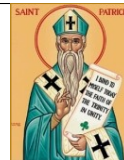


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 12th February 2023 ~ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

*'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

**Until further notice there will be
ONE Morning Mass only
on weekdays**

St Patrick's 9am:
Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat
St Bernard's 9am: 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:

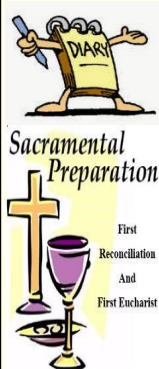
If you are admitted to hospital,
please write down your religion as
Catholic to receive Catholic Services.

*Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre
if hospitalised and you would like
our own priests to attend.*

Ash Wednesday Mass Times ~ 22 February 2023

Berowra:	9am	//	11.30am (Whole School Mass)
Asquith:	8am	//	9.45am (Whole School Mass) // 7.30 pm

Sacramental Programme dates and new enrolment details



Parents Talk on Sacraments (mandatory) ~

Thursday 23 February 2023, St Bernard's Church, 7.30pm to 8.30pm

First Reconciliation (Confession):

SPA Wednesday 29 March, 6.30pm / SBB Thursday 30 March, 6.30pm

First Eucharist (First Holy Communion):

Sunday 25 June 2023

During 9am Mass at St Bernard's // During 10am Mass at St Patrick's

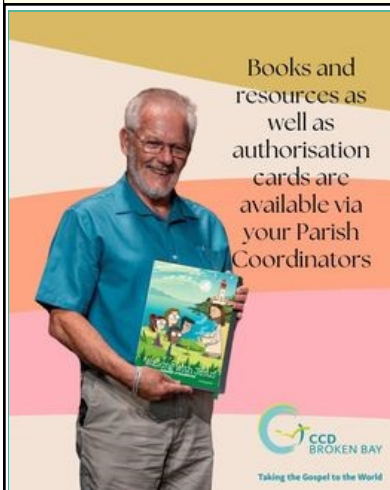
**ENROLMENTS are now OPEN:
for FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST EUCHARIST**

All children in Year 4 or above who have been both Baptised and Confirmed are eligible to enrol for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Those who made Confirmation last year should have received an email outlining the new process for enrolling, which this year will be done as much as possible online (hence, no enrolment weekend this year). If you are new to the parish or did not receive an email, forms can be downloaded from our website.

Please go to: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/sacraments/reconciliation>

Our Sacramental Team can be contacted via: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



Next Sunday is Catechist Sunday

The Sunday before Ash Wednesday is traditionally Catechist Sunday in the Diocese and this year will be held on **Sunday 19 February 2023**.

Catechist Sunday is an annual event in the CCD Calendar. Catechist Sunday originated in 1935 when the Vatican published a document '**On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education**', which acknowledged the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and asked every country to honour those catechists who serve within their Christian communities.

As catechists begin another year of ministry, parishes are invited to stop and think about the dedicated work of these volunteers.

At the 10am Mass next Sunday at St Patrick's Asquith, our Catechists will publicly renew their commitment to this most important ministry, and will hold an exhibition about the catechetical ministry on a display table outside the church after Mass. They will also be hosting 'Coffee Corner' for the parish community after Mass.

They can't wait to chat to YOU !

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 Favalaro / **Vol. Sacramental Team:** Peta & Phill

Sacramental Team Email: 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 February: For parishes:

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Ordinary Time ~ Year A
Monday 13/02

Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday 14/02 ~ Memorial

Sts Cyril, monk, and

Methodius, bishop

Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10;

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday 15/02

Gen 8:6-13, 20-22;

Mk 8:22-26

Thursday 16/02

Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

Friday 17/02

Gen 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 -9:1

Saturday 18/02

Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jean Dorahy, Fr John de Luca,
Mark Formby, Bill Healy

ANNIVERSARIES: Samuel Fuda

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Those suffering from Covid-19 -
that it is brought under control
and eliminated as a health risk.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Maria

Park, Anna Cho, Garth Graham,

Yvonne Graham, Isabel

Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi

Datoc, Ann Leslie, Georgina

Hughes, Mary Burns, Rey

Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Roger

Okell, Jean Cook, Barbara

Jones, Rosemary Pendlebury-

Grainger, Brian Treacy, John

Cosgrove (Snr), Patrick

O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip

OSH, Josef, Marie Haag, Elaine

Longmuir.



Requiescat In Pace.

It is with sadness we
advise of the passing of

Jean Dorahy.

Our prayers and sympathy are

extend to her children.

Requiem Mass will be held at

St Mary's, North Sydney on

Friday 17th February, 10am.

Her burial will follow at 12noon

at Waverley Cemetery.

Eternal rest grant unto her O

Lord and let perpetual light shine

upon her, may she rest in peace.



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for your support through these devices.



Parish Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass & Dinner

Please RSVP now!

or by **Tuesday 14th February 2023** at the very latest,
so catering numbers can be confirmed

by emailing: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au or calling 9456 2450.

Date: FRIDAY 17th February 2023

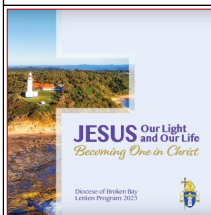
Time: 5.30pm Mass at St Patrick's Asquith

Time: 6pm Dinner in Fr McMaugh Hall

Anyone who is rostered on for a parish ministry; anyone who regularly volunteers to help out; anyone who humbly goes about doing all the little tasks (our quiet achievers); are all very welcome to come along to this Thanksgiving Mass and dinner in appreciation for all you do.

You are welcome to join us for both the Mass and Dinner OR just the Mass OR just the dinner!

The choice is yours!



DETAILS OF OUR PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME

Our 2023 Lenten Programme ~ *Jesus: Our Light and our Life, Becoming One in Christ*, will commence on **Thursday 23 February in the Fr McMaugh Hall** in the grounds of St Patrick's School.

Please gather at **7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, concluding at 8.30pm.**

This programme will continue over 6 consecutive Thursday nights in the same location.

I warmly invite you to attend this group, however, if you would be more comfortable working through this Lenten preparation programme on your own (or in a smaller group, perhaps in your home), then please contact the office who can provide you with the booklets.



A new year ~ a new initiative

Community, Conversation, Food and Faith:
Sycamore

Are you 16 – 20ish and enjoy a chat over some food and drinks?

"Sycamore" is an opportunity to meet other young people,
share ideas, explore your beliefs and think about questions that really matter.
Everyone is welcome.

If you enjoy delving into conversations about some of the big issues of life, come along to the first session.

Sunday Feb 19 from 4.00 pm - 5:45 pm; St Patrick's Parish Hall, Asquith

Register "Sycamore" with your name: SMS: 0400 300 598

Or just come along!

LOVE A CHAT WHILE HOSTING A FREE CUPPA?

Here is your chance. Become St. Patrick's Hospitality Coordinator.



This volunteer position is quite simple as detailed below.

- Keep the coffee cupboard well stocked (bulk buying, could be just once every 3 months)
- Maintain the cupboard so it is clean and organised
- As the Coffee Corner roster takes care of most Sunday cuppa's, you only need to organise the broader parish occasions for holding a cuppa such as St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Christmas and special requests by our priests.

Interested? Please call the parish office, 9456 2450.



Dear all, the first series for 2023 (of our 'two-per-year' programme)

commences 20th February 2023

and we are looking for more members so we can give away more money!

We have 'blocks of four numbers' available now so why not be part of the fun ~

\$1 per week paid in advance for the 20 week series means your investment of just \$20 offers you

the chance of winning \$25 each week and one chance in every five weeks of winning \$500!

To be part of this wonderful parish initiative please call us on 9456 2450 or email us: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au



Bank Account Number: To obtain the details of our 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.

"Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets."

The Choices We Make

As Sirach says, each person must choose between life and death ... and whichever one chooses will be given. The choices we make every day have a life or death quality. Every day we are choosing in one direction or the other.

We all have reasons for the choices we make. Sometimes we are seeking approval and acceptance, wanting to fit in and be liked. We choose based upon the costs, benefits and risks involved. Sometimes we may just give up and refuse to choose. Sometimes we choose power, control, or security. Often our choices are about self-protection or making ourselves feel happier. Or we might choose to make another feel bad, and attempt to get back at him or her; or more positively, we may choose to make amends and make up.

Matthew 5:17

Our experience of making choices brings us back to our reading from Sirach. There is one fundamental choice to be made — the choice between life and death. Where will I spend eternity? The choice that really matters in the end is between life and death. This ultimate criterion should affect all other choices. What good does it profit a person to gain the whole world, and lose one's soul? (cf Mark 8:36)

Bringing this to an everyday level: could our daily lifestyle be described as *life-giving*? Do we choose to help sustain and nurture life for ourselves and others? Or do we choose to diminish or ignore the good of others? Do we try to make our world a better place? While Jesus sets us a very high standard, Sirach claims that we can keep the commandments if we really want to. Both readings call us to evaluate our habitual ways of choosing.

The Sermon on the Mount offers high moral ideals, not a set of firm commandments. Jesus forbids not merely murder but also lesser forms of injuring others. The importance of forgiveness is so great that it comes before strictly religious duties. He tells us "*leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your neighbour.*" We must respect not simply people's right to life but also their right to dignity and self-respect.

The prohibition of oaths is not taken literally in Christian countries, where oaths are taken in a court of law. But in a perfect society characterised by trust and truth-telling, oaths should not be needed to reinforce our words. Jesus promoted an atmosphere of openness and trust. What he offers as a supplement to the Law of Moses is a morality of values held from the heart.

© <https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/12-feb-2023-6th-sunday-a/>



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to

Theo Jean Cutrone

Elsie Jean Aitken Testa

Remy Ray Aitken Testa

who are to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep them, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.



We're Back ! Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

begins its 2023 season this Sunday,

12th February, at 10am Mass.

We're still welcoming new people to the Choir, so it's not too late to join. If you're in Year 3 or above, you can join by coming along on Friday and completing a registration form.

New parents are also welcome to volunteer as helpers!

The Choir practises every Friday afternoon during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church, and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month except January.

For further information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935



St Bernard's
Primary School
Berowra Heights



Opening
School Mass
2023



Next Serra Vocations Mass & Dinner Thursday 23rd

February 2023 celebrated by Fr Aldrin Valdehuesa AP of Epping/Carlingford Parish and Serra Chaplain at Sacred Heart Church Pymble at 6pm.

A light meal and short meeting will follow, then Fr Aldrin will speak to us about our Lenten journey. To attend call or email Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 / terry_scanlan@bigpond.com



Vox Populi - The Voice of the People - 7 February 2023

Connect—Reflect—Protect: Safer Internet Day.

Technology has evolved dramatically in the past two decades, and we probably often ask ourselves how could we even function without our mobile devices and desktops.

The benefits have been enormous. However, they have also exposed everyone, including young children and teenagers, to many risks which can have a long-lasting impact.

In the past year, 67% of adults have had a negative online experience; 30% of teenagers have been contacted by a stranger online; 47% of 14 to 17 year olds have received a sexual message from someone, and almost half of children were treated in a nasty or hurtful way online.

Cyberbullying, content and image-based cyber abuse are serious issues communities, families, schools and organisations are dealing with around the world. [...]

This year Safer Internet Day is calling on everyone to: **Connect. Reflect. Protect.**

Connect safely and with purpose – by keeping apps and devices secure and using social media in positive ways.

Reflect before we act – by taking a moment to consider how what we do and say online may affect others.

Protect ourselves and others by taking action – by telling family, friends or colleagues about eSafety and how we can help.

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Friday Mailout of this Bulletin.

During Covid, our priests introduced the 'Friday Mailout' and it has continued ever since.

Several parishioners with mainly 'bigpond.com' addresses, have had issues receiving our mailout and we understand this glitch is a 'bigpond.com' way of blocking spam, and the way to fix it is to 'whitelist' our email address.

For help to 'whitelist' us, please contact the office.

Don't get these emails but would like to? Let us know by emailing your request to:

parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Garth Graham	Volunteer now	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
Altar Servers	Robyn Orr Harry Tod	Olive O'Keefe Bronte Tonkin	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Oscar Braga Mia Nguyen	Volunteer now Volunteer now
Reader (1)	Natasha Steele	Isaac Tonkin	Penny Loughland	Vivienne Schreiber	Elizabeth Fernandes	Gabriel Henao
Reader (2)	Alodie Wheeler	Denise Harant	Hayley Rodrigues	Russell Schreiber	Sandra Maloney	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Cecilia (f), Brenda Brooks (s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Michelle Hwang (f), Leticia Wee, Michelle Blanco			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed)		February: Luke Massa & David Mooney			

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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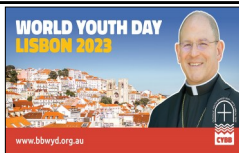
A number of organisations including the Office of the eSafety Commissioner provide support and resources for both adults and children (<https://www.esafety.gov.au/newsroom/whats-on/safer-internet-day-2023>).

There are resources for anyone who has or is a victim of cyberabuse or knows someone experiencing cyberabuse (Report to eSafety) <https://www.esafety.gov.au/report/forms>

The Safeguarding Office of the Diocese of Broken Bay also provides detailed information and resources to assist in the ongoing development of a culture and practice of safeguarding to protect children, young people and adults (<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/diocesan-safeguarding/safeguarding-in-the-chancery-and-parishes>).

Just by having a heightened awareness to cyber risks and following a few simple suggestions, everyone can work towards making every day a **Safer Internet Day**.

WYD23 Registration update ~ The excitement is certainly building as we continue to plan and prepare for WYD23. All places on the **FULL** pilgrimage have reached capacity. We have a number of spaces available, for young adults (over 18's) on the **DIRECT** pilgrimage 29 July to 11 August. Young adults are invited to consider journeying with us, by joining the Direct option, please register your interest by visiting <https://bbwyd.org.au/register-for-wyd/> to secure your place on the pilgrimage.



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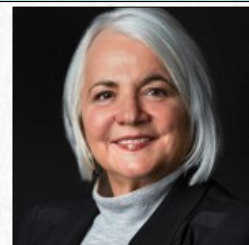
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