

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH -

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 19 November 2023 ~ 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

Entrance: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord

*'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

Befriending Time © Fr Michael Tate

There is a certain type of religious person for whom time is the enemy.

Time is full of anxiety over what one has done which might make God angry.

The solution seems to be to bury one's personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

What such people don't realise is that God gives us the dimension of earthly time as a gift, in fact, **this** dimension of earthly time as a gift.

Why were you born, not in the 11th century in China, or the 19th century in Ireland, or even 1963 rather than 1965? Why were you brought into existence as a human being, an inhabitant of this small planet, at this particular time and no other?

You were not just born into existence, you were **loved** into existence to fulfil a destiny which is yours, and yours alone, in the whole history of the world. Each of us has a unique, irreplaceable role to play in the unfolding of salvation history, to be achieved now, in **this** time.

God's plan for human happiness during that time is mostly frustrated by good people not doing things with the gifts of personality and opportunity which God will provide to fulfil his plan.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of **commission**, but it is the sins of **omission** – the failure to do – which may well have the most disruptive effect on the divine plan for human history.

Of course, there are the usual suspects trying to prevent that destiny from being fulfilled. The old enemy, Death, hovers around seeking whom it may devour. And his generals – poverty, illness, injustice, malice – have their victories from time to time. But, this parable tells of us of another way in which God's plan is frustrated: failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

Perhaps it is a false humility. **'I am only a one-talented person. Surely I can't be expected to do anything?'**

But our Lord **does** expect us to do something with whatever talent has been given us, and in a timely way. This moment in time will not recur. Stop daydreaming, befriend time. Follow through whilst you have the time.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:

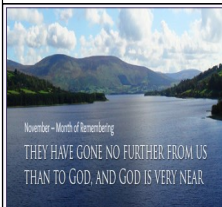
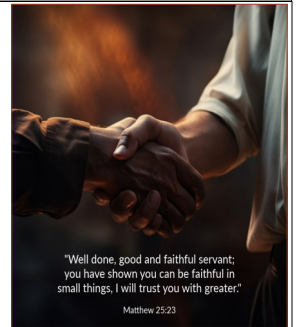
'There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history.

We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven.

We have a choice. Procrastination and anxiety lead to **'stillness and miseries'**. Whereas the taking of a risk, the courageous using of one's talents, will lead to the good fortune of hearing the Lord say as we die:

'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'



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.

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Our **Book of Remembrance** remains in each of our Churches during November. Please **print** names **clearly** on the November Mass envelope and place **on either 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.

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

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'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 20/11
 1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday 21/11 ~ Memorial
 Presentation Bl. Virgin Mary
 2 Macc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
Wed. 22/11 ~ Memorial
 St Cecilia, virgin, martyr
 2 Macc 7:1,20-31; Lk 19:11-28;
Thursday 23/11
 1 Macc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
Friday 24/11 ~ Memorial
 Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and companions, martyrs
 1 Macc 4:36-37,52-59; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday 25/11
 1 Macc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Ellen Cahill RSM, Alfred (Fred) Cutajar, Anne Dryden, Keith Loughland.

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

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

RIP ~ Keith Loughland
 My family and I wish to thank the many parishioners who attended Keith's funeral last Friday. Your presence was a source of great comfort to our family. We also acknowledge the Senior Choir and their uplifting singing.
Penny Loughland & Family.
Rest In Peace

The 250 Club!
 Wk 17 ~ 13/10/23;
 Winning #: 517
Amount: \$25.00
Winner: Catherine Gray



PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay NOVEMBER APPEAL

In times of great need, your generosity with our Pastoral Works appeal helps us go further and wider in helping our community of Broken Bay, and more deeply connect us to our vision and the mission of Jesus. I am deeply grateful for your support.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, Bishop of Broken Bay

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Pastoral Care and Hospital Chaplaincy

Pastoral Works Broken Bay also supports:
 St Lucy's School (K-6 students with disabilities) St Edmund's College (7-12 students with disabilities) Ephpheta Centre (Catholic Deaf Community)

Please give generously to our NOVEMBER 2023 APPEAL. Your tax-deductible gift supports the pastoral ministries in our local community. Donate online at www.pastoralworks.org.au

If you can, and are in a position to assist, please give whatever you can comfortably afford (little or big) to this appeal, thank you.

(Any shortfall from the appeal, must be made up using parish funds which would otherwise be put towards parish needs such as maintenance and insurance. Last financial year **\$9,304.35** was the shortfall the parish had to cover).

A friendly reminder ~
 There will be **ONE Morning Mass ONLY** on weekdays in our parish up to & including **Friday 8 December**
9am at St Patrick's Asquith ~ Mon. // Tues. // Thurs. // Sat.
9.15am at St Bernard's Berowra Heights ~ Wed. // Fri.
NB: No change to weekend Masses



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.

MUSIC Scholarship **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 by 30 Nov. 2023.**

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

It is a difficult time to be asking people to be generous. We are all facing cost-of-living challenges in many ways. However, your support and generosity are vitally important.

Envelopes are in the pews and can be placed on either plate during Mass; You can donate online by visiting the Diocese website; Or via the QR Code featured on the envelope and image opposite.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Advance Notice ~ Advent Group
 Simone Noel has offered to host an Advent Group in her home on Thursday evenings, November 30 and December 7, 14 and 21, from 7.30pm. Come to all four or just the one!
 Please let Simone know you are coming by calling/texting her on: 0423 238 010.
 A new program for 2023 is being finalised by the Diocese and will be based upon the **'O Antiphons'**
Would you like to host an Advent Group also?
Please contact the office to provide details.

SAVE THE DATE ~ Bernie's Ladies
Please mark your diary to join us on Friday December 1 ~ 5pm for 5.30pm ~ for a "bring a plate to share" dinner at the home of Moauli.
PLEASE RSVP to Gen by Monday November 27 on 0418 866 250 / david@barnettsroad.com and indicate what dish you will be bringing.
All Ladies from St Patrick's are very welcome, please come along.
'The goal of Bernie's Ladies is to build community at our church'.



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

December 2023 Parish Timetable

The ultra busy month of December will soon be upon us and so we thought we might give you an idea of just what is in the diary for Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish ...



Date	Time	Church	Event
Dec 1	11.30am / 7.30pm	SBB / SPA	Anointing & Healing Mass / Night Vigil
Dec 2	All Masses	SBB / SPA	SVdP Christmas Appeal
Dec 3	All Masses	SBB / SPA	SVdP Christmas Appeal
Dec 7	5.30pm	SPA	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Dec 7	5.30pm 7pm	Warrina St Oval, Berowra	Carols under THE Star - Pre-show activities Carols under THE Star - Carols Show (see opposite)
Dec 10	After 9am Mass	SBB	Morning Tea to celebrate Fr Biju's 25th Jubilee of Priesthood
Dec 11	6pm	SBB	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Dec 13	9.30am	SPA	Whole School end of year Mass
Dec 13	3pm	Hornsby	Christmas Mass, Regis Aged Care
Dec 15	9.15am	SBB	Whole School end of year Mass
Dec 15	7.30pm	SPA	Taizé Evening
Dec 17	After 10am Mass	SPA	Morning Tea to celebrate Fr Biju's 25th Jubilee of Priesthood
Dec 19	7.30pm	SBB	2nd Rite of Reconciliation opportunity
Dec 20	7.30pm	SPA	Whole Parish Christmas Carol Evening
Dec 23	9am	SBB	Christmas Church Cleaning—all hands and buckets on deck!
Dec 23	After 9am Mass	SPA	Christmas Church Cleaning—all hands and buckets on deck!
Dec 24	5pm	SBB	Christmas Vigil (Children's Mass - outdoor - Carols & BBQ)
Dec 24	6pm	SPA	Christmas Vigil (Children's Mass)
Dec 24	9pm	SPA	Christmas Vigil Youth Mass
Dec 25	12am	SPA	Christmas Day Midnight Mass
Dec 25	8am	SPA	Christmas Family Mass
Dec 25	9am	SBB	Christmas Family Mass
Dec 25	10am	SPA	Christmas Family Mass
Dec 28	9am	SPA	Actual 25th Jubilee Anniversary of Fr Biju's Ordination to Priesthood.



Carols under the Star 2023
Thursday 7 December.
Pre-show activities 5.30pm,
Carol show begins 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.

Volunteers are needed on the night. Can you help? Please contact the office: 9456 2450.



SERRA VOCATIONS Mass & Dinner Mtg

Fr Aldrin, Serra

Chaplain will celebrate Mass at **Sacred Heart, Pymble on Thurs. 23 Nov. at 6pm**, followed by meal/meeting. Michelle Chahine, Board Director SVdP (NSW) & Central Council Pres. for Broken Bay will speak about the mission/activities of the Society in NSW. All welcome, especially Vinnies members. To attend call Terry on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com



SUNDAY November 26
after 10am Mass there
will be a **Cake Stall**
run by the Children's Choir.

Monies raised go to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.
Don't miss out!

**Could you help by baking or cooking something?
Cake, Slice, Quiche, jam maybe?**

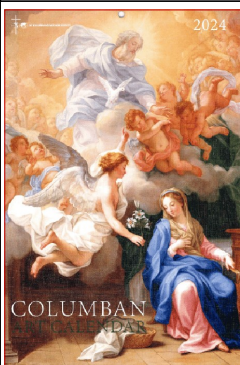
Please write ingredients on the box (to accommodate allergies) and wrap your offering.

But please ... NO NUTS!



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

A number of our singers are also talented conductors and will lead the Children's Choir at 10am Mass over the next few months!
Children's Choir is open to: Anyone from Year 3 to Year 12, from any school in the parish boundary are welcome to join us.
Children's Choir sings at: 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays each month (except January)
And practises on: Fridays from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church
If interested in joining: Please call Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS The 2024 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 Patrick's** has SVdP cards in packs of 10 for \$9.00 and your purchase will go towards assisting those in need in our Parish and the Columban Missions. Please place money in box provided. Many thanks for your support. *Les Fogden: 9476 4058.*

† **St Bernard's** packs of 8 for \$2.50 - but please note, these cards are not the SVdP cards offered at St Patrick's Church. Any questions about the Piety Stall at St Bernard's, call Natasha on 0409 621 817.

**YOU
MADE
IT!!!**

To our HSC cohort of 2023, well done! ~ You have contributed your gifts, talents, friendship and hard work to your schooling life. We want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your success in finishing your senior schooling. Be proud of all that you have achieved, and remember that it is more about the person you are, not the number you are going to receive.

What you do next, is just the beginning of a great journey ahead. **Be proud of your success.**



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Rosters/Readings for W/end 25/26 Nov 2023: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Ezek 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46

	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	Mani Subramany,	Bill Martin	Malcolm Cross	Sub requested
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Archie Tod Harry Tod	Sophia Cottrell Sub requested	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Thomas Clarke Mia Nguyen	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Jerome Gomez	Sub requested	Edwina Subramany	Maria (Cris) Tolentino	David Massa	Sue Lum
Reader (2)	Donna Machado	Sub requested	Penny Loughland	Jim Fitzgerald	Cora Cuasay	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Cecilia Waite (f), Graham, Gisela Muschal (s)		Pat Smith, Ellen Downey (f), Marion Pahalawatta			
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*.



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KCCP parishioners raised: \$3,402.20

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