

# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH -

## Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 12 November 2023 ~ 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

**Entrance:** 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.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. 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.

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

**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

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

**While Fr Biju is on leave (6 Nov - 8 Dec) there will be ONE Morning Mass only on weekdays**

**St Patrick's 9am:**  
**Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat**  
**St Bernard's 9.15am: Wed ~ Fri**  
(except 1st Friday of the month when Mass is at 11.30am @ St Bernard's)

### 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.**

## HOMILY

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One Sunday a pastor told the congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1000 cheque on the plate.

He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

A very quiet, elderly, saintly spinster at the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the altar. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and, in thanksgiving, asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the congregation and said, **'OK Father, I'll take him, him, and him.'** **Now that's a different take on a wise virgin!** In one sense the parable of the wise and foolish virgins could be considered the first known oil crisis in the east. It is, however, about planning for the future and pacing oneself to see that one has a future to enjoy.

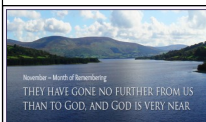
In Christian theology this is called **'discernment'**. St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, wrote a lot about discernment and one of his teachings is that the Holy Spirit allows us to prepare for our future without living it.

Think for a moment of the times when we are going to have a difficult interview or a conversation we would rather not have. We play out in our mind how the interaction will run. It rarely happens how we imagine and we find that our anxiety and fear has often been misplaced. What is curious is that on the next occasion we go through this same process of trying to live the future all over again. Tragically, some people are so anxious about their future that they try and control it, and everyone associated with it. It's always a disaster.

St Ignatius was suspicious of this process. Ignatius seems to have understood today's Gospel very well. The early church thought Jesus would return quickly. There was a crisis of faith when he didn't. Some Christians lived as though this imminent return was a fact. We are still waiting. Matthew tells us then, that the Christian life is about wisdom, right judgment and reading the signs of the times.

St Ignatius tells us the best way to prepare for the future is to let go of the unhealed past, as best as we can, and live in the here and now. The Holy Spirit helps us see what needs to be done today and what preparation is necessary for tomorrow. This is such simple and sound advice and yet many of us don't heed it. For some of us it takes nothing to feel the hurt and pain of our past or to be consumed by the future.

Alcoholics Anonymous sums it up neatly when it tells us to take life **'one day at a time'** which is another way of saying what Matthew's community came to see, **'keep awake because you know not the time or place'**.



### Remembering all those who have been born to Eternal Life

November '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.*



Our annual **Book of Remembrance** has been placed in each of our Churches for the month of November. Please **print** names **clearly** on the November Mass envelopes and place **on either collection plate** at any 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.

### 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



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH  
Diocese of Broken Bay Australia

**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 (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.'*



### Pope's intention for November:

#### For the Pope:

We pray for The Holy Father, as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### Ordinary Time ~ Year A

##### Monday 13/11

Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6

##### Tuesday 14/11

Wis 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10

##### Wednesday 15/11

Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19;

##### Thursday 16/11

Wis 7:22-8:1; Lk 17:20-25

##### Friday 17/11 ~ Memorial

St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37

##### Saturday 18/11

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8:

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

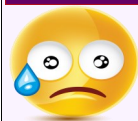
Anne Dryden, Keith Loughland

**ANNIVERSARY:** Patrick Porter, **All those recorded in our Book of Remembrance**

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Teresa Ashton, Sosefo Ali, Bill Holmes, Adele Ramos, Simon Riddett, Cita Del Rio, Judith Ryan, Won Lee, Chris Enright, Maris Park, Philomena & Rex D'Souza, Mary Mathew, Fiona Loughland, Anna Cho, Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham, Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Datoc, Ann Leslie, Mary Burns, Georgina Hughes, Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, Barbara Jones, Brian Treacy, Josef, Marie Haag, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, John Cosgrove (Snr), Patrick O'Donoghue, Elaine Longmuir.

## The 250 Club!



Week 16 ~

6/11/23;

Winning #: 922

Amount: \$25.00

**Winner: Unsubscribed**

**NB:** Winning numbers are taken the last 3 numbers of the winning ticket in the Lucky Lotteries Super Jackpot each Monday (or the closest drawer after the Monday) each week.

## Advance Notice ~ Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) November Appeal.



The Diocese of Broken Bay now holds the Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) appeal across just two occasions being November and May.

**Our quota levy this year it is set at \$34,254.00 making our target per appeal \$17,127.00.**

If there is a shortfall from the Appeal, then the balance must be taken from parish funds which would otherwise be used for the benefit of the parish itself.

The Appeal will take place next weekend November 18th & 19th at all Masses.

Envelopes are available in the pews from this weekend.



*Fr Biju has been in touch to let us know he has safely arrived home in Kerala. He is keeping all of us in his prayers and hopes you will keep him in yours.*

**over the next few weeks**

there will be **ONE Morning Mass ONLY** on weekdays in our parish up to and including **Friday 8 December 2023**



**9am at St Patrick's Asquith ~ Monday // Tuesday // Thursday // Saturday**

**9.15am at St Bernard's Berowra Heights ~ Wednesday // Friday.**

**Please Note:** There will be **no change to weekend Masses**

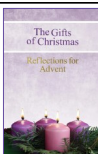


## Installation of 5 new Junior Altar Servers at St Bernard's Berowra Heights

This Sunday, at both the 5pm Vigil and the 9am Sunday Masses at Berowra Heights, 5 young parishioners will join our stewardship ranks in the Ministry of Junior Altar Servers.

We offer our thanks to, and prayers for, Piper Thompson, Martha Askew, Penelope O'Keefe, Miranda Tablizo and Joshua Rumble as they are installed and serve on the Altar of the Lord for the very first time.

*O Jesus, my King and Lord, by the grace of the heavenly Father and the power of the Holy Spirit, guide me in all righteousness as I serve You today at the Altar so I may be always worthy of Your presence. If I happen to make an error, may it be a lesson so my service will be perfect tomorrow. Amen.*



## Advance Notice ~ Advent Group

*This Sunday's Gospel is all about being prepared for we know not the day or the hour! Well, Simone Noel is getting prepared (for Advent) and she knows both the day(s) and the hour she would like to host an Advent Group in her home ...*

*Thursday evenings from 7.30pm on November 30 and December 7, 14 and 21.*

*Come to all four or just the one! Please let Simone know you are coming by calling/texting her on: 0423 238 010.*

**Would you like to host an Advent Group also? Please contact the parish office to provide details.**



## SAVE THE DATE ~ Bernie's Ladies

**Our event for Term 4 will again be a dinner.**

**Please mark your diary to join us on Friday December 1.**

**We are still working on a venue but didn't want you to "double-book" yourself. More details will follow soon.**

**For any information about Bernie's Ladies, please either email**

**Gen on [david@barnettsroad.com](mailto:david@barnettsroad.com) or call her on 0418 866 250.**

*The goal of Bernie's Ladies is to build community at our church, you'll be warmly welcomed, please come along.*

**The ladies of St Bernard's would like to warmly extend this invitation**

**to ALL the ladies from St Patrick's to join us.**

#### EOI's by end November

**Music Scholarships:** Our parish is offering two scholarships to young people who are willing to commit to our music ministry on a regular basis (at least twice per month during Feb. to Dec.) - plus personal practice time. Scholarship money is paid towards music lessons or resources.



**In 2023, scholarships are being offered in Keyboard.** Some previous experience and training is required. Please contact the parish office for application forms. Interviews for prospective candidates will be held in December. **Email: [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au) by 30 Nov. 2023.**

**"How does the 250 Club work?" There are two Series per year. For a \$20 outlay per series (paid in advance) you get a block of 4 consecutive numbers.** Series 1: Approx. Feb - June & Series 2: Approx. Aug - Dec.

Each series is over a 20 week period and your outlay is just \$1 per week.

1 block of 4 numbers gives you **64 chances per series to win \$25.00** and **16 chances per series to win \$500!**

**NB:** Payouts can only be made to financial members so please if you have numbers and are unsure if you are financial, call the office to make sure. And if you don't have numbers, call today to subscribe and get on board.



**Tap n Go** donation points available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10. Thank you for your support through these devices.



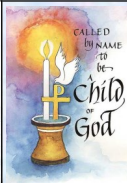
**Bank Account Number:** To obtain the details of our new bank account (for regular or ad hoc donations), please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or via email to: [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au)  
~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Dr Biju.





**Remembrance Day ~ November 11th every year.  
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.**



**Welcome  
to our  
Faith  
Family**

**Baptism congratulations  
to  
Adelaide Jane Millie  
Dixon**

who is to be baptised  
this weekend.

*Please keep her, her parents and  
Godparents in your prayers.*



**SERRA VOCATIONS  
Mass & Dinner Mtg  
Fr Aldrin, AP Epping/  
Carlingford & Serra Chaplain will**

celebrate Mass for Serra at **Sacred Heart Church Pymble** on **Thursday 23 November**. Mass is at **6pm**, followed by meal & meeting, afterwards Michelle Chahine, Board Director SVdP (NSW) & Central Council Pres. for Broken Bay will speak about the mission & activities of the Society in NSW. Everyone is welcome, especially members of Vinnies. Please "Come and See". To attend call Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com)

*From the  
fabulous  
food ...*



*... to the  
fun and  
games ...*

**It was a pleasure to acknowledge and thank all  
volunteers of KCCP last Friday evening ~  
We hope to see you all  
plus a few  
'newbies'  
next  
year!**



**Carols under the Star 2023  
is on Thursday 7 December.  
Pre-show activities 5.30pm,  
Carol show beings 7pm.**

This annual Combined Churches of Berowra, is a wonderful and well supported annual open air event, which takes place on Warrina St Oval, Berowra Hts. Don't forget to save the date for Carols Under the Star 2023. You won't be disappointed.

**Children's Choir @  
St Patrick's**

is always ready to  
welcome new members at any  
time throughout the year.

**Children's Choir is open to:**  
Anyone from Year 3 to Year 12,  
from any parish or local state  
school in the parish are welcome  
to join this choir at any time.

**Children's Choir sings at:**  
10am Mass on 2nd and 4th  
Sundays of each month.

**If interested in joining:** Please  
call Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.



**Rosters/Readings for W/nd 18 Nov/19 Nov 2023 - 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 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	Sub requested	Paul Dryden	Sue Lum,	Phil Daidone	David Massa	Keith Fone
Altar Servers	Archie Tod Harry Tod	Olive O'Keefe Bronte Tonkin	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Amy Francis Lucy Henao Vila	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Francesca Parrino	Freya Tonkin	Hayley Rodrigues	Russell Schreiber	Gabriel Henao	David De-Fina
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Paul Maher	Paul Worthington	Vivienne Schreiber	Christine Vila	Fiona Fone
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Cecilia (f), Chichi Datoc (s)		Cynthia Gilbertson, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray, Maria Hon (f)			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		November: Luke Massa, David Mooney, John & Sue O'Malley (help always needed )			

**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*.



**Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal** ~ An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. **Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.** You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413.



**An Urgent Prayer for Peace:** God of compassion, We turn to you with heavy hearts As we consider the needs of your family. Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people, each of us loved by You and called to live in peace and justice. We lament the dreadful loss of life, Destruction of property and loss of human dignity. We are pained by so much suffering. We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place. Help your people find a way forward. Enable everyone to look each other in the eye, and embrace each other as sisters and brothers, as they find your image in every face. We ask that courage and grace will help create a wiser and more gentle future, where everyone has a home. God of wisdom, come to our aid. **Amen.** (Michael McGirr)

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**DIOCESAN OUTREACH ASSISTANTS -**  
Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part time work? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants to deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney, Broken Bay and Maitland-Newcastle. For more information and to view the full job ad go to [www.aidtochurch.org/work](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work) Or scan:



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