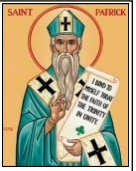


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 14th March 2021 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent ~ Year B

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast

Responsorial Psalm: Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

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'



The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that we may have eternal life in him.

There is often a time in a long journey when we find the going hard. The enthusiasm with which we set out has faded, and there is still a long way to go. At this stage in our Lenten journey we may be inclined to identify with Nicodemus of today's gospel – not daring, as a well known Pharisee, to consult Jesus openly, he came 'by night', weighed down in his heart, no doubt, by an interior darkness of confusion and embarrassment. In our disappointment with our lives, the darkness seems so real and overwhelming.

The first reading, telling the story of old Israel – a story of unfaithfulness, stubborn selfishness, destruction and exile – reminds us how often human history has been filled with darkness, right down to our own day.

In the second reading from the letter to the Ephesians, Paul confidently confronts this darkness: for him reliance upon false and selfish securities is to embrace 'death'. If we are inclined to feel demoralised at this point in our Lenten journey, we are invited by today's readings to find again the source of new energy and encouragement. In the midst of the deepest darkness the true Light shines!

Old Israel finds that God's designs will not be frustrated by their foolishness and selfishness - the conqueror of the Babylonians sends them back to rebuild the temple. Paul announces to those who are in danger of losing their way the astounding truth at the centre of our faith - God's free gift to a lost world of new life in Christ: our redeemed humanity is God's 'work of art', we each have our part to play in the realisation of God's great designs.

But it is especially in climax of today's readings, the words spoken to Nicodemus, by Jesus - **the Light of the World** - that all our darkness is dispelled! These words are perhaps the most quoted of the Gospels. Let us not take them for granted, but take them to heart and rejoice in the new life they bring: **'God loved the world so much that he gave his own Son, so that everyone who believes in him ... may have eternal life'**.

A world weighed down by the darkness of failure and selfishness must know, Jesus says, that he came from the Father, not 'to condemn' but to bring reconciliation and life. As we take our bearings in the middle of a long journey, we often find new purpose and energy. Reflecting at this point in our journey of Lent, on the burdens we carry, can bring us to find again, in a more personal way, the essential truth of our Christian faith, the great truth we are celebrate at the end of our journey.

© John Thornhill sm ~ (The Emmaus Series at www.theemmausseries.com)



Wednesday March 17 ~
Feast Day of St Patrick ~
a Patron Saint of our
Parish.

You are invited to make the extra effort and come along to morning Mass on St Patrick's Day to celebrate one of our Patron Saints.

St Patrick's Day Mass
Wednesday 17.03.2021
8am at
St Patrick's Church
Asquith

There will also be a
School Mass at 10am at
Asquith so the children can
come together and celebrate
the life and faith of the
Patron Saint of their school.

*NB: Due to numbers,
parishioners are unable
to join this school Mass.*

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Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper
Bookkeeper Karen Price

Youth Ministry Co-ord. Michelle Chahine
Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 2m² requirement]

St Patrick's: 202 persons

at St Bernard's: 122 persons

Physical Distancing - people from the same household may sit together in the church. Couples and families can be seated together however, social distancing is to be maintained between family groups.

Additional restrictions are at the discretion of the Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.

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 Bernard's	8am	Mon, Tues and Thurs.
	9am	Wednesday and Friday
St Patrick's	8am	Wednesday and Friday
	9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat.

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday	9.30 am at St Patrick's
Every Friday	After 9am Mass at 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.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

4th Week of Lent

Monday 15/03

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday 16/03

Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16

Wednesday 17/03 ~ Solemnity

St Patrick, Bishop

Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Thursday 18/03

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday 19/03 ~ Solemnity

St Joseph,

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

Saturday 20/03

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joaquim Victor D'Souza, Marie Napoli, Jose Morales, Irene Berry, Eleanor Kent, Carmelita Avecilla Evangelista, George Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES: Karen Fitzgerald,

Winifred & William Colman, Joseph Treacy, Ray Longford, Hilda, Francis & Terrence Conlon, Neville Nicholson, Mary Treacy, Kevin Harant, Stach Romanowski, Maria

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Roger Okell, Andrew Hood, Patrick Dorahy, Elaine Longmuir, Sr Mary Treacy, John Gallagher, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Sr Tincy Thomas, Marie Haag, Tom Dawson, Felicity Fone, Barbara Jones, Jean Cook, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Dan Leavy, Terry Treacy, Stephen C C, Anne Brady, Marie O'Hare, John Cosgrove (Snr), Antonia Alvarado, Peter Nguyen, Nemia Camille Asiong, Rodney Porter

The 250 Club!

Week 3:

Result to be advised next week as the draw had not taken place when this bulletin went to print.

New blocks of numbers available please call the office for details or to pay your membership asap.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March: Sacrament of Reconciliation ~



Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



Please Note: At the request of a number of parishioners, as of this weekend all our

Tap n Go donation points will all be set to \$10 per tap.



What's on offer for you at Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish during Lent 2021

Stations of the Cross Berowra	8.30am Friday mornings followed by Holy Mass
Stations of the Cross Asquith	7.30pm Friday evenings
Reconciliation	Berowra: Fridays after 9am Mass (on request); Asquith: Saturdays 9.30am
Lenten Programme Option 1	Bishop Robert Baron's ~ 'Priest, Prophet, King' - Continues at St Patrick's Hall, every Thursday 7.30pm to 25 March
Lenten Programme Option 2	Diocese Programme – small groups or individual journey undertaken with booklet and audio – contact office from more information
Lenten Programme Option 3	'Altaration' (youth & young adults) ~ Why do we have to go to mass? The mystery of the mass revealed. Continues at St Patrick's Hall, every Sunday 4.30pm to 21 March

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Time and Location

Monday March 22nd 7.30pm
Tuesday March 23rd 7.30pm

St Bernard's Berowra Heights,
St Patrick's Asquith

Holy Week Schedule

Mass

Time and Location

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 27 March 2021

5pm St Bernard's // 6pm St Patrick's

Sunday 28 March 2021

9am St Bernard's // 8am St Patrick's & 10am St Patrick's & 6pm St Patrick's

Please return Project Compassion boxes & gifts for the poor on Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Washing of the feet

Thursday 1 April 2021 (No morning Mass)

7.30pm St Bernard's // 7.30pm St Patrick's followed by Exposition/Adoration till 10.00pm at both churches

Good Friday

Friday 2 April 2021 Solemnities

Solemn Stations of the Cross
Passion of the Lord

10am St Bernard's // 10am St Patrick's

3pm St Bernard's // 3pm St Patrick's

Easter Vigil

Saturday 3 April 2021 (No morning Mass)

7pm St Bernard's // 7pm St Patrick's

Easter Sunday

Sunday 4 April 2021

9am St Bernard's // 8am St Patrick's & 10am St Patrick's



Please Note:

There is **NO Evening Mass** in the Parish on **Easter Sunday**



Restoration Work on St Patrick's Church Asquith.

Well you know what they say, the best laid plans ... , for a moment this week, we were ahead of the curve, with work to begin on Wednesday, but sadly our mate Byron had a bit of a run in with a steel beam, which landed on the top of his left leg and saw him taken to hospital.

It's badly bruised and swollen but not broken, which is very good news for all. Byron has been resting his leg this week and *hopping around* and hopes to be "good to go" some time later this week, you might even say he'll be ready to "hop to it" lol.

Just a reminder to all that when these essential works begin the team will arrive early each day around 6.30am to 7am. They will then take a break whilst Mass is being celebrated and re-commence work as soon as Mass is finished.

In light of this, you are requested to leave the church as quickly as possible once work commences to enable them to "get on with the job". Thank you for your cooperation.

To contribute towards this much needed restoration, please see our "To Do List" below...

Why are we not surprised? Because the generosity of this wonderful parish never ceases to amaze!

This week has seen donations to both our "TO DO LIST" and our "WISH LIST".

The most amazing thing is the spirit in which all donations have been made.

It shows how much you all love your churches and it is a testament to your modesty that you have all requested anonymity! We will therefore offer a general **Thank You** to each of you.

It certainly isn't too late to contribute - as we still have quite a way to go

To contribute your options are:

1. Your contribution to restore St Patrick's can go directly into the collection box at back of SPA Church.
2. Place an envelope on the plate marked with "TO DO LIST" OR "WISH LIST"
3. Use BPoint via our website—select the drop down option "Others (Including 1st Collection)" and use "TO DO LIST" OR "WISH LIST" in the 'Purpose of Payment' area.
4. You may call the office to make payment over phone with a credit card.

So, What's on our "TO DO LIST" this year?

- ◆ Restoration of St Patrick's Church - est. cost \$42,000 - **Working towards**
- ◆ New amplifier for St Patrick's Church - est. cost \$1,800 - **Realised**
- ◆ New telephones in the office \$4,691.16 - **Working towards**

So, What's on our "WISH LIST" this year?

- ◆ New computer/projection combo in St Bernard's Church - **a bit over 50% there**

Thank you for giving whatever you can to help maintain your parish assets



KCCP now has all the Palms we need
 ~ Thank you so much! The request for
 Cycad Palms for Palm Sunday has been met.

Thanks to those who have responded with the offer of palms.
WE HAVE ENOUGH PALMS to amply cover our needs
Please DO NOT BRING PALMS UNLESS you are
CONTACTED by the **PARISH OFFICE**

*Happy Birthday Fr Shaju
 for Monday
 May the Lord Bless you
 and your works always.*



Symbols of Lent ~ [https://www.teachingcatholickids.com/symbols-of-lent/]



Ashes: Made from palm leaves of the previous year, ashes can remind us both of the baptismal and penitential character of Lent. They not only represent our own mortality and utter dependence on God, but also symbolize our efforts of dying to sin (and rising to new life in Christ).



Violet (deep purple): Violet is the liturgical colour of the season and symbolises its repentant character, as well as Christ as the King of the world. (Deep purple was a colour reserved for royalty in Jesus' time.)



Fish: As a Lenten symbol, fish stands for the obligation to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We also abstain from meat on other Fridays of the season.



Barren stones: Stones call to mind the desert, and Jesus' testing by the devil there.



Pretzels: Made from simple dough which has no dairy or fat, pretzels remind us of fasting and, are shaped like two arms crossed in prayer.

SEEKING PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Two members of our current Parish Pastoral Council are coming to the end of their term and so nominations are now invited from the Parish community to join the PPC
 - one from the Berowra end and one from the Asquith end of the Parish.

Nomination forms can be found at the back of each church and require the agreement of the nominee and the names and signatures of 2 endorsements of others in the Parish who:

- Regularly affiliate with the Parish and
- Are not family members of the nominee.

Nominations will remain open until Wednesday 24th March 2021.

QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CALL MICHAEL HALLIDAY (PPC CHAIR) ON 0414 095 373



SACRAMENTS TO BE RECEIVED AT KCCP IN 2021 ~ .

During the week the 'new look' Sacramental Team of Grace Milen & Phill Clarke (Asquith end) and Peta Tonkin (Berowra end) got together with Fr Shaju and Fr Joy to plan the Sacramental Programme for 2021.

Please note: Dates for Confirmation are set according to the Bishop's availability.

**Confirmation 2021 will be celebrated within Masses on
 Sunday 5th September 2021 at**

11.30am at St Bernard's ~ 2pm at St Patrick's ~ 4pm at St Patrick's

[These Masses are for candidates and incorporate ~ 1 child + 1 sponsor + 2 parents/caregivers only]

You are reminded that during 2020, Bishop Anthony took the opportunity make an adjustment to the age at which children in the Diocese of Broken Bay are eligible to make Confirmation.

The Bishop advised that from 2021 Confirmation will be...

*"celebrated with those who have reached **the age of 8**, and who are **typically in Year 3**."* and that

*"**Reconciliation and Eucharist** will therefore be celebrated with those who **are 9 and in Year 4**."*

In a nutshell, if you have a child who is in Year 3 this year and has turned 8 years old, they are eligible to make their Confirmation this year and then proceed to make Reconciliation and Eucharist in 2022. More information will follow later in the year.

We haven't even had a nibble ~ Still seeking new volunteers ~ please help

Church Cleaners urgently needed at St Bernard's
 to join our 4th Sunday of the month group.


New Maintenance group members are needed at St Patrick's Asquith.

Please help. For more information speak to Father or contact the office.




Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to
Luca John Wilmshurst
 who is to be baptised this weekend.
Please keep Luca, his parents and Godparents in your prayers.

Who Knew !? 

By giving to the CWF
through Payroll Giving you can double your contribution to our parish!
[\$10 becomes \$20; \$50 becomes \$100]
 Easy, pre-tax giving to your favourite causes. It's a simple & effective way to donate and donors instantly receive their tax-deduction. Details of such matching schemes will be available from your employer. Don't delay, check with them today and ask if they participate!
Setting up Payroll Giving is easy. Contact your employer's HR or Payroll team to set it up for you. CWF is registered with www.good2give.ngo who facilitate the Payroll giving scheme. Questions? Contact David Armstrong on 8379 1664 David.armstrong@bbccatholic.org.au.

Slavery-free Easter
 This Easter, let's celebrate with clear consciences and buy slavery-free chocolate. When buying your Easter eggs (or your daily dose of chocolate, as the case may be), look for these logos:



It means the chocolate you are buying is certified slavery-free. For more info on the slavery-free Easter campaign, go to <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/>



Please take home a Project Compassion box this Lenten season and aspire to .. **"Be More"**.

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation.

Through Caritas, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets. Please help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all. Through your generosity and by aspiring to **"Be More"**, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. Thank you for being more!



ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 20th/21st March – Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12: 20-33

	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	Alex Jarominek	Sue Lum	John Messina	Malcolm Cross	Keith Fone
Reader (1)	Natasha Steele	Alena Hartmann	Sue Watts	Michael Halliday	Deborah de Voss	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Alodie Wheeler	Zinta Hartmann	Helen Chui		Simone Noel	Mary Stokes
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez	Paul Dryden	Chris Smith	Jim Fitzgerald	Peter Daly	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Marlene Moloney (f), Gwen Wood (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith, Mervyn Soares, Liz Soares, Maria Hon (f)			
Maintenance	Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated		March: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hadjuk - additional help always appreciated			

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*.

Gifted to give 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines Celebration

Join us in commemorating 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines at Our Lady of Dolours Parish on Tues. 16 March @ 7:30pm. Bishop Anthony Randazzo (main celebrant) and His Excellency Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana (Homilist). Host: Filipino Chaplaincy Chatswood Parish. Attendance is capped at 300. Book using TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=726245&>

Consultation for Women - Catholic women are being invited to participate in a national consultation via Zoom on 27 March. The event invites women to articulate and celebrate their contribution to and vision for the mission of the Catholic Church in Aust. The event is being organised by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry. Find more information at www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicwomen

Positions Vacant: Two part time (3 day a week) positions at Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia (JISA) National Office, Pymble.

Would you like to be part of a new national team to shape and grow the ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, Retreats and Formation throughout Australia?

Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia are looking for two part time (3 days a week) executive and administration assistants to support the leadership from their national office in Pymble NSW.

FOR MORE INFO <https://jisa.org.au/work-with-jesuit-and-ignatian-spirituality-australia/>
Applications close Friday 26 March 2021

Learning Hub: Snack-sized presentation of findings presented by the Australian Catholic University (ACU) – *Young people's perception of safety and their wellbeing?* To view the presentation go to <https://aifs.paperlessevents.com.au/share/Russell-75>

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OPEN DAYS @ Our Schools

- St Bernard's Catholic Primary School, Berowra Heights** ~ Thursdays ~ 11 March & 24 June [For details: 9456 2104]
- St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Asquith** ~ Tuesday ~ 30 March [For details: 9477 3800]
- St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga** ~ Tuesday ~ 16 March [For details: 9487 3555]

Open Days
Thurs. 11th March & Thurs. 24th June

Open Day
Tuesday 30th March

INSPIRING YOUR CHILD TO LOVE LEARNING AND BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE

St Bernard's, St Patrick's, and St Leo's Catholic schools offer a variety of student interests and learning needs. We have a dedicated, talented and professional team who are proud of their commitment to the learning of all the children in our care. In partnership with our parents, our faith-led approach with a focus on community awareness, social justice and student wellbeing is an important part of our point of difference. St Patrick's is a primary feeder school for St Leo's Catholic College @ Wahroonga.

St Leo's Catholic College WAHROONGA OPEN DAY & Expo

Come and see what all the BUZZ is about!

All welcome!

Tuesday 16 March, 4-7pm
Register at: stleos.nsw.edu.au

USHER/SAFE

MOST IMPORTANT and No. 1 Rule follow ALL DIRECTIONS of the USHER/s & Warden/s

Sanitise your hands

Stand apart 1.5m

Church Capacities:
202 ~ St Patrick's,
122 ~ St Bernard's

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