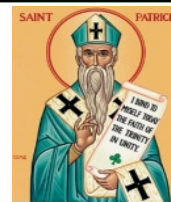


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Churches of St Bernard Berowra and St Patrick Asquith

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

2 December 2007



### LET US GO REJOICING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

Readings Next Sunday:

Is 11:1-10

Rom 15:4-9;

Mt 3:1-12

#### 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

Today 2/12 at 9.50am in St Patrick's Hall

9 December at 10.50am in St Bernard's Hall

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

#### MIDNIGHT BLUE - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Liturgical symbols and colours developed out of the experience of the Northern Hemisphere, suiting the rhythm of the seasons. The purple of Advent reflects the grey, purple, darkening wintry skies of the Northern Hemisphere at this time of year.



In our Southern Hemisphere, blue is the colour of our jacarandas, agapanthus and hydrangea. It is the blue of our dazzling skies, day and night, and of the coastal waters to which we flock from this time on throughout summer.

We explore how Advent 'under the Southern Cross' can speak to the multicultural Australian heart - with people drawn from Asia and all other parts of the world as well as Europe.

Midnight blue recalls the long night of waiting by God's people for the fulfilment of God's promise. Blue is Mary's colour. The blue of Advent reminds us that Mary travels with us on our 'journey of faith'. Through Mary, God's promise is fulfilled.



**ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL BAND** will be performing a concert at St Patrick's church on Sunday December 2 at 2pm. Our band, beautifully led by Mrs Helen Jacobsen, are entertaining and talented and would love to share their talents with the wider Parish community. All are welcome.

Robert Peers, Principal, St Patrick's School

#### ST.VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Next weekend ( 8/9<sup>th</sup> December ) St Vincent De. Paul will be conducting the Annual Christmas Appeal. As Christmas approaches the need becomes greater for those people who are less fortunate than ourselves so our appeal goes out to you to help make their Christmas as joyous an occasion as we would hope to have ourselves. Envelopes are placed around St Patrick's church and all donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible so if a receipt is required use the envelope, fill in your details and a receipt will be posted to you.

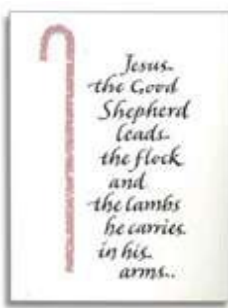


Otherwise you need just put your donation in the poor box. I wish to thank all who have supported us now and during our previous appeals.

Wishing you a happy and holy Christmas. Laurie Smith Phone 9477 3256



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| Monday 3  | Francis Xavier, priest<br>Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11  |
| Tuesday   | John Damascene, priest, doctor<br>Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24                                |
| Wednesday | Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37  |
| Thursday  | Nicholas, bishop<br>Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27  |
| Friday    | Ambrose, bishop, doctor<br>Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31                                       |
| Saturday  | Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary Gen 3:9-15, 20;<br>Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38 |



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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Megan Chow

**OTHER:** Bill Newell

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** John Macy, Kathy Goodwin, Monique Leyden, Judy Huntley, Brian Black, Iris Cooling, Bob Scholte, Donna Vogel, Pat McGoldrick, Alf Guest, Andrew Browne

**WEDDINGS THIS YEAR:** The following couples were married this year at St Bernard's and St Patrick's churches:

**January:** Daniel Leavy & Karen Wildermoth; **April:** James Tod & Jacqueline Favaloro; Scott Turner & Erin Thompson; **June:** Andrew Miller & Sarah Bolton; **August:** Salman Zadeh & Lauren Thew; **October:** John Portelli & Amanda Dakic; Servolo Abreo & Elmira Braganza; Andrew Esson & Jennifer Muldoon; Pasquale Italiano & Nicole Bernardino; **November:** Christopher Canham & Claudine Spessot; Brett Hawes & Rebecca Saunders; Nai Chen Lui & Marcella Kang.

Our congratulations and best wishes to all.



**THANK YOU:** Pauline and Brian Walsh would like to sincerely thank the parishioners of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish for their prayers, Mass Intentions

and support over the past six months, for their son Peter. Through this support Peter has made a great recovery and with careful monitoring in the years ahead, should have good health well into the future. We always knew we live in a caring Parish but to experience it personally is something special.

**Pauline and Brian Walsh**

### MUSIC MINISTRY

**Children's Choir:** The parish Children's Choir will be singing for the last time officially this year next Sunday, before going into summer recess until February. It has been an exciting and eventful year for us, and we are looking forward to more adventures next year. Any young singer from Year 3 and up is welcome to join us at any time. We practise every Friday during school terms from 4pm to 5pm, and we sing at 10am Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday. Last practice for the year will be held on Friday, 7th December, followed by our end-of-year party! Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935



**New Senior Choir:** Following a good response, we are ready to begin coming together and going over some music for funerals and other occasions. Our first practice will be on TUESDAY, 4th December, at 9.30am, after morning Mass at St Patrick's. If we have a huge response from St Bernard's singers, practices will also be held at Berowra. If you would like to join us but this time is bad for you, come and see me, or ring: Patricia Smith 9482 7935. We're not expecting professional singers, just people who have time and can respond to the call to help give beauty and dignity to the passing of members of our own community.

**URGENT – LENTEN PROGRAMME 2008** - As Lent commences on Ash Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 we need to start planning NOW the Lenten Programme for next year. The Programme to be followed has been approved by the Broken Bay Diocese. We will need – Participants - Leaders - Homes as Venues. Please add your name and details to the list at the back of both Churches today. To help work out Groups, Venues we will need Phone Nos. and Addresses. A Meeting for Leaders explaining what will be required, will be held well in advance. Please look on your attendance at the Lenten Programme as a special preparation for Lent in readiness for



**REMINDER** – Last week you were invited to take part in the preparation of our Sunday Welcomes and Prayers of Intercession for 2008; if you would like to find out more about this Ministry or volunteer, please contact the Pastoral Office this week. We would like to thank **Ian Upton** who prepared these prayers for us during November.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT

This fortnight's theme for OzSpirit is **World AIDS Day, December 1**. Topics in this issue include: 130,000 Swazi children orphaned and vulnerable; HIV drug resistance seen in central China; the Church and AIDS. You can access this site at [ozspirit@caritas.org.au](mailto:ozspirit@caritas.org.au)



### International Day of Disabled Persons, 3 December.

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission website hosts a wealth of resources in its disability rights section [www.hreoc.gov.au/disability\\_rights/index.html](http://www.hreoc.gov.au/disability_rights/index.html) including an online register of Disability Discrimination Action Plans at [www.hreoc.gov.au/disability\\_rights/action\\_plans/index.html](http://www.hreoc.gov.au/disability_rights/action_plans/index.html)

**CATECHIST CORNER:** Over the next couple of weeks, the Christmas Performances will take place at the Government schools, and these signal the end of our teaching year. Thank you to everyone involved in this ministry, for your support, enthusiasm and loyalty. We have been truly blessed to share this experience with you. Please think about taking on the role of co-ordinator - this can be streamlined to suit the time available, as any contribution is valued. Coral and Rosetta are unable to



continue in this role due to other commitments, but both will continue to be involved as teachers, and will be happy to support the next co-ordinator as required. If you have not already received them, the Christmas cards for the children will be in the Sacristy for collection this weekend. PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK THESE UP! God bless you all, Rosetta (9476 1234) and Coral (9940 3837)

**THANK YOU:** Our grateful thanks to Rosetta Stipo



who prepared a varied and mouth-watering Christmas lunch for the Catechists and Parish team last week. Thanks also to her sister Maria Manzatti for her great support. You will have to be careful Rosetta. You

are already one of the busiest women we know, but you might end up wearing a chef's hat more often as well!! Our congratulations to you and Coral for your leadership and dedication over the past two years.



will meet at St Patrick's church for 6pm Mass on December 9 and afterwards in the Hall.



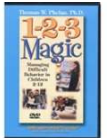
**World Youth Day Event with the WYD Cross and Icon for World AIDS Day TODAY Sunday 2nd**

Come along to Corpus Christi Oval (17 Link Rd St Ives) today to celebrate the coming of World Youth Day with the WYD Cross and Icon, as well as to raise awareness of the issues surrounding the spread of HIV AIDS in our world today and how we as "Church" might respond in light of the Gospel. Starts at 4pm and concludes at 8pm, and includes live music, food stalls, guest panels (which includes keynote address By Hugh Evans - Young Australian of the Year 2004 and founder of the Oaktree Foundation), Stations of the Cross and opportunity to carry the WYD Cross! Its a great way to get in the spirit of WYD in Sydney in 2008, which is less than 8 months away! It would be great to see as many familiar faces from the parish! More details: Matt Cross (WYD Contact) on 0402-155-372 or [matt\\_t\\_cross@hotmail.com](mailto:matt_t_cross@hotmail.com)

**FROM OUR SCHOOLS**

**Directions for Gifted Education 2008 at St Patrick's:** As explained at our recent Coffee and Conversation morning, after reviewing Gifted Education this year, there will be a three-fold approach to supporting the needs of these students next year. The three approaches are: Ensuring varied and rigorous processes exist for identifying Gifted Students and which aspects of their learning would be classed as Gifted. Prioritising much of the support for the classroom context as the central learning environment for students at school. Provision of directed extra-curricular support for students including community - based support and development of partnership with secondary teachers from St Leo's. As parents can appreciate, much reflection, advice and support has been accessed to arrive at this multi-strategic approach for 2008 and we look forward to further supporting the needs of all students in the school.

St Bernard's School and St Patrick's School provided an excellent two part **Parent Education Programme**, "123 Magic", for all parents and friends over the past 2 weeks. The first part of the programme was held in our Integrated Learning Centre (School Library) and over 40 parents "packed in" for a wonderfully informative and refreshingly "easy to implement" session on discipline for 2-12 year olds. I was only able to attend this first part of the programme but I still gleaned some very valuable pearls of wisdom:



"As parents we must learn to say, 'No' to our children at an early age." "We must try hard to develop a good and healthy relationship with our children and try not to pick up on all the negatives all of the time." (I think this means we can't be a nag!) "If we parent as though we have 10 children, we won't see everything that annoys us." "Talk less and take the emotion out of what you say." (My dad loved John Wayne and he once quoted him as saying, 'Talk low, talk slow and don't talk too much!') "Be careful not to 'bail your children out of trouble' all the time .. be aware of the white lie or the modified story!" (I think we sometimes see our children's bad behaviour as a reflection on our ability to parent, and we can't help but 'bail them out' too quickly)

Keep "the faith" and rest assured that "the strength" will follow! ... Philip Ledlin - (Principal, St Bernard's School)



**Thank you to the "outgoing" Parents' and Friends' Executive Committee - St Bernard's School:**

Thank you to the "outgoing" P+F Executive Committee for 2 years of generous service to the school. The committee members have played a critical role in our community and on behalf of St Bernard's School, I sincerely congratulate and thank them for the wonderful work they have done:

- President: Karen Mooney
- Vice President: Wendy de Graaf
- Secretary: Anna Hilton-Butt
- Treasurer: Kirsty Lusty

Take a bow, ladies! I add that I sense these ladies will be directing plenty of their innate "spirit of community-building generosity" towards other areas of need in our Parish/School.

**Newly elected Parents' and Friends' Executive Committee - St Bernard's School**

I thank the newly elected P+F Executive Committee for committing to important leadership in our community for 2008:

- President: Andrew Gorvin-White
- Vice President: Maria Smith
- Secretary: Tim Kinchington
- Treasurer: Karen Haddon



**Administration Assistant (Full time - Fixed Term Contract) Parish Support Unit (PSU)**

Located at the Diocesan Offices at Pennant Hills, this position will provide general administrative support for the members of the operations and services sections of the Parish Support Unit in the Diocese. A job share arrangement will be considered.

**Applications close Tuesday 11 December.**

For further information and details of how to apply for this position contact Jackie Hanson, Parish Support Unit – phone: 9847 0484; email – [jackie.hanson@dbb.org.au](mailto:jackie.hanson@dbb.org.au)




**ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION FOR ADVENT: Wednesday 5 December at 8pm—Our Lady Help of Christians' Church 29 Oxford Street Epping. Bishop David is inviting all members of the Diocese to join together with members of all other Christian Churches in northern Sydney. Please be part of this opportunity to gather with fellow Christians as we prepare to celebrate the Lord' birth.**

**Director Catholic Mission (Part-time - 0.6 FTE) – Diocese of Broken Bay**  
*Catholic Mission* is seeking to employ a Diocesan Director. The Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission is responsible for the delivery of *Catholic Mission's* programs in the Broken Bay Diocese. The Director will work within the Diocese, located at the Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills, and help to implement the national program approved by the National Council. The Diocesan Director reports to the National Director of *Catholic Mission*. **Applications close Tuesday 11 December 2007.** For a Position Description and details of how to apply for this position contact Jackie Hanson, Parish Support Unit – phone: 9847 0484; email – [jackie.hanson@dbb.org.au](mailto:jackie.hanson@dbb.org.au)

**250 CLUB:**  
 Week No. 18  
 Drawn Tuesday 27 November  
 Ticket No. 247  
 Winner: Lea Mead  
 Grey Gum Road Mt Colah  
 Congratulations. Your cheques is in the mail.



**R O S T E R S F O R 8th & 9th 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/SnrServer                         | Chris de Graaf  | Vince Hughes   | Kevin Hale   | Malcolm Cross                          | Kevin Hale     | RobertPesavento                  |
| Server                                    | Andrew Placko<br>Monique Placko<br>Harry Rorke  | Genevieve Leslie<br>Sarah Jaja<br>Nicole Hutchins                | Michaela De Souza<br>FrancescaSubramany  | Stephanie Harant<br>Adam Harant        | Daniel Cronin  | Rory Halliday<br>Oliver Halliday |
| Reader                                    | Jerome Gomez<br>Ruth Doran  | Mary Dorahy<br>Melissa Mills                                     | Maureen Covas<br>Penny Loughland   | VivienneSchreiber<br>Russell Schreiber | Class Children | Sue Newnham<br>Chris Newnham     |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Kathryn Webster<br>Brian Tutill<br>Jill Graham<br>Cecilia Waite   | Rose Formby<br>Joan Tunny<br>Georgina Hughes<br>Margaret Griffin |  |  |                |                                  |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | <b>To Mt Wilga</b><br>Gus Davis<br>Chris Enright  |  | <b>To Housebound:</b><br>Malcolm Cross, Sue Host, Sylvia Rego, Joe Da Sylva  |  |                |                                  |
| Children's Liturgy                        | December 9 at 8.50am<br>in St Bernard's Hall  |  | Next one: December 16 at 9.50am<br>in St Patrick's Hall  |  |                |                                  |
| Altar Society                             | Gwen Wood<br>Dora Saba, Marcia Woods, Anne Bourke, Gwen Wood, Helen Johnson, Cecilia Waite (f)  |  | Group 6 (Friday Evening)<br>Kerrie O'Neill, Margaret O'Donnell, Mary Rajca, Trish Muldoon, Lyn Peacock, Kate Pecar, Jennifer McKinnon, Ellen Downey  |  |                |                                  |
| Maintenance:                              | 8 December Team A   |  | December: Hedy Stahel, Steve McGrath, Mark Gallacher   |  |                |                                  |
| Morning Tea                               | New roster out in New Year.   |  | Next one 9 December: Class Mass Parents  |  |                |                                  |
| Counters                                  | Gerard Duffy, Paul Coyne, Anusha Miranda  |  | Laurie Smith, Keith Loughland, Darryl Jones, Les Fogden, Alan Henson   |  |                |                                  |
| Rosary                                    |  <b>Monday 3rd December</b><br>Bill McDonagh 5 Kimbarra Close<br><b>Monday 10th December</b><br>Julia Healy, 1 Warrina Street<br><i>Anyone wanting to be on the Roster, phone co-ordinator Bill McDonagh on 9456 3883</i> |  | <b>Tuesday 4th December</b><br>Group 1 Pat Longworth 31 Dudley Street , Asquith<br>Group 2 Margaret & Colin Acret 8 Plateau Close, Hornsby Heights<br>Group 3 May Gomez 6 Amor Street, Asquith<br><i>Anyone wanting to be on the Roster, phone co-ordinator Cheri Mangrai on 9476-3610</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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