



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Churches of St Bernard Berowra and St Patrick Asquith



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

21 December 2008

FOR EVER I WILL SING THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

Readings Next Sunday:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Col 3:12-21

Lk 2:22-40



Pauline Year commemorating the 2000th Anniversary of the Birth of St Paul

LITURGY TIMETABLE

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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 MASS TIMES

St Patrick's	9am Monday to Saturday
St Bernard's	8am Monday to Friday

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
Will re-commence in February 2009

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

RESPONSE TO ADVENT PRAYER

Come, Lord, and do not delay.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our Australian Advent reveals a time when nature runs its course with new beginnings of life. The young birds have left their nest and join the chorus and clamour. The sun has finally reached its zenith and presents our world with a new season. The king tides are a sign of the inevitable turning of our world on its course as we await the birth of the King of Kings. Australians too find at this time the culmination of the world's activities and programs. It is a time for bringing things to a close and looking forward to a new beginning, a time for inner renewal. Christmas, the Feast of the Word made Flesh is almost here. When the time was right, God's almighty Word leapt forth, to renew our human nature and to set it on its path to God.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION will be held at St Patrick's Church Asquith at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23 December 2008.



Important Notice: **BROOKLYN PEACE CHAPEL**
There will be **NO 4pm Vigil Mass** at Brooklyn after Christmas Day.
Resumes Saturday 31 January 2009 at 4pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

St Bernard's	8am Monday to Friday
St Patrick's	9am Monday to Saturday

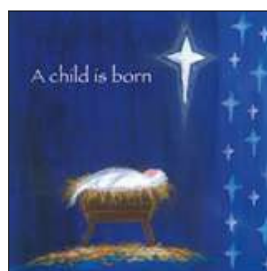
These times stand until 27 January 2009



READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday 22 Dec	1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday	John of Kanty, priest Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday	2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Lk 1:67-79
Thursday	CHRISTMAS Vigil Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25. Midnight: Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14. Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Friday	Stephen, first martyr Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Saturday	John, apostle, evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:2-8

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



RECENTLY DECEASED: Brenda Fahey

ANNIVERSARIES: June Bradbury, Egidio Abreo, Joseph & Mary Baldacchino, Terry Haldenby

OTHER: Josie & Harold Carney

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Christopher Spalding, John Macy, Brian Black, Donna Vogel, Pat McGoulrick, Domenico Napoli, Billie Sumner, Joan Cunningham, Sam Biberian, Karen

Aiken, Spiro Borg, Corry Wilson, Neil Mickelson, Father John Wakeling, Andrew Reid, Alice Balk, Helen Falzon, Kathy Goodwin, Michael McCarthy, Judy Barker, Father John McCulloch, Pam Graham, Pam Spooner, Louie Simpson

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS



Father Robert, Father Carmelo, Deacon David, Margaret, Maureen and Jan wish all parishioners and visitors a joyous and peaceful Christmas season and a healthy and happy 2009. Thank you for your cards, gifts and good wishes.

'PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD'

Christmas Eve at St Patrick's The Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 6.30pm on 24 December will be a special Children's Christmas Mass. All children are invited to come to Mass dressed as shepherds or angels. Practices for music for this Mass, will be held on Monday, 22 December at 10 to 11am in the church, and on Wednesday, 24 December at 10 to 11am. Any school-age child who would like to sing or play for this Mass is warmly invited to the practices. Children who would like represent the Gospel characters eg. Mary, Joseph, Angel and shepherds are asked to phone Cristina Gomez on 9476 5006 and will also practice at the same time as the musicians.



Christmas Eve at St Bernard's The Vigil Mass will be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday, December 24. If you have any enquiries re your children's roles please contact Genevieve Funk on 9456 4663

Flowers for St Patrick's Church Some of our talented Altar Society ladies have agreed to beautify the Church for Christmas. Donations of flowers from your garden are very much needed and appreciated. Buckets will be left outside the Sacristy on Tuesday 23 December for your contributions. Many thanks in advance.

Working Bee at St Bernard's Church There will be a working bee at St Bernard's on Tuesday 23 December at 2pm to clean the church and prepare for Christmas. If you have any white flowers and/or Christmas Bush please bring to St Bernard's at that time, to assist with beautifying the Church.

Volunteers for Christmas Masses Readers, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are required at all Christmas Masses. Roster sheets will be at the back of both churches. Please put your name against the Mass at which you are able to assist.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2008

Tuesday 23 December 7.30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation St Patrick's Church

Christmas Eve

4.00 pm	Vigil Mass Children (outdoor) 21 Karoola St Brooklyn (please bring a chair)	Peace Chapel
5.30 pm	Vigil Mass for Children	St Bernard's Church
6.30 pm	Vigil Mass for Children	St Patrick's Church
9.00 pm	Vigil Mass	St Bernard's Church
Midnight	Solemn Mass	St Patrick's Church

Christmas Day Masses

8.00 am	St Patrick's Church
9.00 am	St Bernard's Church
10.00 am	St Patrick's Church



There will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day

PASTORAL CENTRE HOURS December 2008 - January 2009

Closed from Tuesday 22 December 2008 to Monday 5 January 2009 inclusive.

Centre re-opens Tuesday 6 January 2009.

Hours from 6 January to 23 January - 9.30am to 1pm Monday to Friday.

Centre resumes normal hours on Tuesday 27 January - 9.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

If you wish to leave a message when the Centre is closed the answering machine will be cleared at regular intervals.





THANK YOU! Christmas Blessings and many thanks to the Altar Society ladies who have worked so hard during 2008. I am sure parishioners join me in their appreciation of your time and your artistry in beautifying and brightening up St Patrick's Church.

Jessica Formby Altar Society Co-ordinator

APPLICATIONS FOR LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM 2009: The Lay Ministries Program is a face-to-face program developed through the collaboration of the Broken Bay Institute and the Parish Support Unit in the Diocese of Broken Bay. There is no course fee and no prior training, experience or qualification is required. Information on each Ministry will be provided during Session 1 which was held in November and will now be repeated on Wednesday 4, 11 and 18 February from 7.30pm—9.00pm at Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills. Session 2 will be on Saturday 14 February from 10am to 4pm and Session 3 on Saturday 28 March 10am—4pm (Venue to be advised). Lay Ministries available, are Minister for the Word, Minister for Hospitality, Minister for Music, Minister for Catechetics, Minister for Seniors, Minister for Loss and Bereavement. Applications for the Program are at the Pastoral Centre and require Father Robert's endorsement.

FROM OUR SCHOOLS

ST BERNARD'S New REC – Y5 Teacher

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Jacqueline Favaloro-Tod will be St Bernard's REC and Y5 teacher commencing January 2009. Jacqueline comes to us from St Martha's, Strathfield, in the Sydney Diocese. Phil Ledlin

ST PATRICK'S Student Leadership – 2009: On Friday we had a lovely assembly as we announced and officially "handed over" from our 2008 leaders to our 2009 leaders. Our Captains for 2009 are:



School Captains 2009

Sophie Cullen
Sam Batchelor

Vice Captains

Laura Baker
Brandon Lukich-Yang

Colour House Captains

Green
Daniel Cronin
Nicole Deggens

Blue
Rachel Montgomery
Sam Lumley

Gold
Sheldon Crossan
Toby Cusack

Red
Nicholas Claasz
Blake Fellow

NOTES FROM PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2008.

Discussed preparation for Advent/Christmas Liturgy.

Reconciliation at St. Patrick's on 23rd December, 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Hospitality - there was a poor response to the appeal for volunteers. If interested you should contact Malcolm Cross.

Early stages of planning for future Liturgy so there will be better understanding and Communication between all who are involved.

Training Sessions for volunteers to take Communion to the housebound within the Berowra area of the Parish.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT

A psalm read during the week contains powerful images of the world as we wish it could be: justice for the poor, prosperity for the people, deliverance for the needy. The breadth and depth of God's love is illustrated by reference to our natural world—'until the moon is no more', 'to the ends of the earth', 'as long as the sun'.

And yet we know that our own actions have great consequences on the world and its people. Do I think about what I really need when I go shopping? And whether the food I eat is fairly traded? Do I minimise my impact on the earth by treading as lightly as I can? Do I try to understand and respect the interconnectedness of all of God's creation?

Finally, this Advent may we hold in our thoughts and prayers: families struggling financially who may have lost livelihoods and be facing homelessness; those fleeing war, oppression and famine; those experiencing the sadness of family breakdown, separation and divorce; those experiencing ill-health or who have lost loved ones and for those who have no families. As this will be our final comment until the end of January, members of the KCCP Social Justice Group would like to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a just and peaceful 2009 for all.



Christmas speaks to the depths of our hearts. With the demands that press on us at this time of the year, we may feel we fall short in 'doing justice' to Christmas. This is not surprising as it celebrates the mystery of the Infinite One taking human form and coming to live with us - to let us know how deeply we are loved and how important each of our lives is. God's gift to us beyond words!

SHARING THE JOY OF STEWARDSHIP - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In the Gospel today the Virgin Mary responds to God's call through the Angel Gabriel. After Jesus, Mary is the perfect example of the good steward. She was called and gifted by God, and she responded generously and completely. Let us pray that we too are open to the same union with Christ. Lord, let us see how the opportunity for us to give our assent is offered to us daily.





**NEW APPOINTMENTS -
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY**

1. Ms Carole Gan appointed as Assistant Director in the Parish Support Unit, commencing 9 February
2. Ms Donrita Reefman appointed as Cathedral Life Coordinator (Liturgy) in the Parish Support Unit. She is located at OLOR Cathedral Office, Waitara.

250 CLUB Week 13
 Drawn Monday 15 December
 Ticket No. 658
 Winner: Julia Healy
 Warrina Street
 Berowra Heights
 Congratulations. Your cheque will be posted.



R O S T E R S F O R 27/28 DECEMBER 2008

Ministry	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904)			
	5.30pm	9am	6.30pm	8.00 am	10.00 am	6.00 pm
Acolyte/Snr Server	Garth Graham	Chris de Graaf	Malcolm Cross	Bill Martin	John Messina	Keith Fone
Server	Luke Tobin Thomas Graham Miriam Graham	Joel de Graaf Elaine Formby	Matthew Chamberlain Daniel Chamberlain	Brandon Lukich-Young	Patrick O'Brien Charlotte O'Brien	Stuart Fone Olivia Ratcliffe
Reader	John Ryan Sophia Smith	Justin Berry Mary Dorahy	Maureen Coves Penny Loughland	Vivienne Schreiber Russell Schreiber	Julie Creasey	Sue Newnham Chris Newnham
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Kathryn Webster Brian Tutill Philippa Ryan Jill Graham	Margaret Griffin Georgina Hughes Joan Tunny Rose Formby				
Extraordinary Ministers	Mt Wilga Chris Enright, Gus Davis		Andrew Browne, Tina O'Sullivan, Pat Longworth, Jan Kachel, Rhoda Murdoch			
Children's	New schedule for 2009 will be available shortly.		New schedule for 2009 will be available shortly.			
Altar Society	Joan Tunny Jenny Jaques, Anne Gosson, Austin Sequeira, Jane Lazaroff, Catherine Hughes (f)		Group 1 (Saturday) Colleen Goudie, Marie Bright, Imm Lui, Mary McDonald, Pat Crosdale, Jeanette Hester			
Maintenance	New roster to be drawn up		Maintenance January 2009 David Hartman, Matthew Tancred			
Morning Tea	Will resume in late January		Will resume in late January			
Counters	Peter Hanson, David Funk, Barbara McMullen		Bill Smitheram, Henning Schneider, Elizabeth Fernandes, Coral Thaddeus, Angela Munt			
Rosary	Rosary restarts on Monday 19 January 2009 Please phone co-ordinator Bill McDonagh on 9456 3883 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster.		Rosary roster will resume again in late January 2009 Please phone co-ordinator Cheri Mangrai on 9476 3610 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster.			



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(Rev) Carmelo Sciberras

Deacon David Huntley