

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

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 9th January 2022 ~ (Feast) The Baptism of the Lord ~ Year C

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Entrance Antiphon: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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'

Where is baptism leading us?

I've had the privilege several times of leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. One of my abiding memories is of an immersion up to my thighs in the river Jordan, where I and all my pilgrim friends renewed the promises of our baptism. It was a moving moment, when one could envision the Spirit hovering and the Father confirming each of us as his son or daughter. All who took part will remember that moment with great emotion, and with a sense of renewed commitment.

The baptism of Jesus is a moment of special grace in our story of salvation. Not only did he join us in our human condition, seeking moral and spiritual renewal, but the Father and the Spirit were seen and heard to be present with him by the banks of the Jordan, for the renewal of our human race. The gospel uses the simple phrase that "the heavens were opened," but it is a powerful statement. Later on, when Jesus completed his life-journey on Calvary, we read how "the veil of the Temple was rent in two." Now at last we were free to enter the Holy of Holies. Today's gospel is the beginning of a journey, which, through our own baptism, each of us is asked to travel. It is a journey full of purpose.

Each of us needs a sense of purpose and pattern to our Christian living. When I set out on a journey I need to have a definite idea of where I intend going, and how to make the journey.

Peter summarised the purpose and pattern of Christ's life when he said, "went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." We are invited to make his purpose our own.


A man was down the country travelling along by-roads where the signposts were few and far between. After a while, unsure of his directions, he decided to ask the first person he saw. When he came across a farmer driving his cows home for milking he stopped the car and asked if he was on the right road to Mallow. The farmer told him that he certainly was on the Mallow road.

The driver thanked him and was about to move forward when the farmer added, in a nonchalant way,

"You're on the right road, but you're going in the wrong direction!"

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2018/01/07-january-sun-the-baptism-of-the-lord/>



 **Mass Schedule Change**

Please remember:

Currently there is only **ONE Morning Mass on weekdays up to and including Friday 21 January 2022.**

Masses will be celebrated at 9am as follows:

St Patrick's Asquith ~ Monday-Tuesday-Thursday AND
St Bernard's Berowra Heights ~ Wednesday-Friday.

PASTORAL CENTRE:
 1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082; P.O. Box 335, Berowra Heights
Centre Hours: 9am - 3.30pm. Phone: (02) 9456 2450; Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au; Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp
Parish Priest: Fr Shaju John, OSH; **Assistant Priest:** Fr Joy Thomas, OSH;
Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper; **Bookkeeper:** Karen Price;
WEEKEND MASSES: **Vol. Office Assistant:** Jan Favaloro
St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: Saturday Vigil 5pm and Sunday 9am;
St Patrick's, Asquith: Saturday Vigil 6pm and Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm



January Office Arrangements

The Parish Office is CLOSED until Monday 17 January 2022.

For urgent assistance email the office on: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au
OR phone 9456 2450 and leave a message.

Please note: Phones will only be checked **WEEKLY** and **only urgent messages** will be responded to. (Non-urgent emails & calls will be responded to after Jan. 17th)

REMEMBER: If in **URGENT NEED ONLY** of a priest, the emergency number is: **0468 341 841.**

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND - 15th/16th January 2022 - Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

	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	Alex Jarominek	Sue Lum	Sue Lum	David Massa	Keith Fone
Reader (1)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Barbara McMullen	Paul Worthington	Russell Schreiber	Susie Gates	Mary Stokes
Reader (2)	Donna Machado	Jeanette Neary	Sue Watts	Vivienne Schreiber	Sandra Maloney	Fiona Fone
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez	Peter Collins	Substitute requested	Michael Halliday &	Sue Newnham &	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Marlene Moloney (f)		Cynthia Gilbertson, Editha Palmer, Yovana Castro Guerrero, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray			
Maintenance	Team A & B— help always needed		Grace Milen, Milen Kurishingal, Patrick Dias			

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

Rosary After weekday Masses both Churches
Visit Housebound Fr Shaju & Fr Joy - 9456 2450
Nursing Home Visits By request
Emergency Priest **0468 341 841** (Out of office hours only)
Clergy Days Off Fr Shaju – Monday Fr Joy – Tuesday
Home Visits For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests
 Please phone the office 9456 2450.
HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. **Please notify the Parish Office, if hospitalised and would like our own priests to attend.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rodney Porter, Peter Paul Raj, Elizabeth (Betty) Borg, Fr Thomas Kunnasserry (Fr Joy's uncle)

ANNIVERSARIES: Eliazs Pieprzyk, Samuel Fuda, Assunta Fraietta, Maria Lombardo, Irena & Iwona, David Huntley

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

Please NOTE WELL: It is now the practice of this parish (each January), to delete from the Sick list the names of those whose situation hasn't been updated. Please contact the office after January 17th to reinstate a name.

Are you travelling this New Year?

You are important to us and so we ask you to take special care when travelling over the New Year period. Enjoy your break, may it be relaxing and enjoyable but most important of all, please return to us safely.



We the people of the **Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay and in Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish**, are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.

Pope's intention for January: For true human fraternity:



We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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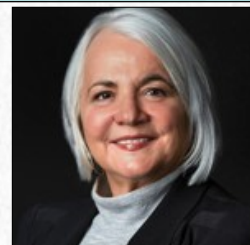
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