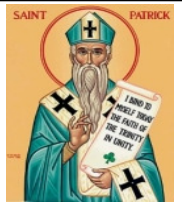


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Churches of St Bernard Berowra and St Patrick Asquith



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

16 December 2007

# LORD, COME AND SAVE US

Readings Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

### LITURGY TIMETABLE - Sunday

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| Vigil 4pm    | Peace Chapel Brooklyn<br>21 Karoola Street |
| Vigil 5.30pm | St Bernard's                               |
| Vigil 6.30pm | St Patrick's                               |
| 8am          | St Patrick's                               |
| 9am          | St Bernard's                               |
| 10am         | St Patrick's                               |
| 6pm          | St Patrick's                               |

### Weekday Masses St Bernard's

8am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9am Wednesday, Friday

### Weekday Masses St Patrick's

8am Wednesday, Friday

9am Monday Tuesday Thursday Saturday

### RECONCILIATION

Before Vigil Mass at St Bernard's

After 9am Morning Mass at St Patrick's

**BAPTISM** See Brochure in Church Foyer

**WEDDINGS** Contact the Pastoral Centre

**FOR CHILDREN** Liturgy of the Word

23 December @ 8.50am St Bernard's Hall

**NEW PARISHIONERS** Welcome! Please fill in the Parish Census Form at the back of the Church

### CHRISTMAS ANOINTING MASS for the sick and housebound at St Patrick's



This Wednesday 19 December at 10am Fr Carmelo will celebrate an Anointing Mass for the sick and/or housebound of the Parish who normally receive Holy Communion in their own homes each Sunday, during visits by our Special Ministers. Morning tea will be provided afterwards. Those who are unable to arrange their own transport will be brought to St Patrick's by members of the KCCP Seniors group. All welcome to join us.

### Christmas Eve at St Patrick's 6.30pm Vigil Mass

We require a few parishioners to organise this very popular Mass at St Patrick's. The children generally dress up as shepherds, angels and the like, but there is a need for some organisers to ensure the children are suitably directed and the Mass proceeds smoothly. If you can assist please contact Mal Cross on 9457 6148.



### "CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST BERNARD'S"



The Vigil Mass will be held at 5.30pm on Monday, December 24. We would appreciate any school age children interested in being involved in this Mass to come to a meeting in the church. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, December 19 at 3.20pm. If you have any enquiries or are unable to attend the meeting please contact Genevieve Funk on 9456 4663. Children are welcome to come to the Vigil Mass dressed as shepherds or angels if they wish.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES:** We still need Acolytes/Senior Servers, Altar Servers and Lectors/Readers to volunteer for Christmas Masses. Rosters are at both churches for people to put their name down for these Ministries. Please be generous with your time at this very special celebration.



**ADVENT RECONCILIATION:** There will be 2nd Rite Reconciliation at

**St Bernard's** on Tuesday 18 December at 7.30pm

**St Patrick's** on Saturday 22 December at 10am

Please Note: There will be no reconciliation at St Bernard's on Saturday afternoon 22 December.

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| Monday 17 | Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17                                 |
| Tuesday   | Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24                                    |
| Wednesday | Judges 13:2-7,24-25; Lk 1:5-25                            |
| Thursday  | Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38                                    |
| Friday    | Peter Canisius, priest, doctor<br>Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45 |
| Saturday  | 1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56                                 |

We pray for those who have died in the hope of the Resurrection:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Alf Guest (father of Philippa Ryan), Dorothy Maguire, Dr John Teychenne, Mercedes Quinones

**OTHER:** Megan Chow, Greg May, James Browne, Harold & Josie Carney. Ian Hyson

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** John Macy, Kathy Goodwin, Monique Leyden, Judy Huntley, Brian Black, Donna Vogel, Pat McGoldrick, Andrew Browne, Etheldreda McCauley, Domenico (Mick) Napoli





**TOTALLY URGENT!!!!:** We have made a number of pleas for volunteers to join the counting roster at St Bernard's and received only one response. We are in desperate need of more counters. There must be some parishioners who can spare a short period of time every few weeks, so if you can help, please phone Margaret at the Pastoral Centre or put your name on the list at the back of the Church.



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM -** Enrolment for the Sacrament of Penance will be held in the Parish Hall after all weekend Masses on the 2nd and 3rd February, 2008. Enrolment forms and information regarding this Sacrament

can be found at the back of both churches. This is the first weekend after school resumes in 2008. The candidates must be seven years of age and preferably, have been Confirmed.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Many thanks to the Parish for providing a great end-of-year party for all choir members after our last practice last Friday. On Sunday we said farewell to four of our singers, Jenny, Julie, Isaac and Robin, who will be returning to Korea very soon, and we congratulated Jenny on completing one year's

commitment to the Choir. We wish them safe travelling and a wonderful Christmas with their families. We also send our very best wishes to our Year 6 members who will be moving on to high school next year: Amanda Cooper, Anthony Palmer, Christel Ruslim, Ellie Barton, Hannah Yardley and Kaitlin Quinlan. All these young people have made a fabulous contribution to the Choir, and we will miss them very much.

The Choir is now officially in recess until the beginning of the school year next year. However, they will be singing at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Patrick's at 6.30pm on 24th December, together with any child who would like to come along and sing with us. Practice for the Christmas Mass will be held on 24th December at 10am until 11am, in St Patrick's church. All welcome. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

### SENIOR CHOIR

We are just beginning to put together a choir of people who are available during the day, to sing at funerals and other occasions, from all over the Parish. We have made a good start, and are looking at repertoire and getting to know each other and learning some new music. We would love anyone who sings even a little bit to come along and join us in this important service to our Parish community. Tuesday, 18th December, at 9.30am in St Patrick's church. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935



The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light. Christians kept these popular traditions alive, and by the 16th century Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. From Germany the use of the Advent wreath spread to other parts of the Christian world.

### URGENT - Lenten Programme 2008

With Lent starting so early in 2008, we need to begin planning now. We need to know how many are interested in taking part - also volunteers to act as Leaders of the Groups as well as homes for venues. If you offer your home this does not mean you have to act as a Leader - if you would prefer not to, we'll make the necessary arrangements. Please complete, today, the sheet at the back of the Churches - including your phone number and address. **The Lenten Programme Committee.**



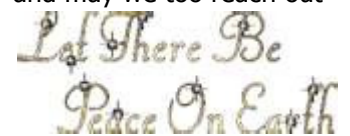
**KCCP SENIORS GROUP:** We will be gathering for our Christmas get-together on Tuesday 18 December at the Berowra Tavern, Berowra Heights, at 11:30am for a short meeting before lunch at 12noon. Please contact either Ruth (9456 4764) or Teresa (9987 4708) if you wish to come, so that we can make sure we book for enough people.



**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT: Last Monday, December 10 was Human Rights Day** – this day remembers the adoption of United Nations Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. The Declaration proclaims a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations; and that UN Member States will strive to secure universal and effective recognition and observance of the rights and freedoms of their people. We can all pray that the many – and often extreme – human rights abuses happening in today's world will cease and that people everywhere will be able to live in peace and happiness in their communities and with their families.

Over the past 12 months there have been earthquakes, floods and wars where families have been separated, friends lost. Remember the Floods in Asia. At this time of the year, consider how we have responded and ask ourselves - Who is my sister? Who is my brother? and may we too reach out to the ones who are lost.

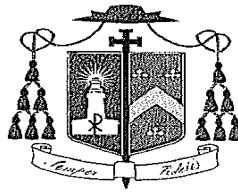
As this will be the final "SJ Comment" until the end of January may we wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a safe holiday period.



**YOUTH GROUP:** The Group will meet on Saturday 22 December for the 5.30pm Mass at St Bernard's Church.

David Louis Walker

Bishop of Broken Bay



13<sup>th</sup> December, 2007

Dear Father

**Clergy Changes**

I am writing to confirm the changes which will come into effect on either 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2008, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2008 or 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2008.

**1<sup>st</sup> February, 2008**

|                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Geoff Bugden        | Waitara                          |
| Mathew Chennah      | Assistant Priest, Kincumber      |
| Stephen Hamilton    | Administrator, Wyong             |
| John Hodgson        | Administrator, Waitara           |
| Brian Moloney       | Parish Priest, Pennant Hills     |
| Lucas Myint         | Assistant Priest, Wyong          |
| Martin Aye Ngwe     | Assistant Priest, St Ives        |
| Barry Nobbs         | Assistant Priest, Woy Woy        |
| Bishop O'Grady      | Pittwater                        |
| Sartesh Ramachanatt | Assistant Priest, Chatswood      |
| John Wakling        | Administrator, Lindfield Killara |
| Anthony Nguyen      | Assistant Priest, Warnervale     |

**1<sup>st</sup> April, 2008**

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Geoff Bugden    | Assistant Priest Frenchs Forest |
| John Hodgson    | Administrator, Warnervale       |
| Michael O'Toole | Parish Priest, Frenchs Forest   |
| John Robson     | Administrator,                  |
|                 | Northbridge/Naremburn           |
| Stan Skibicki   | Assistant Priest, Northbridge/  |
|                 | Naremburn /RNSH chaplain        |
| David Taylor    | Dean, Cathedral Parish, Waitara |

**1<sup>st</sup> July, 2008**

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| Jim McKeon | Parish Priest, St Ives |
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**Other Changes**

I also wish to advise you that as of 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2008, the Franciscan parish in the Diocese will move from Wyong to Toukley.


May I take this opportunity to thank all those who have assisted with these moves.

Yours sincerely in Christ

David Walker  
Bishop Diocese of Broken Bay

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**CATECHIST CORNER**  
 Thank you to everyone involved in any way with this ministry over the last year. Good luck to those who are retiring - may your future endeavours bring you much joy. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas shared with family and friends and a prosperous and happy New Year. May God bless you all, Coral and Rosetta.  
 Please see back page for letter to parishioners.

**250 CLUB:** Week No. 20 Drawn Monday 10 December Ticket No. 440 Elizabeth Clarke  
 Congratulations. Your cheque is in the mail.



## CHRISTMAS CHEER - GIVE THE GIFT THAT LASTS A LIFETIME.....


Do you want to encourage meaning and purpose in the life of a child? Do you aspire to sharing the life and love of Jesus with others? Do you want to be the reason a person takes the right path instead of the easy way out?

Dear Parishioner,

Catechists or Special Religious Educators play a vital role in the education of the children in the Government Schools in our area. Together with the CCD and the Parish, the Catechists, through the lessons, encourage these children and their families to become active members of our Church and Parish and support them when receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. It is the responsibility of everyone in our Church community to sustain and support this ministry. *We ask that everyone take the first step and find out more.... then consider if you can spare one to two hours a week to attend a lesson in one of the primary schools in our area. Your choices are to teach each week of the school term, to job share, provide transport to those teachers who don't drive, child mind so a friend can teach or help out with clerical or co-ordinator duties if face to face teaching is not for you. There is a need right now for 2008 to teach Year 2 at Asquith, Year 2 & 4 at Mt Colah, Year 5 & 6 at Mt Ku-Ring-Gai, kindergarten at Hornsby North, Year 2 at Hornsby Heights. Please contact Rosetta on 9476 1234 or Coral on 9940 3837 - we'd love to hear from you. God bless you all. Please pray for our ministry.*



### ROSTERS FOR 22nd and 23rd DECEMBER 2007

| Ministry  | St Bernard's Church  |  | St Patrick's Church  |                                   |                              |                 |
|---|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
|   | 5.30pm   | 9am  | 6.30pm   | 8.00 am                           | 10.00 am                     | 6.00 pm         |
| Acolyte/<br>SnrServer                           | Michael O'Neill  | Gus Davis  | Malcolm Cross  | Bill Martin                       | John Messina                 | Margaret Steele |
| Server  | Elizabeth Maher<br>Jessica O'Neill<br>Rachel Russell   | Nicole Hutchins<br>Elaine Formby<br>Maree Bain                   | Matthew Chamberlain<br>Daniel Chamberlain  | Max Pryor<br>Brandon Lukich-Young | Sean Barton<br>Elissa Barton | Stuart Fone     |
| Reader  | Sylvia Fermin<br>Paul Maher  | Anne Maree Hutchins<br>Julia Healey                              | Peter Hourigan<br>Laurie Smith   | Teresa Ashton<br>Jim Fitzgerald   | June Bell<br>Susie Gates     | Diana Ball      |
| Extraordinary<br>Ministers of<br>Holy Communion | Cecilia Waite<br>Brian Tutill<br>Kathryn Webster<br>Christine Cornius  | Rose Formby<br>Joan Tunny<br>Georgina Hughes<br>Margaret Griffin |  |                                   |                              |                 |
| Extraordinary<br>Ministers of Holy<br>Communion | <b>To Mt Wilga</b><br>Michael O'Neil, Denis Steiner  |  | <b>To Housebound:</b> Susan & Terry Lee, Maureen Coves, Diana Ball   |                                   |                              |                 |
| Children's Liturgy<br>of the Word               | December 23 at 8.50am<br>in St Bernard's Hall  |  | Will begin again in February 2008  |                                   |                              |                 |
| Altar Society                                   | Brenda Brooks<br>Jenny Jaques, Anne Gosson, Austin<br>Sequeira, Jane Lazaroff, Catherine<br>Hughes (F)   |  | Group 2 (Thursday evening) Jackie Thornton, Leanne Ledlin, Anne Collins, Lis<br>Stofka, Maria Genford, Cathy Cummins, Karen Kirby, Angela Gogoll, Diane<br>Hartshorn, Kate McGrath, Helen Chacon   |                                   |                              |                 |
| Maintenance:                                    | 22 December: Teams A & B (BBQ)   |  | December: Hedy Stahel, Steve McGrath, Mark Gallacher   |                                   |                              |                 |
| Morning Tea                                     | New roster out in New Year.  |  | 23 December Schriber Family Group  |                                   |                              |                 |
| Counters  | Ann Hard   |  | Bill Smitheram, Henning Schneider, Apollo Fernandes, Coral Thaddeus  |                                   |                              |                 |
| Rosary  |  <b>Monday 17th December</b><br>Bill McDonagh, 4 Kimbarra Close<br><i>Anyone wanting to be on the Roster,<br/>                     phone co-ordinator Bill McDonagh on<br/>                     9456 3883. The next Rosary Statue will<br/>                     begin on 21st January 2008.</i> |  | <b>Tuesday 18th December</b><br>Group 1 Gwen O'Regan 38 Michigan Avenue, Asquith<br>Group 2 Judith & Jim Kennelly 207 Galston Road Hornsby Heights<br>Group 3 Crescy & Allan DeSouza 10 Bass Place Mt Colah<br><i>Anyone wanting to be on the Roster, phone co-ordinator Cheri Mangrai on<br/>                     9476-3610. A new roster will commence in late January</i> |                                   |                              |                 |

**St Patrick's: If you can't make your duty and have not been able to find a replacement please call St Patrick's Church Sacristy on 9476-6904**

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