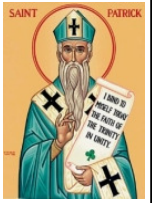




KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Churches of St Bernard Berowra and St Patrick Asquith



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

1 March 2009

YOUR WAYS, O LORD, ARE LOVE AND TRUTH TO THOSE WHO KEEP YOUR COVENANT

Readings Next Sunday: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31-34 Mk 9:2-10



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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Saturday of month at St Patrick's
after Holy Communion at 9am Mass

BAPTISM See Brochure in Church Foyer

WEDDINGS Contact the Pastoral Centre

FOR CHILDREN: Liturgy of the Word

1 March	9.50am Fr Patrick McMaugh Hall
8 March	9am Children's Mass
15 March	9.50am Fr Patrick McMaugh Hall

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

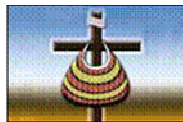


EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be

held on the first Saturday of each month beginning in March, for a trial period until December. The exposition will begin after Holy Communion at the 9am Mass at St Patrick's and will conclude at 10am. During this time you are invited to come and pray for vocations to the ordained ministry and consecrated life, as well as any other special intentions. The First Rite of Reconciliation will be available during the period of Adoration.

EMBER DAYS,

kept in the Roman Church since the fifth century, mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. Vatican Council II retained ember days in principle, but left it to bishops conferences to determine the extent and form of their observance. (The name 'ember' is similar in derivation to the German *Qatember*, 'quarter day'; the Irish used to speak of "Quarter Tense.") The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has now decided that the Australian Church should observe the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March & September) as special days of prayer and penance. *On rogation and ember days the practice of the Church is to offer prayers to the Lord for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth and for human labour, and to give God public thanks (GNLYC454)*



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 6 March

at St Patrick's Church 11.30am This year our Parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer and invitations have been sent out to other churches and communities in the area. Please invite a friend to join us on 6 March as it is a great opportunity to share with other Christian men and women in your local community. The theme, chosen by the people of Papua New Guinea, is 'In Christ We are Many Members, yet one Body.' Morning tea will be served in the Father Patrick McMaugh Hall after the liturgy.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2009

There will be a service at Berowra Uniting Church, Allan Road, on Friday 6 March at 7.30pm. All welcome.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday 2 March	Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Casimir Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Esther 14:1,3-5,12-14; Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Autumn Ember Day Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

PARENT WORKSHOPS

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT WORKSHOP

Tuesday, 3 March at 8pm Fr Patrick McMaugh Hall, Asquith
Sacrament Of Penance Parent Workshop 2.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alma Colbran (Kuring-gai Gardens)

ANNIVERSARIES: Karen Fitzgerald, Clement (Bill) Colman, Adrian Argenton

OTHER: Father Brian Byron, Rosie Byron, Jan MacMillan

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Christopher Spalding, John Macy, Brian Black, Donna Vogel, Pat McGoulrick, 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, Louie Simpson, Laurie Smith, Jane Kohlwes, Kel Hutcheson, Gina Wicks, Ettore Cipollone





PROJECT COMPASSION UGANDA

Five years ago Teopista's family lived with many hardships. Although she and her husband Fred worked hard to provide for their 7 children, she recalls: "My family

ate one meal a day. Sometimes we went without food when we had no money and nothing to cook." Her family joined the Caritas Lugazi Sustainable Agriculture Project which is supporting them with practical training to improve household food security and increase their income. Through on-farm trainings Teopista has learnt to improve her farm yields organically, to harvest rainwater, and about basic nutrition and hygiene. Her family can now eat three meals a day. With money for school fees, her children are now able to attend local schools. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion allows subsistence farmer families to gain practical skills to increase their household food security and offers hope for a healthier future.

Children's Choir

After our Parish Mass last Sunday when Year 3 from St Patrick's participated in our liturgy in such a striking and meaningful way, we would like to extend a special invitation to all year 3 students, from any school in the parish, to consider making a regular contribution to Sunday Masses, through our Parish Children's Choir. We practise every Friday during school terms in St Patrick's Church, from 4pm to 5pm, and we sing at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays. There are no fees, since the Choir is supported by the Parish. All welcome. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935



Senior Choir The Senior Choir has been invited to sing at the World Day of Prayer to be held at St Patrick's Church at 11.30am on Friday, 6 March. Rehearsal at 11am, if you can make it.



Young Cantors Workshops

The Parish will be running a series of five workshops for young singers, from Year 5 and above, who would like to work in the ministry of Cantor or Song Leader at Parish Masses and school Masses. These will take place immediately after the normal Children's Choir rehearsals on Fridays, from 5pm to 5.30pm, at St Patrick's Church, beginning on 6 March and concluding on 3 April. We will be covering topics such as posture, projection and communication, as well as learning a range of psalms. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

The Lenten Programme

The first sessions commence this coming week and all parishioners who submitted their names to be part of a Lenten group should have been contacted by their Group Leader; please ring the Pastoral Centre if you were not contacted. Also, if you now wish you had decided to take part, **it's not too late** - just give the Pastoral Centre a ring.



Access to the Parish Property at Asquith

As a result of the fire at the school a week ago, a decision has been made to lock all gates on the Parish property. This will be an inconvenience for some, but it will save any more vandalism being done. Over the next couple of weeks, new locks will be installed. Any parishioners who require access to the Parish property will need to contact the Pastoral Centre to obtain a key. At present quotes are being sought to have a master key system for the school and the church.



MEETINGS THIS WEEK: All on Tuesday 3 March
Parish Pastoral Council at 6pm Pastoral Centre
Liturgy Committee at 7pm Pastoral Centre

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASQUITH CONFERENCE meets every Tuesday in St Patrick's Meeting Room at 7.30pm.

RCIA Easter moves ever closer and the RCIA candidates this week will be considering "A New Beginning" looking at the Resurrection and aspects of Faith. How encouraging that 5 adults and 11 children will be joining our Parish at Easter. If you would like to meet them and join in the discussion turn up at 8 p.m. on Thursday night at 40 Royston Parade, Asquith.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT

Clean Up Day - this Sunday, 1 March. Clean up Australia invites everyone to join in making Australia a better place to live. To help, contact 1800 282 329. Web: www.cleanup.org.au. Or just "do your own thing"



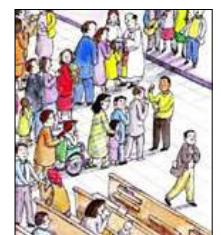
Voices from the Cape will screen on ABC1 and ABC2 at different times over the next week. *Synopsis:* In a nation abuzz with talk of the proposed 'education revolution', **Voices from the Cape** is an inspiring story set in the traumatised community of Aurukun. This two-part series documents a genuinely exciting approach to engaging young people from at-risk communities and inspiring them to use their voices again. More details on our noticeboard together with **repeat times** as we have missed earlier screenings.

Homeless Forum 2009. Refer to the noticeboard for details of this forum being hosted by the Hornsby Homelessness Task Force at Waitara on Tuesday 17 March. The Forum will feature two keynote speakers and performing live will be the **Sydney Street Choir**.

Also refer to the noticeboard for details of **The Inaugural Caritas Australia Lecture** at the Notre Dame University, Broadway on 4 March when Mr Patrick Dodson will promote a new way forward on indigenous Reconciliation.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

A number of additional Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are needed to assist in serving your community at weekend Masses at both St Patrick's and St Bernard's churches. Full training will be provided. Volunteers should contact the Pastoral Centre on 9456 2450. Details of training times will be advised.



CATECHISTS: The dates for the next Basic Accreditation Course for those on their provisional accreditation is on March 5 at the Pastoral Centre from 9:00am-4:00pm. You only need to attend and be fully accredited. Please RSVP on 98470492. Bookings do need to be made in advance. **Alicja Pieprzyk** Catechist Co-ordinator

LETTER OF THANKS:

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to say a very sincere Thank You to the parishioners of Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish for all the prayers and Masses that have been said for Christopher. After eight months, four of which he was in a coma and four of rehabilitation, he has at long last been given a date to come home on Wednesday 11 March.



Thank you also to Father Robert for saying Mass at Mary McKillop Place for Christopher and to the ladies of the Catholic Women's League. We are eternally grateful. You will always be remembered in our prayers.

Yours sincerely, **Lorraine Spalding**



Are you looking for more **peace** in your busy life?

Do you want to **deepen your faith** or **explore your spirituality**?

SPG is a prayer group that meets weekly for: **Prayer, Scripture reflection and Shared stillness**

in a welcoming, supportive environment.

The Group is called SPG for Sonya's Prayer Group, as it was co-founded by parishioner and school parent Sonya Brown. Sonya died last year after a long battle with cancer.

Where: SPG meets at St Patrick's school grounds in the meeting room.

When: Monday mornings during school term 9:00 - 9:45.

We also facilitate Lenten and Advent programs.

ALL WELCOME Enquiries to:

Sarah 94570492 or

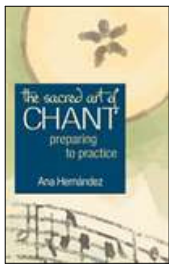
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CHANT WORKSHOP

The Broken Bay Music Ministry Forum is holding a Workshop on Sunday 8 March from 2pm to 4:30pm, focussing on the use of chant in Holy Week, Triduum and Easter. Bernard Kirkpatrick will lead the workshop, to be held in the chapel of Mt St Benedict's, 449D Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills. All parish musicians, cantors and choir directors are invited to attend. Contact Paul Mason 0414 436 017 for further information and to RSVP. \$5 donation to defray costs.



OUR PARISH SCHOOLS - OPEN DAYS:

Each year our Parish Primary Schools open their doors to the wider community, especially for those looking for Primary schooling for their children and grandchildren. Come along and see our schools in action, visit the classrooms, meet our community and experience first hand our quality Catholic learning environment. The following dates are for each school's Open Day this year:



St Patrick's Primary School

This year's Open Day is Friday **27 March** from 9.30-11.30am. Enquiries and bookings for Open Day on 94773800. Our web address is www.stpat.nsw.edu.au **Robert Peers Principal**



St Bernard's Primary School

This year's Open Day is Wednesday **6 May** from 9.30-11am. Enquiries and bookings for Open Day on 9456 2104; view our school on the web www.stbberowra.dbb.catholic.edu.au

Luanna Fletcher Principal

MORE FROM OUR SCHOOLS...

St Bernard's Primary School

Apology to Australia's Indigenous People On February 13 2008, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said sorry to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, for the injustices and mistakes of the past.

He said it was imperative to acknowledge the past to ensure a future which embraces all Australians. To commemorate the first anniversary of the Apology, the Australian Government has given all schools a copy of the calligraphy artwork created by Ms Gemma Black. At St Bernard's we will be framing this Apology and it will be displayed in a prominent area of the school.



St Patrick's Primary School

Congratulations to all who took part on Wednesday of last week in our swimming carnival. Although the weather was not ideal, our students took part in great spirit, along with wonderful parent support. Thanks to everyone who lent a hand on the day. I also thank Miss Louise Lawrenson and Mr Mark Fawcner for the many hours of organisation and planning. The day itself was successful for far more than the performances in the pool. A number of parents went to the trouble to write to me acknowledging the great sense of spirit and encouragement among our children. Whatever the swimming results, this feedback is even more impressive and something our children and community deserve to be very proud of! Well done boys and girls!!!! **Robert Peers, Principal**



VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE APPEAL. COMMUNITY GET TOGETHER!

The **Apex Club of Berowra** invites you to a Family Friendly Fundraising event on Saturday 28 March from 7.15pm to 11pm at Wideview Public School Hall, Wideview Road, Berowra Heights. (There will be no admission to the hall before 7.15pm.) Tickets: \$10per person (aged 15+) \$5(aged 15 years and under)

Food: Snags & soft drinks on sale from 6:30pm (outside the hall)

BYO: Alcohol consumption will be strictly monitored

The entertainment for the evening will be proudly provided by two of Berowra's outstanding live bands:

Amplifire and Distant Thunder. Both bands boast a repertoire of classic rock anthems from the 60's to the 90's. There will also be a **Jumping Castle** set up on the oval. (**Free!**) Tickets available from the Apex Club of Berowra: **Ron James: 9456-0104/0421-346-190 Mick Smart: 9456-0900**



WAITARA CATHEDRAL PARISH, 23 YARDLEY AVE, WAITARA PLEASE NOTE NEW VIGIL MASS TIME AND RECONCILIATION: Saturday Vigil Mass now 5pm Korean Saturday Vigil Mass now 7pm and Reconciliation Saturday now 4-4.45pm Also Meditation group has moved from Saturday to Sunday 4.45-5.45pm

NEW MONDAY NIGHT MASS:

This week we begin our Monday night 7.30pm Mass, We will also have reconciliation available from 8-8.30, during which time there will be silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and at 8.30 we will have sung Compline (night prayer) and Benediction. You can come for any or all of these times of prayer – 7.30, 8 or 8.30.


250 CLUB WEEK 3

Drawn Monday 23 February
Ticket Number: 134
Unsubscribed



YUCAN Sunday 1st March, 7:30pm: For **YOUNG ADULTS** All are welcome to "YUCAN Dialogue" for Young Adults (20s and 30s)! Topic: "Imaginative Contemplation" An interactive evening with Fr Sacha Bermudez-Goldman, SJ, Director of Jesuit Refugee Service Australia. St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Mackenzie St, Lavender Bay (North Sydney). Donation \$5. For more information go to yucan.org.au.

R O S T E R S F O R 7/8 MARCH

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	Paul Dryden	Gus Davis	Malcolm Cross	Trevor McAdam	John Messina	Margaret Steele
Server	Freda Alaalatoa Thomas Graham Nicole Hutchins	Genevieve Leslie Sara Jaja Rebecca Jaja	Michaela DeSouza Francesca Subramany	Stephanie Harant	Daniel Cronin	James Roworth Olivia Ratcliffe
Reader	Jerome Gomez AnneMaree Hutchins	Megan Dunkley Mark Dunkley	Edwina Subramany Laurie Smith	Teresa Ashton Jim Fitzgerald	Susie Gates	Diana Ball
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Cecilia Waite Kathryn Webster Brian Tutill Jill Graham	Georgina Hughes Chichi Datoc Rose Formby Paddy Gunning				
Extraordinary Ministers	Mt Wilga Jenny Prideaux, Jane Hunter		Vicente Sanchez, Penny Loughland, Peter O'Connell, Janette O'Brien			
Children's Liturgy	March 8 9am Children's Mass March 22 8.50am Pastoral Centre		March 15 9.50am Fr Patrick McMaugh Hall Jane Hunter, Cheryl Baker			
Altar Society	Anne Bourke Dora Saba, Marcia Woods, Anne Bourke, Gwen Wood, Helen Johnson, Cecilia Waite (f)		Group 5 (Friday) Helen Chui, Jess Formby (f), Sophie Kwok (f), Meralyn Tarte, Esther Penny			
Maintenance	Next One: March 21 - Team A		March: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk			
Morning Tea	March 8 - School Mass Parents		March 8 - Family Group Leaders			
Counters	Ann Hard, Natasha Steele		Laurie Smith, Keith Loughland, Darryl Jones, Les Fogden, Alan Henson			
Rosary	 <p>Monday 2 March Eunice Allison 6 Arcadia Crescent Monday 9 March Gwen Wood 7 Boundary Street</p> <p>Please phone co-ordinator Bill McDonagh on 9456 3883 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster.</p>		<p>Tuesday 3 March Group 1: Mary Stokes 40 Royston Parade Asquith Group 2: Fay & Bill Smitheram 17 Brett Avenue Hornsby Heights Group 3: Joyce Dimmock 14 Chase Road Mt Colah</p> <p>Please phone co-ordinator Cheri Mangrai on 9476 3610 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster.</p>			

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