. The litter was expertly made by Denis Steiner, who has a particular dedication to Mary Our Mother. Thank you Denis.













COLUMBAN CALENDARS The 2022 calendar is now available at BOTH St Bernard's & St Patrick's for only \$10.00, which is cheap for a calendar of such quality and they make great gifts for family and friends!

Please consider buying a calendar this year to help the mission effort.

CHRISTMAS CARDS are also available from both churches. \* St Bernard's has packs of 8 for \$2.50. For any questions about our parish Piety Stall at St Bernard's, please contact Natasha on 0409 621 817.

\* **St Patrick's** has the SVdP endorsed cards at \$7 per pack of 10 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. *Les Fogden* ~ 9476 4058.

### Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes are available at the back of St Bernard's and St Patrick's Churches along with brochures. Please support this worthy ministry if you can and return your box/es by the last Sunday in November (27th). Any questions, please contact Louise Dryden on 0405 556 887. Boxes may be dropped back to the church or to Louise's home, 7 Dunoon Street, Berowra Heights. Thank you so much for your support as always. *Louise*.



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

Ages: Year 3 up to Year 12. Choir sings at: 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (except January). Choir practises: Every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church.

All welcome! Like more info? Contact: Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.



Welcome

to our

### ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 12th November / 13th November 2022 — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C Mal 3:19-20; 2Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

	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	Barbara McMullen	Sue Lum	Francis Lizardo	David Massa	Vicente Sanchez		
Altar Servers	Robyn Orr Archie Tod	Annalise Cottrell Sophia Cottrell	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Mia Nguyen Volunteer now	Conor Collins Tara Collins		
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Peter Collins	Hayley Rodrigues	Vivienne Schreiber	David De Fina	Fiona Fone		
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Isaac Tonkin	Helen Chui	Russell Schreiber	Susie Gates	Les Fogden		
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Marissa Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f) Gisela Muschal (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith					
Maintenance	Team A & B - additional help always		— HELP PLEASE - —volunteer today please!					
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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.* 

### Parish Secretary vacancies – Permanent, part-time **Toukley Parish &** Lower North Shore Parish

Could you see yourself as the face of the Toukley Parish or the Lower North Shore Parish, providing high level

administrative support and a warm and inviting welcome to visitors?

Both these Parishes are seeking to recruit a new permanent part-time Parish Secretary. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, administration, financial processes, Parish property, compliance and Diocesan support. If you have high developed administration skills coupled with welldeveloped relational and rapport building skills and this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au

Toukley Parish, Mondays to Fridays, 9:00am to 2:00pm

3:00pm. Applications close Friday, 11 November 2022.

Lower North Shore Parish, Mondays to Fridays, 9:00am to

Pope Francis invites dioceses around the world to celebrate World Youth Day at local gatherings on the Feast of Christ the King. We invite you to join us, on Saturday 19 November. The day will consist of: Optional pilgrimage from St Agatha's Pennant Hills to OLOR

Cathedral. The group will gather in the carpark at 1.45 pm and leaving at 2 pm. There will be a short stop for prayer at Haeden Park from 2.40 pm to 3 pm - those who wish for a shorter walk can join the pilgrimage here



at 2.40 pm. The pilgrimage will then continue and arrive at the cathedral at 4.15 pm. From 4.30 to 4.50 pm, there will be a time of prayer and testimony inside the Cathedral.

The Cathedral Vigil Mass will occur at 5 pm.

From 6 pm to 8 pm there will be a festival time for youth, young adults and, families with live music, free food, games and stalls.

Please contact the EBB team at evangelisation@bbcatholic.org,au if you and/your community have any questions. If you wish to assist at the Mass, please also let us know so that we can contact you to make arrangements.

Evangelisation Broken Bay hopes that you will be able to join us, and the youth of the Diocese, on 19 November to celebrate Diocesan World Youth Day.

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