



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Churches of St Bernard Berowra and St Patrick Asquith



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

30 November 2008

LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU, LET US SEE YOUR FACE AND WE SHALL BE SAVED



Readings Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pet 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

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

LITURGY TIMETABLE

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil 4pm	Peace Chapel Brooklyn 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 MASS TIMES

St Patrick's
 8am Wednesday & Friday
 9am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
 St Bernard's
 8am Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
 9am Wednesday & Friday

RECONCILIATION

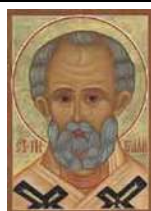
Before Vigil Mass at St Bernard's
After 9am Morning Mass at St Patrick's

BAPTISM See Brochure in Church Foyer

WEDDINGS Contact the Pastoral Centre

FOR CHILDREN: Liturgy of the Word
November 30 8.50am at the Pastoral Centre
December 14 8.50am at the Pastoral Centre

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



RESPONSE TO ADVENT PRAYER

Come, Lord, and fill us with the light of hope

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL: Join in the spirit of World Mission Day this weekend and help build 'One World, One Family, One Mission of Love'. Continue in the spirit of World Youth Day and unite with our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are struggling to feed their children suffering from AIDS, are socially oppressed and fighting poverty on a daily basis. Be a source of love and hope with your donation today. Representatives from Catholic Mission will speak at all Masses this weekend.



Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30pm Parish Church of Saint Bernard - Friday 5 December



Advent invites us to think of Christ's return at the end of time and to prepare for the celebration of His birth at Christmas. Come and spend an hour in adoration praying that Advent will be a time of grace for us all. We can spend sometime in reflection and prayer for children yet to be born, that the Christ Child of Bethlehem, whom we welcome at the end of time, will keep their lives safe even in the womb.

PARISH FAREWELL FOR PHILIP LEDLIN

Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish wishes to farewell and thank Philip Ledlin for his contribution to St Bernard's Catholic Primary School and the Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish over the past 10 years. You are invited to 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 6 December at St Bernard's Church to show your appreciation for Philip and afterwards outside the Church where refreshments will be served. Please bring a plate to share. Even though Phil is leaving St Bernard's school he will remain a valued member of our Parish.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday	Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
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Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Francis Xavier, priest Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	John Damascene, priest, doctor Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Nicholas, bishop Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lydia Rickardo, Father Kevin Cox, Brian Stoney

ANNIVERSARIES: Bernardo Bravo Sr, Ivan Arthur

OTHER: Holy Souls November Masses

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



LECTIO DIVINA - Sundays of Advent 2008: There are booklets at the back of the Church with a Foreword from Bishop David Walker offering us an opportunity to work with the Scriptures so that our hearts will be imbued with their message. The booklet's principal focus is a meditative prayerful reading of the Gospels of the Sundays in Advent. It can be done alone or can be a shared experience, in which a group meet to share their *lectio*. Please take a booklet home with you.



Midnight Blue - 1st Sunday of Advent Advent marks the start of the liturgical year but Australia's mood is one of closing down and going on holidays. Liturgical symbols and colours developed out of the experience of the Northern Hemisphere, suiting the rhythm of the seasons as people experienced them. Hence the purple of Advent reflects the grey, purple, darkening wintry skies of the Northern Hemisphere at this time of year.

Purple speaks more of Lent and penance than it does of the anticipation and expectation of Advent. 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. In the long night of sin rise the prophetic stars of promise: 'a Saviour will come'.

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. Her attitude of faith will help us keep Advent prayerfully.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 2 December	7pm	St Vincent de Paul Asquith	Parish Meeting Room
Tuesday 2 December	7pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting	Pastoral Centre
	8pm	Parish Pastoral Council	Pastoral Centre



ST VINCENT DE PAUL There are gift cards at the back of the church, with age and boy or girl on them. We ask you to take one and please return with a suitable gift for a child that age. There are many families struggling at this time and they are very grateful for your help. Please return your gift



UNWRAPPED as the parent needs to see what they are giving their children. A box is at the back of the church for these presents. Thank you!



Children's Choir The Parish Children's Choir will be singing for the last time this year at 10am Mass on 14th December. Young singers going into Year 3 in 2009 will be eligible to become members of the Choir when it resumes in February, 2009 - watch this space! The Choir practises every Friday at 4pm to 5pm, and we sing at 10am Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday during school terms. Parents please note: Choir Christmas Party will be held on Friday 12th December. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

CATECHISTS: Thank you to all catechists and children who spoke/assisted during last weekend's Masses. We have received a few promising responses and hope that our Ministry will be strengthened.

The Macquarie Princess Cruise has been confirmed for Thursday the 11th of December. We can only take 25 people max so please pay as soon as possible to reserve your place. \$25 dollars for catechists and \$31 for non catechists can be paid at the Pastoral Centre. Please note that drinks are extra and need to be purchased on the day at the bar. Alicja Pieprzyk Catechist Co-ordinator

RCIC Notes have been sent out through the Scripture Teachers, but if your child missed out, give Angela Smith a ring on 9476 747. Children 9 years and over who are interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation or Eucharist should consider if THIS is the year for them. Think about it. Jesus is offering you this great gift. Lessons commence on Sunday 14 December at 7.45 a.m. with a break over the Christmas holidays.



Can you spare a bar of SOAP?

Teresa House, part of CANA Communities network, is a homeless and crisis accommodation centre in Cleveland Street, Redfern. It aims to provide a meal and a bed to the most desperate of homeless people in our community, those who have no other options open to them, the addicted, the socially outcast, the disabled. It operates solely on the charitable donations of those who generously share what they have.



If we can provide them with the following then the money saved by Teresa House can provide a warm meal or other assistance so desperately needed. Please help out with one or more of the items required - **normal bath soap, inexpensive toothbrushes, toothpaste, tea, coffee or Milo, phonecards, cough lollies (Strepsils etc.), shampoo, inexpensive disposable razors, \$5, \$10 supermarket vouchers or anything you think might help.** These items can be left in the boxes marked TERESA HOUSE at the back of the church. Local contact person: Jennifer Gregory 9457 8719. Website: www.cana.org.au Nathan Lunardi 0419 633 030 or ncil@y7mail.com **THE BOXES ARE EMPTIED EVERY FEW DAYS. COLLECTION CLOSING ON 7 DECEMBER. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**



NEWS FROM CANDELA: We have received a number of reports from Candela this week and wanted to share them with you.

As reported on the Catholic News Website: In Peru for the APEC Summit, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has paid a visit to an Australian Sisters of Mercy project in a Lima slum area. Mr Rudd visited Cerro Candela (Hill of Candles), one of the shanty towns on the city's outskirts where three Australian nuns have battled for 12 years to improve the lives of tens of thousands of the city's poorest, *The Age* reports. When Mr Rudd arrived there at the weekend with an escort of well armed Peruvian

police and his own security detachment, he was greeted by a delightful bedlam of dancing, singing and clapping children. They held banners saying in Spanish "Thank you Australia" and waved paper Australian flags they had made themselves with numbers of stars that varied from just one to galaxies.

From Karen Middleton SBS Journalist traveling with the Prime Minister: Half an hour's drive out of central Lima is a place that leaves you speechless. Cerro Candela is, literally, dirt - a barrio, a slum, a bowl of dust, with a terraced dust hill rising above. In this village the colour of moonscape, where children play in a grim haze of asthma-inducing grit, there's no running water and no sewerage. The roads are rocks and after that, more dirt..... Prime Minister Kevin Rudd brought us, his journalistic entourage, to Cerro Candela to see the work of Australian members of the Sisters of Mercy and their brother colleagues of the Columban Order in one of the truly poor communities of the world.... The people here suffer respiratory disease and parasites from all that dust. They have tuberculosis. They live in such overcrowded housing that sexual abuse and domestic violence are rife. And here, Australian Sisters Joan Doyle and Patricia MacDermott and another colleague who's away being treated for cancer, have established a health clinic to try to help. It costs them \$US70,000 a year to run and it runs on donations. When they built it, they included a room to house a \$45,000 x-ray machine - TB is detected by chest scan - that they knew they simply couldn't afford. They didn't have the machine, or any prospect of buying it, but they built the room anyway, believing the Lord would provide. When Mr Rudd announced today that the Australian Government was stumping up the money for the machine, and some other inexpensive pathology equipment, the people of Cerro Candela - Spanish for "Candle Hill" - cheered and clapped and waved home-made Australian flags.... for these two utterly dedicated Aussie nuns and this community which finds joy when despair dares it every day, it was the answer to their prayers that what was needed would come, some day. This afternoon, Sister Doyle and Sister McDermott giggled like a pair of girls who had known all along. "Today's the day," Sister Doyle said, her smile widening. Sister McDermott nodded. "Today's the day."

From a Columban friend of Margaret Acret: Most of us "Aussie" Columbans were present; Tricia & Joan had let us know during the week that the invitation had been accepted and that the P.M would make the trip ("99% possible" !!) out of Lima to the area and see the Health Centre. "Candela" is part of the Columban Parish where Peter Woodruff is P.P. There were certainly "rays of hope" on the smiling faces of children and adults out at "Cerro Candela" last Saturday morning with the visit of P.M Kevin Rudd !! It definitely made this past weekend, which also saw our celebration of St Columbans Feast Day (Nov. 23rd), a memorable one !!

From Sister Patricia McDermott to Mary Rajca and others: Hello there to you all! What a day it was yesterday! We still can't believe it all happened! Thanks for all your phone calls, emails etc It was certainly a day to remember- and Kevin Rudd came through as a very caring person! The people loved him! There will probably be a lot of babies now called Kevin here! Lots of love Tricia

**KU-RING-GAI CHASE PARISHIONERS ARE HAPPY FOR THEIR CANDELA FRIENDS
AND SEND THEIR BEST WISHES TO SISTERS TRICIA AND JOAN.**

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT We hope you had an opportunity to view *A Well-Founded Fear* last week. Phil has said that "as a result of the screening, the Edmund Rice Centre received hundreds of phone calls, emails and web responses from members of the public calling for justice to be afforded to the refugees and rejected asylum seekers who were deported to danger". Responding to the calls for action, Phil has advised there are three ways people can help. The **first** and simplest is to sign the online petition on the Edmund Rice Centre's website www.erc.org.au; **secondly** write to your Federal MP (either Dr Brendan Nelson or Mr. Philip Ruddock, depending on your address) and to Senator Evans, calling for an urgent reopening of the cases of the asylum seekers removed to danger from Nauru and to encourage the government to continue with immigration reforms; **thirdly** if you are able to financially support the work of the Centre, donate via www.erc.org.au/donate or mail cheque to the Centre PO Box 2219, Homebush West, NSW 2140

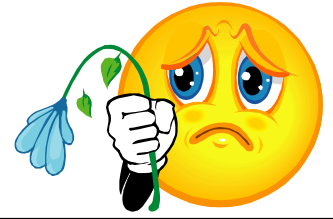


HUMAN RIGHTS: Sixty years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the most basic of human rights remain under threat around the world. The right to life itself is threatened both by personal decisions and by public policy: by abortion and euthanasia; and by the death penalty, inadequate responses to HIV/AIDS, and the failure to address extreme poverty. Commenting on the United Nations organisation, Archbishop Celestino Migliore says... "These voices, which are too often ignored, must finally be listened to, so that we can move beyond political, geographical and historical divisions and create an organization which reflects our best intentions rather than our various failings." Archbishop Celestino Migliore



Watch & Wait: Advent Festival of Carols & Readings
 This festival of Carols & Readings gives expression to the Advent themes of watching and waiting, expectancy and hope, helping us to ponder the coming of Christ in glory. Come and join us at **Mount St Benedict Chapel**, 449D Pennant Hills Rd (Entrance off Hull Road)
When: 4.00pm Sunday 30 November
Donation to Good Samaritan Ministries Kiribati
For catering, Phone: 9484 6208 by Thurs 27 Nov, or email: mtstbenedict@bigpond.com

250 CLUB Week 10
 Drawn Monday 24 Ticket No. 321
Unsubscribed.



R O S T E R S F O R 6/7 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	Denis Steiner	Malcolm Cross	Teresa Ashton	Karen Leavy	Keith Fone
Server	Elizabeth Maher Aiden Arnold Alec Arnold	Rebecca Jaja Sara Jaja Genevieve Leslie	Patrick O'Brien Charlotte O'Brien	Nicholas Stevens	Rosalie Hopkins Georgia Hopkins Alyson McGrath Erin Montgomery	Volunteers Please
Reader	Marie Haag Paul Maher	Paddy Gunning Peter Collins	Yvonne Thomas Penny Loughland	Cheri Mangrai Stella McNamara	Children reading	Sue Newnham Chris Newnham
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Philippa Ryan Brian Tutill Kathryn Webster Cecilia Waite	Joan Tunny Margaret Collins Georgina Hughes Margaret Griffin				
Extraordinary Ministers	Mt Wilga Chris Enright, Gus Davis		Malcolm Cross, Sue Host, Joe Da Silva, Sylvia Rego			
Children's Liturgy	30 November at 8.50am in the Pastoral Centre		December 7 at 10am St Patrick's Church Children's Mass			
Altar Society	Brenda Brooks Natasha Steele, Lisa Hayden, Ted Cook, Diane Andrew		Group 4 (Saturday) Jo Barton, Else Burke, Maria Yardley, Janine O'Keefe, Janice Cooper, Cathy Stevens, Chris Hayman, Kim Fitzgerald			
Maintenance	20 December Teams A & B		Maintenance December: Hedy Stahel, Steve McGrath, Mark Gallacher			
Morning Tea	Next One: December 14 Cecilia and Katherine		December 7 Class Mass Parents			
Counters	Barbara McMullen, Lyn Beacom		Margaret Acret, Chris Newnham, Jan Bennett, Henry Sylvester			
Rosary	Monday 1 December Bill McDonagh 4 Kimbarra Close Monday 8 December Carlos Barros 11 Yarrabin Crescent Please phone co-ordinator Bill McDonagh on 9456 3883 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster.		Tuesday 2 December Group 1 Anne & Kevin Carmody 39 Telopia Street Mt Colah Group 2 Jane & Alistair Hunter 19 Margaret Avenue Hornsby Heights Group 3 Diana Ball 21 Murralong Road Mt Colah Please phone co-ordinator Cheri Mangrai on 9476 3610 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster.			



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