

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

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 8th November 2020 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13



Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm:** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

**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.

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'

# The Society of Oblates of the Sacred Heart [OSH] Annual Appeal ~ Today



Envelopes are available from the back of our churches. You are requested to put your donation in the envelopes provided and place on either collection plate.

Last year your generous donations to the OSH appeal helped the Society to purchase land in Punjab, India for the purpose of constructing a school for the poor. From this year (and as a memorial of their Centenary1921-2021), the OSH will direct all funds obtained from this appeal to the building of the school itself. *Any donation large or small is very much appreciated and helps us to realise our Centenary dream. Fr Shaju & Fr Joy.* 

# The Hour and the Time

The US Presidential election is held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of November every four years. It is set, fixed, predictable.

In Australia, the Prime Minister has a discretion as to when to call a federal election. As the three year term nears its final months, speculation grows as to the date. All attention focuses on the possible day, the hour full of destiny for the



future. Everyone has an opinion, some more informed than others, but only one person knows – the Prime Minister.

It was like that amongst the Jewish people of Jesus' time. There was an expectation that God would intervene in human history. There would be a Divine Manifestation which would set humanity on a new course. Speculation was rife: When would the moment occur, the moment full of destiny for the future?

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was sometimes put: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – when would the Bridegroom appear?'

Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared. You don't want to miss the moment.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. They did not see him as the long awaited bridegroom of Israel.

#### But His warning is also for us.

The Catholic Church is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: **Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.** 

**Prepared for what?** For the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time. *[continues over page...]* 

 Book of Remembrance ~ As in previous years a Book of Remembrance

 has been placed in each Church for the month of November.

 November Envelopes are now available in each church.

 Please print names clearly on the envelope and place on either collection plate at Mass.

 The names of your deceased family members and friends will then be printed out and placed into the books on a weekly basis where they will be remembered in a special way during November Masses at St Patrick's and St Bernard's Churches in our parish of Ku-ring-gai Chase.

 WEEKEND MASSES

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Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper Bookkeeper Karen Price

Youth Ministry Co-ord. Michelle Chahine Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com

## SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 4m<sup>2</sup> requirement] St Patrick's: 100 persons at St Bernard's: 60 persons Physical Distancing - people from the same household may sit together in the church. Couples and families can be seated together however, social distancing is to be maintained between family groups. Additional restrictions are at the discretion of the Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.

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 and Thurs.						
	9am	Wednesday and Friday						
St Patrick's	8am	Wednesday and Friday						
	9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat.						
RECONCILIATION								
Every Saturday	9.30 am at St Patrick's							
Every Friday	After 9am Mass at St Bernard's							

Emergency sick calls 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours 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.* 

#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

### ORDINARY TIME

Monday 9/11–Feast The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Mass Common of Dedication of Church, Gloria Preface of Dedication of Church II Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Tuesday 10/11 ~ Memorial St Leo the Great, pope, doctor Mass of the Saint Preface of weekday or Saint Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday 11/11~ Memorial St Martin of Tours, bishop Mass of the Saint Preface of weekday or Saint Titus 3:1-7: Lk 17:11-19

Thursday 12/11~ Memorial St Josaphat, bishop, martyr

Mass of the Saint Preface of weekday or Saint Philemon 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

Friday 13/11 Mass *ad libitum* 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday 14/11 Mass *ad libitum* 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anita M Jimenez, Michael Carney, Maryanne Weri, Kerrin Enright, Lance Roper, Anna Schiavo, Maureen Brophy, Kevin Carmody

ANNIVERSARIES: Nancy Gomez, GJolanta Uchman, Stach, Bronia I Wladek Peiprzyk, Elizabeth Cleland, Bill Wilson, James Treacy, Victor Hinton

Please also pray for those record in the Book of Remembrance

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Margaret Acret, Peter Nguyen, Anne Brady, Sr Tincy Thomas, Nemia Camille Asiong, Marie O'Hare, Stephen C C, Rodney Porter, Araceli 'Chichi' Datoc, Craig Sequeira, Shirley Kelynack, Judy Farrell, Dan Leavy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Pam Cosgrove, Alfredo R De Ramos, Doug Hawkins, Felicity Fone, Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Graeme Kachel, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks. Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Penny Rigor, Jaz Pitts, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann, Elaine Longmuir, Michael McGaulley, Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Georgia Meyers, Rosalinda de Ramos, Angela Smith, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook, Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Kath Lock, Arlene Joson, Sam Calacoci, John Macy, Barbara Jones, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, Tom Dawson, Narelle Cartwright, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak, Alfredo De Ramos Sr, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski



Intention for November: Artificial Intelligence ~ We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

**Pope Francis' Prayer** 

During Covid-19 we have faced and resolved many disruptions and challenges when it comes to returning to Mass in a safe and responsible manner. The 50th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass at St Bernard's will present its own set of challenges, for which I ask your forbearance and accommodation. Please follow the reservation directions below. *Fr Shaju*.









50th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass, St Bernard's ~ 9am, 22 November 2020.

We can provide seating as follows:

\* Inside St Bernard's 60 people
\* 40 people under the portico.
\* 200 people on the grounds around the church (weather permitting) BUT ...
YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR ... no one is allowed to be standing.



# BOOKINGS OPEN at 9am

## Monday 9th November. Reservations MUST be made DIRECTLY with the PARISH OFFICE.

Upon **Confirmation** of your **Reservation** ~ you will be **ALLOCATED** a **SEATING AREA** (Church / Portico / Surrounds (byo chair).

NB: Mass goers CANNOT book in advance via the Usher for this Mass.

Please email the office on: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au ~ (much preferred option) ~ and use "50th Anniversary Mass" in the subject line,

Alternatively, call the parish office on 9456 2450 (please leave a message if not answered).

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## Our task is to trim our lamps - to be prepared and alert to the signs of His coming.

#### What will those signs be?

As we will hear in the Gospel two weeks hence, perhaps His coming will be in the least significant people in need, those in need of the necessities of life: food, drink, clothing, companionship.

But his coming could also be in the great movements of history. Where is Christ coming to meet us? Is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women?

We can foolishly remain in the dark in relation to these questions, or we can wisely try to throw light on them. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

In the meantime, let us take the trouble to ready ourselves to carry the torch for Our Lord should we discern His approach in those or any other great movements of history.

We may be surprised to hear the Gospel acclamation:

Will we be prepared when we hear the shout? Come, Lord Jesus!

"In the middle of the night there was a shout: 'The Bridegroom! Come out to meet Him."

© Fr Michael Tate

contact the parish office on 9456 2450.

# A call for volunteers of all types & talents.



At the moment we are in specific need of more volunteers for the cleaning roster at BOTH our Churches. If you can help *please* contact the office on 9456 2450.

helping the parish by volunteering for any of our various ministries by contacting the office. Your current selection of ministries include:



Donations made help to cover ongoing church maintenance costs.

## Remembrance ~ Wednesday 11 November 2020 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, 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.



## Jesus, Moses, and an old man go golfing.

The first one to tee off is Moses. He smashes the ball and it is heading right for the water hazard before the green. Moses raises his club, the water parts, and the ball makes it to the green. Jesus gets up to swing, cranks it out, and it is headed for the water hazard. Jesus closes his eyes and prays. The ball skips across the water and lands on

the green two feet from the hole. The old man's turn comes and he drives the ball. The ball looks like it is going to drop directly into the water. A fish jumps from the water hazard swallowing the ball just as an eagle drops from the sky, grabbing the fish. As the eagle flies over the green, a bolt of lightning strikes the eagle, making it drop the fish. As the fish hits the green, it spits out the ball and the ball falls into the hole, making a hole in one.

Jesus looks at Moses and says, "I really think I'm leaving Dad at home next time!"



#### **Bibles for our Year 6 State School Students**

As is the tradition at Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish, we annually gift the Year 6 students of our State Primary Schools a Graduation Bible. This is done with hearts full of hope that these students will have a way to keep in touch with the Word of God as they enter High School, where sadly for many, their exposure to our faith (through the work of our Catechists) will no longer be available to them. This year we are gifting Bibles to over 70 graduating students and just like last

year, we are looking for parishioners to possibly contribute the \$14 cost of a single Bible. If this is something which appeals to you, please give Margaret in the office a call, 9456 2450.



(You might also consider this to be a worthwhile Christmas gift for a family member or special friend, so if you would like to make a personal purchase please call the office to arrange.)

**Operation Christmas Child** ~ The return date for this year is fast approaching. If at all possible, in this very unusual year, could you please return your boxes by Sunday 22 November at the very latest

to the Pastoral Centre OR St Bernard's Church this year for ease of collection. The Boxes will be taken to the warehouse that week so late donations sadly cannot be accepted. Please contact Louise Dryden on 0405 556887 for information.

Thank you for your support.



## 20 November 2020 – World Children's Day:

World Children's Day (also known as Universal Children's Day or International Children's Day) is celebrated on 20 November and is UNICEF's global day of action for children, by children. For more info go to: https://worldchildrensday.unicef.org.au/? utm source=unicef.org.au&utm medium=shorturl&utm campaign=wcd-2020 Learning Hub:

Australian Catholic University: Article by Daryl Higgins, 21/10/2020 - Child Safety is a national responsibility, but organisational leaders need to steer the course. For more information go to: https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/child-safety-nationalresponsibility-organisational-leaders-higgins

## **COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS & VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS**

St Vincent de Paul Society Asquith Conference have available for purchase at the back of the Church the 2021 Columban Art Calendars and St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Cards. The prices are unchanged from last year at \$9.00 per Calendar and \$7.00 per pack of 10 Christmas 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. Contact: Les Fogden 9476 4058



## **Elias Chotkitdachar**

who is to be baptised this weekend

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



An OUTREACH GROUP has been established in our parish to build upon the existing community feeling and make it even better!

This group will be known as "RECONNECT"

It's motto is ... "We are here for you! " It's aim is ...

to listen, to talk, to care, to share. So one of these days you may receive a call just to say 'G'day'.

- What we want to know is ... "Is there anything "Reconnect"
- can do for you?" eg ...
- \* Assistance with meals \* A lift to Mass \* A regular chat etc,

To quickly get in touch with "Reconnect" just call the office on 9456 2450.

### **Personal Participation** of the Eucharist

It is good to see the increasing number of our parishioners for the participation of our daily masses and weekend masses. Vatican calls for a "necessary and urgent" return to in-person Mass. Very recently, Cardinal Robert Sarah, the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship has sent a letter to world's Episcopal conferences which says, "Broadcast liturgies can never replace personal participation in the Eucharist". He has encouraged them a return to the "normality of Christian life," in particular to the resumption of regular participation at Mass. He continues to say that "As soon as circumstances permit, it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist as the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed ... "



## ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 14th / 15th Nov – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

	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	Denis Steiner	Sandra Sparkes	Bill Martin	David Massa	Darrin Patterson	
Reader (1)	Justin Berry	Alena Hartmann	Helen Chui	Vivienne Schreiber	Elizabeth Fernandes	Fiona Fone	
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Zinta Hartmann	Miguel Do Rego	Russel Schreiber	Sandra Maloney	Simone Noel	
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favaloro	Vince & Georgina Hughes	Chris Smith	Tess & Francis Lizardo	Peter Daly	Sub Requested	
Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning/	g/ Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Marlene Moloney (f) Gwenn Wood (s)		Imm Lui, Anthony Drake, Fiona Fone (f), Mia				
Maintenance	Teams A & B		November: Malcolm Cross, David Chui - additional help appreciated please				

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 childrelated ministry. This disclosure references the legislation, Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012.

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