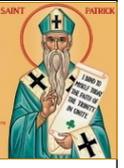
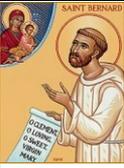


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 7th January 2024 ~ **The Epiphany of the Lord** ~ Year B

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Learn from the Magi

(Epiphany reflection by Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Letter **Admirabile Signum**, on the meaning and importance of the nativity scene)



At the feast of Epiphany we place the statues of the Three Kings in the Christmas crèche. Observing the star, those wise men from the East set out for Bethlehem, in order to find Jesus and to offer him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These costly gifts have an allegorical meaning: gold honours Jesus' kingship, incense his divinity, myrrh his sacred humanity that was to experience death and burial.

As we contemplate this aspect of the nativity scene, we are called to reflect on the responsibility of every Christian to spread the Gospel. Each of us is called to bear glad tidings to all, testifying by our practical works of mercy to the joy of knowing Jesus and his love.

The Magi teach us that people can come to Christ by a very long route. Men of wealth, sages from afar, thirsting for the infinite, they set out on the long and perilous journey that would lead them to Bethlehem (cf. Mt 2:1-12).

Great joy comes over them in the presence of the Infant King.

They are not scandalized by the poor surroundings, but immediately fall to their knees to worship him. Kneeling before him, they understand that the God who with sovereign wisdom guides the course of the stars also guides the course of history, casting down the mighty and raising up the lowly. Upon their return home, they would certainly have told others of this amazing encounter with the Messiah, thus initiating the spread of the Gospel among the nations.

The Work of Christmas Begins

When the carols have been stilled
When the star-topped tree taken down
When family and friends are gone home
When we are back to our schedules

The work of Christmas begins:

- To welcome the refugee,
- To heal a broken planet,
- To feed the hungry,
- To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
- To share our gifts,
- To seek justice and peace for all people,
- To bring Christ's light to the world.

- by Michael Dougherty, a variation on Howard Thurman's 'When the Song of the Angels is Stilled'

To all parishioners, your extended families and all visitors to Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish, may you feel the presence of Our Lord beside you during 2024 and always. **Fr Biju & Fr Joy**

Recipe for a Happy New Year ~ Anonymous

Take twelve fine, full-grown months;
see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancour and hate,
cleanse them completely from every clinging spite;
pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness;
in short, see that these months are freed from all the past —
have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.
Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts.
Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many people spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.
Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage,
work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavour of the rest),
hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness,
rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing — don't do it),
prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution.
Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaped cupful of good humour. **Enjoy your Happy New Year!**



WEEKEND COLLECTIONS ~ Please consider carefully how the funds you place on the plate are administered ...

1st Collection: **LEAVES** the parish and goes to a common fund **outside the Parish** to support priests.

2nd Collection: **STAYS** in the parish to pay for all our costs, including insurance, maintenance, telecommunications, wages, pastoral programmes, church and office expenses, the Priests' cars & petrol etc, etc and is **ESSENTIAL** for our **PARISH to FUNCTION FINANCIALLY**



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WEEKEND MASSES: St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: Saturday Vigil 5pm and Sunday 9am
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Rosters & Readings for W/end – 13th/14th January 2024 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

	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	Phil Daidone	Malcolm Cross	Vicente Sanchez
Altar Servers	Martha Askew Volunteer needed	Joshua Rumble Miranda Tablizo	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Lucy Henao Vila Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Donna Machado	Denise Harant	Penny Loughland	Jim Fitzgerald	Susie Gates	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Celia Cox	Barbara McMullen	Sue Watts	Michael Halliday	Christine Vila	Mary Stokes
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f), Annette Shapter (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo			
Maintenance	Team A & B - <i>additional help always</i>		January: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow			

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

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Clergy Days Off Fr Biju — Monday / Fr Joy — Tuesday
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HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If admitted to hospital, please write your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. **Please notify the Office, if hospitalised and would like our own priests to attend.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Felice Daidone, Shelly Schreiber; O'Malley, David Huntley;
ANNIVERSARY: Patricia Margaret Patterson, Pat Bowden, Sosefo Ali, Bill Holmes, Cita Del Rio, Chris Enright, Philomena & Rex D'Souza, Mary Mathew, Isabel Henson, Chichi Datoc, Mary Burns, Georgina Hughes, Patrick Dorahy, Rey Hilario, Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr), Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger.
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Margaret Patterson, Pat Bowden, Sosefo Ali, Bill Holmes, Cita Del Rio, Chris Enright, Philomena & Rex D'Souza, Mary Mathew, Isabel Henson, Chichi Datoc, Mary Burns, Georgina Hughes, Patrick Dorahy, Rey Hilario, Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr), Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger.
Please NOTE WELL: It is our practise during January, to delete names from the Sick list whose situation hasn't been updated. Please send an email to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au to have a name reinstated.



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 ~ School Holiday period. Enjoy your break away but please return to us safely.

Pope's intention for January: For the Gift of Diversity in The Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



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