



Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem - Mark 11:1-10
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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

St Patrick's, Asquith

8am	Wednesday and Friday
9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Saturday

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

8am	Thursday
9.15am	Wednesday and Friday (except 1st Friday of the month when Mass is at 11.30am @ St Bernard's)

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Palm/Sunday of the Passion of the Lord begins **HOLY WEEK**, the most sacred time of the Church calendar. Holy week embraces the last days of Lent (until Thursday) and the **Easter Triduum**—the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Saturday/Easter Sunday.

On **Holy Thursday** the Church celebrates the Mass of the Lord's Supper. During this Mass, the liturgical gesture of **washing feet** ritualises the Christian ideal of a leadership of service, a service which Christ expresses fully by laying down his life on the cross.



On **Good Friday** no Mass is celebrated, but the faithful are encouraged to fast and to take part in the celebration of the **Passion of the Lord**, traditionally take place at 3pm, the time when Jesus died on the Cross. The altar is bare, without cloths, candles or cross, and the holy water fonts are emptied. This feeling of emptiness is meant to remind us of the emptiness of a world without Christ.

On **Holy Saturday**, the Church remains in this way, as a reminder of Jesus' body in the tomb, symbolizing death, grief, and despair.

The **Easter Vigil on Saturday night** marks the high point of the Easter Triduum.

The **Lucernarium** at the bonfire begins the celebration with a joyful proclamation of Christ's Resurrection.

The **Paschal Candle** is left near the ambo or altar; **bells** may be rung during the Gloria; **baptismal water** may be blessed and sprinkled over the people.

So, life swings back into the Church, as the altar is decorated, catechumens are baptised or confirmed, and the holy waters fonts are refilled.



**It's Friday
 but
 Sunday's
 Coming!**

A message from our Parish Priest ...

My dear Parishioners,

Every year, the Church enters the **Sacred Season of Lent**. Beginning on Ash Wednesday until now, we have renewed our heart, mind and body through fasting, abstinence, and prayer. Through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, we cleansed ourselves and received the infinite mercy of God. All these certainly drew us closer to Christ.



This celebration continues through Easter Sunday.

Holy Week offers immense opportunities for grace and can be an intense spiritual experience for you.

Please check our parish bulletin and Friday mail out for Mass/service times and bring your family and friends with you to celebrate the beautiful rites and the mysteries of our faith.

Everyone's welcome! I wish you all a blessed Holy Week.



Pope's intention for March:

For the new martyrs.

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Holy Week ~ Year B

Monday 25/03

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday 26/03

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday 27/03

Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday 28/03

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday 29/03

Friday of the

Passion of the Lord

Is 52:13-53:12;

Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9;

Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday 30/03

Holy Saturday ~ Easter Vigil

Gen 22:1-18; Ex 14:15 - 15:1;

Is 54:5-14; Ezek 36:16-28

Epistle: Rom 6:3-11;

Gospel: Mk 16:1-7

Easter Sunday 31/03

Acts 10:34,37-43;

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6-8;

Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Phillip Broughton, Brian Gallagher, Marcia King

ANNIVERSARY: Gregory Cooper, Carol Pereira, Michael Capozzi, Rosemary Contreras, Carol Pereira, Esmie Braganza, Denis Mulligan

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Browne, Millie Wong, Vince Hughes, Sosefo Ali, Cita Del Rio, Fiona Loughland, Pat Bowden, Bill Holmes, Margaret Patterson, Chris Enright, Philomena & Rex D'Souza, Mary Mathew, Isabel Henson, Chichi Datoc, Mary Burns, Rey Hilario, Georgina Hughes, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr), Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger.

The 250 Club!

Week 5 ~ 18/03/24;

Winning #: 377

Amt: \$ 500.00;

**Winner: Leticia Wee
Woohoo !!**



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Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem—Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately"'. And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Entrance Antiphon:

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

*** Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

*** Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!**

Readings & Reflection

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **(R)**
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **(R)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R)**

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Mark 14:1—15:47

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

N It was two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by some trick and have him put to death. For they said,

C It must not be during the festivities, or there will be a disturbance among the people.

N Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper; he was at dinner when a woman came in with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the ointment on his head. Some who were there said to one another indignantly,

C Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor;

N and they were angry with her. But Jesus said, **J** Leave her alone. Why are you upsetting her? What she has done for me is one of the good works. You have the poor with you always and you can be kind to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what was in her power to do; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. I tell you solemnly, wherever throughout all the world the Good News is proclaimed, what she has done will be told also, in remembrance of her.

N Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, approached the chief priests with an offer to hand Jesus over to them. They were delighted to hear it, and promised to give him money; and he looked for a way of betraying him when the opportunity should occur.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to him, **C** Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

N So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, **J** Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, 'The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.

N The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he arrived with the Twelve. And while they were at table eating, Jesus said,

J I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me, one of you eating with me.

N They were distressed and asked him, one after another,

O Not I, surely?

N He said to them,

J It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping into the same dish with me. Yes, the Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!

N And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them saying,

J Take it; this is my body.

N Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it do them, and all drank from it, and he said to them,

J This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.

N After the psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

J You will all lose faith, for the scripture says, 'I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.' However after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.

N Peter said,

O Even if all lose faith, I will not.

N And Jesus said to him,

J I tell you solemnly, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.

N But he repeated still more earnestly,

O If I have to die with you, I will never disown you.

N And they all said the same.

They came to a small estate called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples,

J Stay here while I pray.

N Then he took Peter and James and John with him. And a sudden fear came over him, and great distress. And he said to them,

J My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here, and keep awake.

N And going on a little further he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, this hour might pass him by. He said,

J Abba (Father)! Everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. But let it be as you, not I, would have it.

N He came back and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,

J Simon, are you asleep? Had you not the strength to keep awake for one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

N Again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy; and they could find no answer for him. He came back a third time and said to them,

J You can sleep on now and take your rest. It is all over. The hour has come. Now the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is close at hand already.

N Even while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up with a number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the traitor had arranged a signal with them. He had said,

O 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge, and see he is well guarded when you lead him away.'

N So when the traitor came, he went straight up to Jesus and said,

O Rabbi!

N and kissed him. The others seized him and took him in charge. Then one of the bystanders drew his sword and struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear.

Then Jesus spoke,

J Am I a brigand that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I was among you teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me. But this is to fulfil the scriptures.

N And they all deserted him and ran away. A young man who followed him had nothing on but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the cloth in their hands and ran away naked.

They led Jesus off to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes assembled there. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the high priest's palace, and was sitting with the attendants warming himself at the fire.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any. Several, indeed, brought false evidence against him, but their evidence was conflicting. Some stood up and submitted this false evidence against him,

C We heard him say, 'I am going to destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by human hands.'

N But even on this point their evidence was conflicting. The high priest then stood up before the whole assembly and put this question to Jesus,

O Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?

N But he was silent and made no answer at all. The high priest put a second question to him,

O Are you the Christ the Son of the Blessed One?

N Jesus said,

J I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.

N The high priest tore his robes, and said,

O What need of witnesses have we now? You heard the blasphemy. What is your finding?

N And they all gave their verdict: he deserved to die.

Some of them started spitting at him and, blindfolding him, began hitting him with their fists and shouting,

C Play the prophet!

N And the attendants rained blows on him.

While Peter was down below in the courtyard, one of the high-priest's servant-girls came up. She saw Peter warming himself there, stared at him and said,

O You too were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

N But he denied it, saying

O I do not know, I do not understand what you are talking about.

N And he went out into the forecourt. The servant-girl saw him and again started telling the bystanders,

O This fellow is one of them.

N But he again denied it. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter,

C You are one of them for sure! Why, you are a Galilean.

N But he started calling curses on himself and swearing,

O I do not know the man you speak of.

N At that moment the cock crew for the second time, and Peter recalled how Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.' And he burst into tears.

First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him,

O Are you the king of the Jews?

N He answered,

J It is you who say it.

N And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

O Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowds went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

O Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again.

O But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N They shouted back.

C Crucify him!

N Pilate asked them,

O Why? What harm has he done?

N But they shouted all the louder,

C Crucify him!

N So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C Hail, king of the Jews!

N They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The king of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

N Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

J Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

N This means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said,

C Listen he is calling on Elijah.

N Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink, saying,

O Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he died, and he said,

O In truth this man was a son of God.

N There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger, and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women there who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

It was now evening, and since it was Preparation day (that is the vigil of the Sabbath), there came Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate, astonished that he should have died so soon, summoned the centurion and enquired if he was already dead. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph who brought a shroud, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon:

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Reflection

In the third verse of the rousing hymn, *How Great Thou Art*, we sing,

'And when I think that God his Son not sparing
sent him to die I scarce can take it in.

That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.'

This verse enshrines a long-held tradition that Jesus died as a necessary atonement to God for our sins. From this perspective Jesus' suffering and death was the price of the ransom paid to evil so that we might share in God's life. Alternatively, the death of Jesus is seen as the only thing that satisfied God's anger at our sins, and caused God to love us again.

We should be very careful about what we sing! On the one hand this theology rightly shows us the extraordinary love Jesus has for us. On the other hand it says some very difficult things about God. What loving creator, for example, would say that the torture and death of his beloved son is the only way he can be happy about his creatures? What just judge, no matter how angry he or she might be at the crimes laid out in the courtroom, would allow an innocent man to die for the guilty? And how powerful is God over evil if the only way to keep it in check is through human sacrifice? These are serious questions and they have an impact on our everyday life of faith, and can sometimes alienate us from believing that God is our all-loving Father in heaven.

Today, we rightly hear a lot about victims – people, who through no choice or fault of their own, have been dealt with wrongly by others who are free to act otherwise and who know better. In some of the ways we think about the passion, Jesus becomes God's victim. Through no fault of his own, and seemingly powerless in the face of his Father's will, Jesus becomes a victim of God's need for a sacrifice, a ransom or atonement.

As a result, many of us can feel that sometimes we are God's victims too, because if God wanted Jesus to suffer and die, why should we be surprised or complain when we receive large crosses to carry as well?

Mark's account of the passion tends to reinforce Jesus as victim. Mark has Jesus eating with the outcasts, his friends betraying, denying or deserting him. He tells us that Jesus is terrified at the prospect of death and calls on his 'Abba' or 'daddy' to help him out. In the end he accepts 'the will of God' but even then feels abandoned by God on the Cross.

I often think we misread what Jesus is referring to when he accepts God's will in the Garden. Rather than refer to the particular will of the Father to see Jesus suffer and die on Good Friday, I think it's more helpful and consoling to understand it as referring to God's will that Jesus remains faithful to the way he lived. If by doing that Jesus threatened the religious and political authorities of his day so much that they have to murder him, then his death is the ultimate sacrifice which reveals how far God was prepared to go in love for us. This reveals to us that Jesus came 'to live', and that by faithfully living this life he was put to death by the powers of sin. Through the cross we see the price to be paid in confronting sin in our day and obediently living out the demands of God's kingdom of justice and peace.

This Holy Week let's celebrate that God spared nothing in showing us how to live. As we commemorate Jesus' life, death and resurrection may we move from being victims of a bloodthirsty God to choosing again to follow Jesus' example and live lives which are faithful, loving and obedient. May we also appreciate that this life continues to, literally, threaten 'the hell out of' those opposed to the reign of God in our world, but that as Jesus was faithful to God and God to Jesus, so they will remain faithful to us as well, no matter what.

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The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara,
7.30pm on Tuesday, 26 March.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this
 sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese.



EASTER CHURCH CLEANING EASTER SATURDAY 30 MARCH

9am St Bernard's and 9am at St Patrick's

We are hoping for a better response to this appeal than we had at Christmas ... so,
 please come armed and ready to clean and beautify our Churches for Easter
 on Easter Saturday 30 March 2024. Please bring your own cleaning "stuff", thank you.
Many hands will make light work~ so please don't leave it to the few who always turn up.

All welcome, singers and instrumentalists!

@ St Bernard's ~ calling all musicians and singers to help with Easter services.
 If you would like to help with music at any of these services

Holy Thursday ~ Good Friday Passion ~ Easter Saturday Vigil Mass ~ Easter Sunday.

Please message or call me (or just show up an hour and a half before the service) and you can just join us on the day.
 We desperately need you and your talents. Moauli Griffiths 0451 664 592.



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Mass Times for Holy Week

MASS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	THINGS TO NOTE
Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the feet)	Thursday 28 March 2024	7.30pm	BOTH St Bernard's & St Patrick's	(No morning Mass) Procession to Altar of Repose & private Adoration till 10pm <i>Please return your Project Compassion Envelopes/Boxes</i>
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross	Friday 29 March 2024	10am	BOTH St Bernard's & St Patrick's	Day of fast and abstinence
Good Friday - Passion of the Lord	Friday 29 March 2024	3pm	BOTH St Bernard's & St Patrick's	
Easter Vigil	Saturday 30 March 2024	7pm	BOTH St Bernard's & St Patrick's	(No morning Mass in the parish on Holy Saturday)
Easter Sunday	Sunday 31 March 2024	9am	St Bernard's	(No evening Mass in the parish on Easter Sunday)
		8am; 10am	St Patrick's	

Whichever church you attend ~ let's celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord together!



Is there a better way to celebrate the Risen Christ than with a cuppa, cake and conversation?
 We don't think so, so if you are planning to attend the Easter Vigil Mass at either of our Churches,
 please bring along a plate to share afterwards, and ...
 if you are attending St Patrick's you will also be able to congratulate our "newest" member of our
 Catholic faith family, Ben Edwards, and ...
 if you are attending St Bernard's you will be able to join in a frolicking egg hunt too !

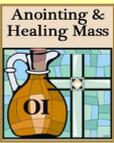


GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 2024

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday, March 29. This collection provides welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection.

The collection also maintains churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

A special collection will be taken up on Good Friday for this purpose.



As Friday April 7th is the 'Friday within the Octave of Easter', ritual masses are prohibited, there will **NOT** be a First Friday Anointing and Healing Mass on this date, however, a **normal weekday Mass will be offered at St Bernard's, Berowra Heights at 9.15am.**



BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT - LIMITED PARKING

will be available in the SPA school grounds on ~ **GOOD FRIDAY; EASTER SATURDAY & EASTER SUNDAY**

- Access to and from the school grounds is **ONLY** via Royston Pde ~ **do not use the railway access**
- Please leave vehicle and walk to the church via Royston Pde
- The concrete steps from the playground to the church are not to be used



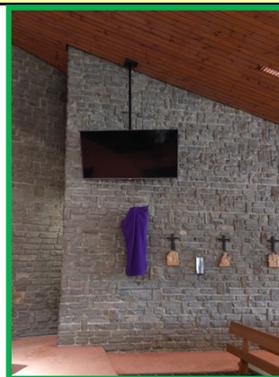
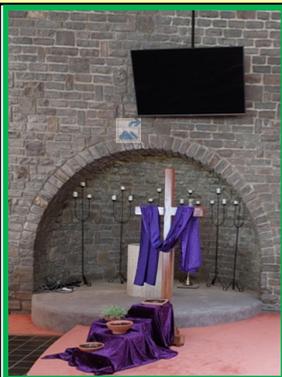
We extend a huge thank you to



which is owned and operated by our own parishioner, Mr Justin Berry. This job has not been without its challenges but Justin and his team have pulled out all the stops to ensure all would be in readiness for Easter. (see photo's to left). And of course, we have to also thank our technical adviser, yet another of our very own parishioners, Mr Chris Smith, who was on hand to ensure that all is operational and ready to work seamlessly for many years to come.

I am sure all parishioners of the parish, (but perhaps more so those who worship at St Pat's) will join Fr Joy and myself in thanking both Justin and Chris for installing these screens and connecting the 'tech' in our parish so quickly. Fr Biju.

A Visual Display of our new Audio Visual Display at SPA.



The screens look terrific, and will make a big difference to our Masses, however, this was an expensive installation which has to be paid for. **Any assistance by way of donations towards the cost, big or small, would be appreciated.** To help, please call the office on 9456 2450 or email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

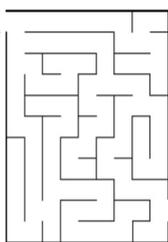
22 members of our parish attend the Lenten Retreat at the Divine Mercy Centre, Somersby.

We thank Fr Juby and staff at DRC for hosting this retreat day. Fr Juby delivered a wonderful talk on "the meaning of fasting" which was followed by a delicious lunch of fish, chips and salad (the irony was not lost on anyone! lol). Special thanks go to Michelle Chahine who put together the programme for the day which was reflective, insightful and exceptionally beautiful and appreciated. *Our thanks to all who came along, Fr Biju & Fr Joy.*



Maze Puzzle

Join Jesus on the road to Jerusalem.



Fill in the Blanks

When he came near the place where the _____ goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole _____ of disciples began joyfully to _____ God in loud voices for all the _____ they had seen.

"Blessed is the _____ who comes in the _____ of the Lord!"
"_____ in heaven and _____ in the highest!"

Luke 19:37-38 (NIV)

Word Bank

Peace road praise glory
King crowd miracles name

Color Me!



The Triumphal Entry

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filled WITH *gratitude* for our parish's very successful weekly Lenten programme and Stations of the Cross in KCCP.

Many parishioners have attended one or both of these programmes over the last 6 weeks of Lent to prepare themselves for the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter.

Not only would we like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended, we also thank most sincerely those who willingly gave of their time and talents to lead the programmes, being ... Vince H, Chichi D, Moauli G, Sue N, Phil D, Malcolm C, Sarah M, Patricia S. May the good Lord bless each of you abundantly this Easter and always.

Fr Biju and Fr Joy.

Easter is almost here !

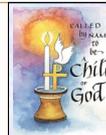
We thank those of the parish who have already made donations towards the purchase of fresh blooms to adorn our Altars next weekend when we greet the Risen Lord. Donations can still be made via the specially labelled donation box in each church, so if you are able, please consider popping a donation inside the box on your way past, thank you. Fr Biju



We sincerely thank our Sacramental Team, Peta Tonkin and Phill Clarke, together with our group facilitators, Romina A, David D-F, Gabriel H, Christine V, Jacinta W, Jackie T & Indah D. for their time in preparing the children so beautifully and to the children themselves for their reverence when receiving the Sacrament.

We congratulate the following children of our parish who this week received their First Reconciliation

Craig A	Sebastian B	Madeleine H	Amelia S
Darius A	Andrea C	Melissa H	Liam S
Sadie A	Maxine C	Natasha H	Locklan S
Claire B	Reve C	Oliver H	Madeleine S
Emmett B	Sophie C	Paityn H	Mikaela S
Hugo B	Samantha C-F	Vincent H	Nicola S
Lucas B	Sophia C-F	Jospeh I	Noah S
Matthew B	(Eva) Elizabeth D	Emma K	Annie T
Olivia B	Dante D	Oliver K	Bradley T
Olivia B	Anamaria D-F	Phillip K	Ross T
Rosabella B	Noah E	Spencer K	Scarlett T
	Thomas F	Ava M	Ellery V
	Catherine G	Mina M	Himaya V
	Elliott G	Akinsa P	Oscar V
	Enrique G	Irene (Jessica) P	Taliana V O
	James G	Max P	Annalise W
	Maeve G	Natalia P	Robert W
	Oliviamarie G	Charlotte R	Simone W
	John H	Yuri R	Isla Z

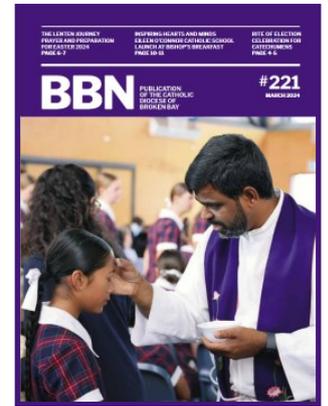


Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to

Frances Anne Mary Perrottet

who is to be baptised this weekend. Please keep her, her parents & Godparents in your prayers.



Renovating our Parish:

Over the last few weeks, we have been encouraging all our parishioners to come along to one of the pastoral discernment sessions we are organising across our two parish communities.

The purpose of these sessions is to give everyone an opportunity to listen, discuss and share their thoughts, hopes and ideas for our parish. Refreshments will be served.

Asquith: Thursday 4 April, 7pm-8.30pm in Fr McMaugh Hall (grounds of St Patrick's School, Asquith).

Berowra: Friday 12 April, 7pm-8.30pm in Fr Denis Callaghan Hall (grounds of St Bernard's School, B.Hts).

The information collected at these consultations will then be shared with everyone at a whole-parish gathering scheduled at Asquith on: Tuesday 23 April 7pm-9pm in Fr McMaugh Hall.

Please join us at one of these sessions. Your comments and ideas will help us develop our new Parish Pastoral Plan.

If for some reason you are unable to attend, we are happy to receive written submissions. Fr Biju Jose OSH

The March 2024 edition of the Broken Bay News (BBN) is available now at the back of our churches. This edition features articles on:

- ✝ 'The Lenten Journey—Prayer and Preparation for Easter 2024'
- ✝ 'Inspiring Hearts and Minds—Eileen O'Connor Catholic School launch at Bishop's Breakfast'
- ✝ 'Rite of Election celebration for Catechumens'

Please be sure to take a copy home with you.

Two amazing photo's taken at our parish churches during this past week.

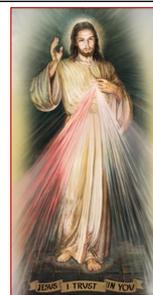


The Tibouchina tree is sometimes referred to as the Glory Tree or Glory Bush. St Fiacre is certainly working overtime at the moment as everywhere you seem to look, this tree is to be found in full 'Lenten purple' bloom, making a statement piece in many gardens including the grounds of St Bernard's Church at Berowra Hts.



How beautiful this image is!

Even though we have to keep St Patrick's Church at Asquith closed on weekdays for security, it has not stopped this young fellow from dropping to his knees and praying to our loving and merciful God.



Join the celebrations for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 7th

This is your invitation to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at St Agatha's

Pennant Hills, from 1pm including Reconciliation, Benediction, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image.

Mass at 2pm celebrated by Emeritus Bishop David Walker.

"Tell the whole world of My great mercy ... mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."

(Jesus to St Faustina)



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

Thanks and congratulations to our Select Choir members for a wonderful, prayerful and musical Lenten presentation last Friday evening, which was deeply appreciated by parishioners who attended. A reminder that there will be no practice next Friday, 29th March (Good Friday) but practices will continue as usual on Friday 5th April and 12th April from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays. New members from Year 3 and up always welcome. Contact Patricia Smith, 9482 7935 for further information.

Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 30 / 31 March 2024 - Sunday of the Resurrection - Year B
Easter Vigil: Readings: Gen 22:1-18; Ex 14:15 - 15:1; Is 54:5-14; Ezek 36:16-28; Epistle: Rom 6:3-11; Gospel: Mk 16:1-7
Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
 IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE

Rosters for The Easter Triduum SBB 2024				Rosters for The Easter Triduum SPA 2024			
Holy Thursday SBB - 7.30pm	Senior Server Justin Berry Paul Dryden	Altar Servers Sub requested Sub requested		Holy Thursday SPA - 7.30pm	Senior Server John Messina Francis Lizardo	Altar Servers Rishona Gonsalves Lucy Henao Vila	
1st Reader	Anne Maree Hutchins	2nd Reader	Donna Machado	1st Reader	Christine Vila	2nd Reader	Jo Quinlan
Good Friday Stations of the Cross - SBB 10am		Led by	Moauli Griffiths	Good Friday Stations of the Cross - SPA 10am		Led by	Malcolm Cross
Good Friday Passion of the Lord - SBB 3pm	Senior Server Barbara McMullen	Altar Servers Archie Tod & Harry Tod		Good Friday Passion of the Lord - SPA 3pm	Senior Server Volunteers needed x 2	Altar Servers Mia Nguyen & Volunteer needed	
1st Reader	Genevieve Funk	2nd Reader	Alodie Wheeler	1st Reader	Susie Gates	2nd Reader	Paul Worthington
Gospel Readers	Narrator: Mary Dorahy Crowd: Freya Tonkin and Isaac Tonkin		Other: Francesca Parrino;	Gospel Readers	Narrator: Miguel Do Rego Crowd: Chris Newnham and Sue Newnham		Other: Les Fogden;
Easter Vigil SBB - 6pm Epistle: Moauli Griffiths	Senior Server / Thurifer Garth Graham Justin Berry (Thurifer)	Altar Servers Sophia Cottrell Sub requested		Easter Vigil SPA - 7pm Epistle: Edwina Subramany	Senior Servers / Thurifer Mani Subramany + 1 x Vol Francis Lizardo (Thurifer)	Altar Servers Oscar Braga & Amy Francis	
1st Reader 2nd Reader	Jerome Gomez Sophia Smith	3rd Reader 4th Reader	Celia Cox Volunteer needed	1st Reader 2nd Reader	Miguel Do Rego Christine Vila	3rd Reader 4th Reader	Hayley Rodrigues Penny Loughland
Easter Sunday SBB - 9am	Senior Server Paul Dryden	Altar Servers Sub requested & Miranda Tablizo		Easter Sunday SPA - 8am	Senior Server Phil Daidone	Altar Servers Volunteer needed x 2	
1st Reader	Paul Maher	2nd Reader	Denise Harant	1st Reader	Vivienne Schreiber	2nd Reader	Russell Schreiber
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, <i>Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012</i> .				Easter Sunday SPA - 10am			
				Senior Server Malcolm Cross	Altar Servers Thomas Clarke & Rishona Gonsalves		
				1st Reader	Cora Cuasay	2nd Reader	David De-Fina

NB: No mass on Easter Sunday night in the parish

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